



**MEETING SUMMARY  
MICHIGAN CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL**

**Transportation and Land Use Technical Work Group  
(TLU TWG)**

Teleconference Call #6, May 1, 2008

**Attendance:**

*Technical Working Group:* Dana Debel, Brad Garmon, George Mozurkewich, Charles Griffith, Chuck Hersey, Tim Lundgren, Curt Magleby, Amy Spray, Fred Sciance (sitting in for Al Weverstad), Reginald Modlin

*Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:* Jim Goodheart, Marcia Horan, Donna Davis, Steve Kelusia

*Michigan Department of Transportation:* Niles Annelin

*Michigan Public Service Commission:* Jesse Harlow

*Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):* Jim Wilson, Wick Havens, Jackson Schreiber

*Public Attendees:* Margaret Parker (Consumer's Energy), Joan Weidner

**Background documents:** (<http://www.miclimatchange.us/TLU.cfm> )

- Notice and Agenda
- PowerPoint Outline for Call #6
- Draft Summary of Call #5
- TLU Draft Policy Option Example

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Summary of Prior Call/ Meeting
3. Review MCAC Policy Input from Meeting #3 - April 25, 2008
4. Review Policy Option Template
5. Formation of Small Groups to Work on Policy Options
6. Discussion of MI GHG Inventory and Forecast
7. Review of Next Steps
8. Agenda, Date and Time for Next Meetings
9. Public Comments

## 10. Announcements

### **Discussion and Key Items:**

#### *Roll Call and Introductions*

#### *Review of Agenda*

The Interim Report has been sent to the governor. TWG members should be receiving it shortly.

#### *Approval of Prior Call Summary*

The Call Summary was approved.

#### *MCAC April 25, 2008 Meeting*

##### 1. Observations on Rail

- a. The state's rail system capacity is governed by federal regulations and therefore recommendations on maintenance and expansion will be complex and difficult to implement.
- b. TLU-4 has had an addition of "maintain and increase rail capacity" to catalog item 3.3.3. The exact language is contained in the interim report which will be distributed to the TWG shortly.
- c. In TLU-1 catalog item 4.1 was amended to read "Invest in Commuter and High-speed Rail. Explore adding passenger rail on existing tracks."

##### 2. Great Lakes Shipping Issues

- a. The MCAC wanted the TWG to address Great Lakes shipping, given how important it is in Michigan.
- b. Since it does not fit well into any of the existing eight categories, it will be added as TLU-9.
- c. TLU-9 will be titled "Improvements in the Efficiency of Great Lakes Shipping. Maintain and Enhance Associated Infrastructure in the Great Lakes."

#### *MCAC Draft Goals*

1. 2002 was used as a baseline year for Michigan because it had the best information available.
2. Revise slide #7 to say "Preliminary MCAC Goals".

#### *Policy Design Proposals*

A 6<sup>th</sup> TWG will be formed to look at 'Market Based Approaches'. TLU TWG members were invited to join this new TWG. A number of members indicated their interest.

#### *Straw Policy Option Proposal Process*

1. The subgroups will work on clarifying the scope and scale of the individual policy options. This will then be presented to the entire TWG. All of this occurs before quantification of the policy options begins.
2. Members who are not attending this teleconference will have the ability to join subgroups after the meeting.
3. Sub-Group Volunteers:

TLU 1 - Transit and Travel Options

Joan Widener (leader), Brad Garmon, Niles Annelin, Jim Goodheart.

TLU 2 – ECO Driver Program

Curt Magleby (leader), George Mozurkewich, Charles Griffith

TLU 3 – Promote Low-Carbon Fuel Use in Transportation

Charles Griffith (leader), Reginald Modlin, Fred Sciance, Curt Magleby

TLU 4 – Increase Rail Capacity, and Address Rail Freight System Bottlenecks

Jim Goodheart (leader), Niles Annelin

TLU 5 – Truck Idling Policies

George Mozurkewich

TLU 6 – Land Use Planning and Incentives

Jim Goodheart (leader), Amy Spray, Brad Garmon, Tim Lundgren, Niles Annelin

TLU 7 – Congestion Mitigation

Niles Annelin (leader), Jesse Harlow, Dana Debel

TLU 8 – Advanced Vehicle Technology

Jesse Harlow (leader), Reginald Modlin, Charles Griffith, Curt Magleby, Tim Lundgren

TLU 9 – Great Lakes Shipping

No Volunteers at the moment. MDEQ will try to identify one or more staff for this.

4. TWG members had no objection to providing their contact information to the rest of the TWG to facilitate discussion among the sub-groups. This information, along with the list of sub-group volunteers will be distributed to the TWG after the meeting.
5. CCS will be reaching out to TWG members who were unable to attend this meeting so as to incorporate them into subgroups.

*Policy Option Template*

1. The subgroups should be primarily concerned with filling in the Policy Description and Policy Design information of each Policy Option.
2. Policy Design Goals should be quantitative so that GHG benefits can be measured accurately.
3. Goals can be changed in scope, scale or focus by the TWG or MCAC as more information arises. The important thing is to determine the method/approach to the quantification.
4. There were some TWG members who were concerned about setting quantifiable goals before a thorough analysis of the Policy Description, timing and implementation is completed. To increase understanding of this process, it was suggested that TWG members who wish to see an example of the step-by-step development of these Policy

Options throughout the CCS process may refer to the Maryland TLU website, located at: [http://www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG\\_Transportation.cfm](http://www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG_Transportation.cfm)

5. The Policy Options template will be sent out by CCS as soon as possible, along with instructions on filling in the Policy Design and Policy Descriptions information. The deadline for receiving the preliminary Policy Options back from the sub-groups is 5/23.

*Discussion of the MI GHG Inventory and Forecast*

1. CCS will be extending the forecast out to 2025. Michigan-specific information on vehicle turnover in the state and forecasting based on the new CAFE standards will be included in this analysis.
2. CCS will have this forecast information out to the TWG by Thursday, 5/8.
3. There will be a discussion of the revised Transportation sector GHG Inventory and Forecast at the next TWG meeting.

*Next TWG Meeting*

1. The next TWG meeting will be in person, at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on Wednesday, June 4 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, EST.
2. Call-in information will still be provided so that members who cannot attend the meeting in person can still participate.

Thanks to all members for your meaningful contributions and discussion.