



Capital Area Council of Governments

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Clean Air Coalition (CAC) Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
Public Works Director's Conf. Rm. (13th Floor)
One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd.
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

MARKED AGENDA

Clean Air Coalition:

Chairman
Mayor Will Wynn
City of Austin

Vice-Chair
Judge Samuel Biscoe
Travis County

Commissioner
William Pina
Bastrop County

Mayor James Bertram
City of Lockhart

Commissioner
Ron Morrison
Williamson County

Mayor Mike Hendricks
City of Luling

Mayor Marc Holm
City of Elgin

Mayor Alan McGraw
City of Round Rock

Mayor
Susan Narvaiz
City of San Marcos

Commissioner
Karen Ford
Hays County

Mayor Terry Orr
City of Bastrop

Judge H. T. Wright
Caldwell County

CAC members or designated representatives attending: Commissioner William Pina (Bastrop County); Judge Sam Biscoe (Travis County); Commissioner Ron Morrison (Williamson County); Mayor Will Wynn (City of Austin); John Dean (City of Round Rock); and Mayor Marc Holm (City of Elgin).

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order by Austin Mayor Will Wynn, CAC Chair.

1. Public Comment (3 minute limit per speaker)

Public comments:

- *Bruce Byron of Capital Area Transportation Coalition gave public comment. Bruce thanked CAC for their work over the years. Mr. Byron is working to get business community involved with Big Push effort. Mr. Byron encouraged the CAC to look beyond the Big Push to plan for another Early Action Compact to buy more time to get in to compliance.*
- *Scott Johnson stated his work over the years on air quality programs has resulted in a brochure designed to educate citizens about what they can do to keep the air clean. Scott offered his brochure to other local governments that may want to use it. Scott stated that non-road and off-road equipment is not being addressed as well as it should be. Scott said that this problem can be mitigated with TERP funds, but that there is a need for a coordinator to assist businesses with applying for the funds. Scott stated that 80% of TERP funds went to the Dallas area because they have been more proactive in applying for the funds.*

No additional citizen comments.

2. Nonattainment Designation for New Ozone Standard Bill Gill – 10 min

- a. Recommendations submitted to EPA
Texas Governor made recommendation to EPA official and recommended that Travis County be designated nonattainment.
- b. Timeline for designation
The EPA has requested a 180 day stay on the 2008 standard in order to reevaluate the basis of setting the standard at .075ppm. The current timeline for implementation of the standard will not change based on this request unless the standard is changed. Judge Biscoe asked what impact the 180 reevaluation will have on the emission reduction measures that are currently being implemented. Cathy Stephens and Mayor Wynn stated that the current measures take on added significance because if the standard is changed it will most likely be lowered and more emphasis will be required on emission reduction measures.
- c. Summary sheet Nonattainment Impacts
- d. EPA 180 day evaluation of 2008 ozone standard

3. Ozone Monitoring Analysis Bill Gill – 5 min

- a. Ozone Values Trend From 1997 projected to 2013
Trends show that by 2013 we would be in compliance with the 2008 ozone standard.

- b. U.T. analysis of meteorological impacts on ozone trends
This chart shows how the weather impacts the ozone trends. For the 2007 ozone season a direct correlation between weather and low levels of ozone was found. However, the 2008 ozone season had meteorology that was conducive to high ozone but the levels were still not as high as expected. One explanation for this is that the background levels of ozone have decreased.

4. 2009 Ozone Season “Big Push” Update

Cathy Stephens/Bill Gill – 12 min

- a. Local government efforts
List of measures
- b. Big Push resolutions
Commissioner Morrison stated that Williamson County has been proactive in getting local governments and school districts to be involved with emission reduction measures for the BIG PUSH. Many of the entities were already doing things to reduce emissions that were brought to their awareness through this outreach.

Travis County, Judge Biscoe, mentioned that TC has been working on continuing to implement EAC and 8-O3 Flex measures as well as new measures for the Big Push. TC is working to enhance their effort to get the message to the average citizen.

City of Austin Environmental Board passes a resolution to support the Big Push, and at the Austin City Council meeting Thursday April 2nd there will be a Big Push presentation given to council.

- c. Point source emissions evaluation
(Austin Energy - U.T. modeling)
CAPCOG and Austin Energy are working with U.T. to determine if there are specific conditions that contribute to ozone that could be reduced by working with power companies and larger industrial sources to reduce emissions on potentially high ozone days. Results from this evaluation should be available in a couple weeks.

Fred Blood mentioned that there are restrictions on what can be done to change up dispatch from the Austin Energy power sources and this is why it is increasingly important for citizens to be encouraged to do what they can to reduce energy demand. Mayor Wynn mentioned that the City of Austin runs PSAs for citizens to make them aware of what they can do.

- d. Coordination with AACOG on Big Push efforts
(Potential reductions from cement kilns)

- e. CAMPO Public Outreach Presentation
CAMPO contractor presented information on their campaign to encourage the general public to get involved with the Big Push. More information can be found at ozoneheroes.com.

CAMPO Contractor – 15 min

*April 13th a press event will be held to kickoff the ozone heroes campaign. Elected officials are invited to attend and show their support by wearing an ozone heroes t-shirt. **Action Item:** Cathy Stephens of CAMPO will send more information about the press event.*

- f. CLEAN AIR Force
CAF is leading the following activities over the next few months:

Deanna Altenhoff – 5 min

- Clean Air Partners luncheon this Friday
- Ozone season kick-off April 1st at City Hall
- One page summary of nonattainment implications to be developed
- April 3rd Big Push coordination meeting 1:30-4 at LCRA.
- April 22nd fund raising event at Barr Mansion
- Clean School Bus program. Pilot project for anti-idling.

- g. Texas Low Emission Diesel letter Bill Gill – 3 min
Bill stated that the letter from the CAC was sent to Flint Hills and a response was received. Flint Hills did not commit to include a NOx reducing additive in their fuel.

Mayor Wynn announced that an international press conference to unveil a new unique transportation product to be utilized in Austin is scheduled for tomorrow. Austin has been selected for a unique transportation product that should be on the ground in Austin by October. More details will be available at the press conference tomorrow.

5. 8-Hour O3 Flex Clean Air Plan Update

- a. HDV idling restriction MOA and Implementation Faith Melgaard – 5 min
A list of local governments that have renewed their MOA for enforcement of the idling rule was supplied
- b. TERP program applications
- c. Invitation to new jurisdictions Cathy Stephens – 5 min
Action Item: *Contact Hays County jurisdictions to encourage participation.*
- d. Local initiative project funds Adele Noel/Gary Boyd – 5 min
Lawn equipment, school buses, 2 HDV, 23 hybrids for City of Austin, and 3 city for City of Manor as well as some electric vehicles were purchased by Travis County with LIP funds.

6. Review of significant air quality legislation

Bill Gill – 10 min

- a. CAC resolution of support for certain air quality legislation
(Summary of air quality bills for 81st legislative session)
List of air quality bills was presented. CAPCOG staff is keeping up with bills that are related to the CAC resolution for the 81st Legislature.

Action Item: *A motion was made by Judge Biscoe for the CAC to formally support SB 16 and HB 650 to allow CAPCOG staff to speak on CAC's behalf. The motion was seconded by Mayor Marc Holms.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

- b. Resolutions from other clean air groups

7. Discussion on extending CAC membership

Cathy Stephens – 5 min

- Action Item:** *Judge Biscoe recommended a short written description of entities to be invited to join as supporting members so that the CAC can vote on it.*

8. Other Business and Next Meeting Date

A new chair will need to be selected due to Mayor Wynn's term coming to a close. The next meeting will need to be scheduled in June to approve 8-O3 Flex semi-annual report. Target to have the next meeting in June after the CAPCOG meeting, if a meeting is required sooner a conference call could be conducted.