

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm**  
**CAPCOG Offices**  
**6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**Conference Call\***

**MARKED AGENDA**

*Cathy Stephens, Shana Norton, Darcie Schipull, Natalie Hossain, Bill Gill, Faith Melgaard, Kristin Hebert, Deanna Altenhoff, Holly Brightwell and Melissa Kuskie (TCEQ), Pharr Andrews, Gary Boyd, Drew Rawl (ESP), John Dean, Derek Dowdell*

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments**

*No Citizens on the line for comment*

**2. EPA and TCEQ Update**

• **TCEQ designation recommendations**

*TCEQ agenda resulted in Williamson County being taken out of the recommendations to EPA for designation. The next step is for the Texas governor to send recommendations to the EPA by March 2009. Gary Boyd said that it is still Williamson's Counties intent to look at requirements that may result from nonattainment designation and that they still intend to implement what can be done to reduce the likelihood of being nonattainment.*

• **EPA designation guidance**

*EPA issued official designation guidance first week of December. EPA has until November 12<sup>th</sup> to complete their review of the state's recommendations, and then there will be an opportunity for additional comments*

**2. Discussion of draft CAC meeting agenda**

*CAC meeting coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. Important topics to be discussed concerning the designation timeline are outline in the Clean Air Coalition draft agenda and backup materials. Implementation guidance for new ozone standard is expected to be issued by the EPA by February, 2009. Once the EPA implementation requirement comes out we will then have an opportunity to determine what the different attainment dates and requirements are for different classifications.*

*Transportation conformity is another requirement that comes with a nonattainment designation. Conformity requires that the regions long-range transportation plan includes an analysis of how projects will conform to requirements set out in the plan. If projects do not conform to the plan, a conformity laps occurs and only exempt projects can go forward, all other projects are put on hold until they conform. CMAQ funding from the federal government are available to states that are nonattainment. TxDOT*

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would receive the funds which would be distributed through CAMPO and would be allocated for the counties that are designated nonattainment. To date, no funds for transportation in Texas have been lost due to conformity issues, however, projects have been delayed for this reason. Conformity is done for the entire area that is designated nonattainment.

Other potential requirements that come from a nonattainment designation could include Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT). This could potentially require additional controls on sources of VOC and NOx, some of the EAC rules could cover RACT for the region.

Monitoring data show that our current design value is 77 ppb, we would need no greater than 77 ppb at the Murchison monitor and an 85 at the Audubon monitor to be in attainment by 2009.

- **Nonattainment designation**
- **Ozone monitoring results**
- **2009 Ozone Season “Big Push”**

*It may be possible to be in attainment if no greater than 77 ppb is monitored, which could be obtain.*

#### *Components of Big Push*

- *maximize public outreach*
- *initiate new activities – CAF Deanna*
- *CAMPO is issuing and RFP for a regional outreach campaign. Effort to get more people involved in the push to be in attainment of the new standard. Any groups that would like to help with this effort are encouraged to get involved.*
- *8-Hour O3 Flex – ask new local governments within the MSA to sign onto the O3 Flex.*
- *Workshop for people that are new to the program*
- *Identify new measures to be implemented. Possibly work with Flint Hills for emissions reductions, etc. Other emission measures, CapMetro Red Line could help reduce vehicle emissions. Potential for additional energy efficiency and conservation measures through the City of Austin.*
- *Work with CAC to identify new jurisdiction and potential new measures.*

*Williamson County will be looking to call on CAMPO and CAPCOG to have a “Clean Air Summit” to look at adding all local governments to get involved. Looking at having something in Williamson County Spring 2009.*

- **Meet & Eat**

### **3. Ozone Flex Semi-Annual Report**

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*Semi-annual report due to EPA December 31<sup>st</sup>. Currently working on updates on emission reduction measures. Report forms have been sent out to update voluntary measures and will be summarized in the O3 Flex report.*

*Idling MOA for all jurisdictions, with exception to Elgin, Hutto, and Georgetown, have been renewed. Williamson County Implementation plan going to Commissioners Court. Round Rock Implementation plan sent to TCEQ, John Dean to send a copy to CAPCOG*  
**Action Item:** *Update idling list with new Williamson County and Round Rock information on implementation plans.*

**4. Upcoming legislative session**

*Resolution for CAC approval on agenda for December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Resolution includes elements from Donna Howard sponsored HB for addressing criteria pollutants regionally. Also included in the resolution, support funding of LIRAP and LIP as well as Rider Funding for air quality planning in the region.*

**Action Item:** *Bill to check for wording to update resolution to include backup for requesting LIP fund match removal.*

**5. TERP Call for Applications**

*Application period for TERP grants currently open through February*

**6. Use of LIP funds in Travis and Williamson Counties**

*Williamson County has used the LIP funds to replace older vehicles with hybrid vehicles. Additionally, Williamson County is in the process of replacing new heavy-duty vehicles with newer equipment for significant emission reductions. Travis County is working with Manor ISD to purchase propane school buses.*

**7. Other business**

*None*

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