

Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
CAPCOG Offices
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165
Austin, Texas
Conference Call*

MARKED AGENDA

Attendees: Shanna Norton, Natalie (LCRA), Adele Noel, Deanna Altenhoff, John Dean, Bill Gill, Kristin Hebert, Faith Melgaard, Holly Brightwell and Melissa with TCEQ, Gary Boyd, Derek Dowdell

1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments

John Dean with city of Round Rock said that they are working on an agreement with local governments and school in their area to implement ozone reducing measures.

2. EPA and TCEQ Update

TCEQ Executive Director approved new Lead standard designations. Bill mentioned that the only area in Texas that has a lead problem is up by Frisco. TCEQ confirm that there is currently only one area in Texas, which is outside of the Austin-Round Rock MSA, that is not complying with the Lead standard.

Bill asked about EPA proposed rule to implement 1997 ozone standard. Holly said she will get back to us once she has a chance to review the implementation and inform us of any effects on the MSA.

3. Prepare agenda for February 18 CAC meeting

An update on legislative issues will be discussed at the CAC meeting. Rep. Cook has been appointed as Chair of the House Environmental Regulations Committee.

Big Push update will also be discussed at the CAC meeting. Bill said that an update on efforts in other areas towards the Big Push would be good to have at the CAC meeting.

Texas Clean Air Working Group has a legislative resolution, as well as the Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition. There will be information on other air quality group's resolutions at the upcoming CAC meeting. Bill stated that he has been contacted by Scott Johnson and Bruce Byron. Both Scott and Bruce have stated that they are planning to attend the CAC meeting to give citizen input.

Bill asked if the Governor's letter for designation recommendations had been sent to the EPA yet. John Dean stated that he thought that the Governor had already sent the recommendations.

John Dean said that the Round Rock school district has taken steps to improve emissions from school buses. John said that it might be interesting to hear what the school districts have been doing. Gary Boyd asked for a list of what the school districts are doing to include it in their document they intend to submit to the governor.

Jurisdiction letter to send out to other cities/governmental entities within the MSA to recruit new member will be available for the CAC meeting.

4. Big Push update

Public Outreach:

CAMPOs RFP for public outreach for the Big Push had five proposals and the committee selected a contractor; however, CAMPO must wait for Board approval prior to announcing the award. Board approval should be obtained at the March CAMPO Board Meeting.

Travis County: *Big Push efforts to go to the Commissioners Court for approval this coming Tuesday*

- *Using TV channel to inform employee of ozone warning days
 - *Adele will go before the Court the day before ozone watch days to let them know it is an ozone watch day and what can be done to reduce emissions.**
- *On ozone watch days employees will have the option to work from home*
- *For employees who drive alone on ozone watch days they will be required to pay for parking*
- *Fueling stations will be locked on watch days from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. for gasoline and diesel fueling. Also locking down gas cards for County employees.*
- *No lawn mowing equipment to be used on ozone watch days, except for alternative fuel equipment.*

Bill suggested that it may also be good for Travis County to reach out to other local entities within the county to spread the word about Big Push efforts and maybe some EAC or O3 Flex voluntary efforts, like the HDV Idling MOA.

City of Austin:

- *Working on ways to beef up enforcement of HDV Idling rule. Adele stated that only law enforcement officials can currently enforce the HDV Idling rule because the ordinance in COA is currently a criminal offense. If the ordinance was changed to be a civil offense, it may be possible for officials besides city police to enforce the rule.*

CLEAN AIR Force:

- *Lawnmower discount program*
- *March 5th Mayor Wynn to give proclamation to PSA contest winners*

- *CAPP luncheon at Dell on March 27th. Senator Watson and Jim Marston to speak about the Big Push.*
- *April 1st Ozone Season Kickoff. Mayor Wynn and Chairman Garcia to be at kickoff.*
- *School bus idling project to encourage the reduction of school bus idling emissions. CAF developing a brochure and working with school districts to get information out about idling reductions.*

Big Push Point Source Efforts:

Currently looking at what could be done by the larger polluting facilities in the areas to reduce emissions on ozone watch days. CAPCOG is currently looking at emission reduction strategies that are cost effective to the businesses being asked for reductions and have a significant impact on air quality. CAPCOG and Austin Energy are working with U.T. to model the effectiveness of certain measures that might be implemented during ozone watch days and to show their impact on ozone formation.

Additional Efforts:

Bill mentioned that other potential areas for reduction in ozone forming emissions may be to get reductions from construction equipment. Bill stated that the Houston and Dallas areas have looked at ways to reduce construction emissions. CAPCOG may look at getting some contractor assistance to look at potential controls from construction equipment.

Please send any additional Big Push measures to Shanna Norton with CAMPO.

5. 8-hour O₃ Flex Commitments

- **Heavy-Duty Diesel Idling Restrictions**

Williamson County's implementation plan has been signed and submitted to the TCEQ. The implementation plan is available from the Commissioners Court meeting from December 16, 2009.

5. Preparations for Ozone Season

No new discussion outside of what was mentioned for the agenda items above.

6. Legislative update

Eddie Rodriguez and Donna Howard have both submitted air quality bills. There will be an update of all air quality bills during the upcoming CAC meeting. Averitt also has an air quality bill, SB 16.

7. Other Business

Action Items:

- *Shana to compile list of current Big Push efforts*

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- *Put TCAWG and Clean Air Cities Coalition resolutions on the CAPCOG Web site.*
- *Finalize CAC agenda*

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