Transportation Task Group Meeting – 7.11.22

Present: Jane Lazorchak, Andrea Wright, Gina Campoli, Philip Picotte, Chris Campany, Jared Duval, Sebbi Wu, Collin Smythe, Marian Wolz, Jonathan Slason, Jonathan Slason

Agenda

- Review timeline for recommendations for the Council
 - o Review & update Gannt Chart
 - o Develop detailed workplan for drafting recommendations
- Update on ICAR Hearing for ACCII & ACT
 - Ongoing hearings and agenda for public engagement
- Other updates
- Public comment
- Deadline of this fall for submitting a recommendation to the full Climate Council by this fall
- Prudent to revisit the Gannt chart as an easy way to evaluate dates in front of us, begin to craft a work plan for meeting those dates and developing recommendations

Review & Update Gannt Chart:

- Up front work was mainly public engagement, education around what limited tools exist (i.e. a low-carbon fuel standard, a cap & invest policy and where that exists, etc) for a carbon reduction strategy
- Carbon Reduction Strategy Scope of Work:
 - O Phase 1: develop a methodology to evaluate AOT's investment of the capital program, and what impact that has on GHG
 - Scheduled to be developed and tested out on FY23 and implemented for FY24 programming
 - Technical committee involved in Phase 1
 - O Phase 2: Use that information to develop a carbon reduction strategy to ensure our investments have a positive impact
 - More of the stakeholder/public engagement work happens here
 - Both technical and advisory committees involved in Phase 2
 - Scope of work allows for consultant to develop up to 4 scenarios and therefore has space for considering other policy recommendations
 - o Strategy in-hand by September 2023
 - CRS proposals due this week, consultant will be selected by end of next week and anticipate having things rolling by early August
 - Andrea will be reaching out to many in this group about participating in both the technical and advisory committees
- Re: timeline for making a recommendation >
- If we are going to meet our emissions requirements, it will take BOTH a cap (cap & invest, cap & trade) AND a performance standard and we have an obligation to make a recommendation
 - o Can at least make a recommendation that we know we need to do one, the other, or both of a cap and a performance standard on transportation sector GHG emissions
 - One the public engagement, research, outreach and know we have limited tools in our toolbox need to narrow the universe of possible options
 - o Recommendation can be to the legislature to further analyze one or both of these tools
- Important equity considerations depend on design of program and use of revenues, after we say what we recommend, the key will be how to design it well around equity, cost effectiveness, etc.

- Task III of Phase 2 of VTrans CRS may also consider larger, sector-wide policy development and asks the consultant for 4 scenarios, one of which must specifically include policy regulatory approaches (i.e. direct carbon pollution pricing, cap & invest, performance standards, vehicle efficiency price adjustments, and EV incentives)
 - Not going to be a recommendation, but an analysis that will include cost/benefit, equity, impact on emissions, co-benefits, etc.
 - o Doesn't include recommendations for funding sources
- Next step Jared and Joey will bring an update to the CSM subcommittee in July, and a written, draft recommendation to the subcommittee in August
 - o Sebbi happy to support this work offline as well to prepare for July and August timeline

Update on ICAR Hearing for ACCII & ACT:

- Did not vote overwhelmed by how complicated the rule was and tried moving the vote to their August meeting
- Pushed back on moving this to their August meeting, delaying public engagement timeline and adoption by December
- Agreed to have a special ICAR meeting within the next 2 weeks just for this rule, just to keep us on schedule
- As long as they do that and meet in July, can still meet our timeline and stay on schedule
- ANR's ICAR rep was not there

Any other updates for today?:

- Jane: Meghan is on vacation this week, and both Meghan and Rachel would like to join our next meeting, present agenda for a constructive feedback conversation on public hearings and presentation of material
- Andrea: Will be presenting our EVSE plan under NEVI program due 8/1
 - o New consultant taking over new EV incentive programs
 - o Replace Your Ride program slated for early September
 - o E-bike incentive program taking off next week
- Chris: focus on EV incentives should be directed on those who drive the most miles, tend to be lower income worth a presentation based on California's attempted policy attempts
- Andrea: Survey and report from MileageSmart

Public Comment:

• Jonathan Slason (RSG) – fascinating conversation, appreciate hearing it