

Transportation Task Group Meeting – 7.18.22

Present: Jane Lazorchak, Andrea Wright, Gina Campoli, Philip Picotte, Chris Company, Sebbi Wu, Meghan O'Toole, Jonathan Slason, Deirdra Ritzer, Collin Smythe, Joyce Manchester, Johanna Miller, Jordan Giaconia, Brian Woods, Patrick Murphy

Agenda

- Review revised Gantt Chart and any next steps
 - Review [Agenda for Public Hearings](#) for ACCII and ACT
 - Specific ask of Task Group around relevant programs and tabling
 - Update on Carbon Reduction Strategy RFP Proposals
 - Public comment
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Review of revised Gantt Chart & next steps →

- Andrea made revisions to Gantt chart, sent around to group, doing a walkthrough of changes here
- Carbon Reduction Strategy:
 - Scope of Work – posted and have received two proposals already
 - Consultant selection will occur by the end of this week, 7/22
 - CRS Phase 1 Draft by Dec, with 2 weeks for engagement and Phase I work complete by early Jan 2023
 - Phase II starts when Phase I ends, likely early 2023, with 180 days to complete a draft – will have advisory and technical committees, and public outreach
 - Phase II Final version by late July/early August 2023, with two weeks of public comment and 30 days to complete
- ACCII and ACT Rulemaking:
 - Special meeting on Wednesday, 7/20, and then file proposed rule with Secretary of State on Friday 7/22
 - Rulemaking public engagement will begin 45 days after ICAR ends and last for three weeks (9/5-9/26)
 - Will be important to understand and plan for how these rules will affect Vermont – infrastructure deployment, POS expectations, cost and availability for Vermonters (esp. from an equity standpoint), incentives, etc.
- Cross-Sector Mitigation (CSM) Subcommittee engagement around Transportation Task Group Recommendations:
 - Presentation of workplan to CSM to consider transportation recommendations at 7/21 meeting of CSM
 - Prep for 8/18 meeting of CSM to ensure buy-in of transportation recommendations from this Task Group
 - Presentation of Draft Recommendations to Council by 10/17/22, with two weeks to prepare for this meeting ahead of that date
 - Presentation of Final Recommendations to Council by 11/14/22, with two weeks to prepare for this meeting ahead of that date
- Use of Gantt Chart – Task Groups have more discretion of what to post vs. not post on the climate council website, would be great to post as a DRAFT schedule/work in progress for work of group
- Knowing CAP doesn't add up, we've made recommendations that we need to follow through on. Ultimately need to be working in service of the CAP and we're going to miss our pollution-reduction targets, which we need to keep elevating.

- I.e. TCI-P revenue for transportation equity, etc. Move beyond circular conversations to move something forward, and CRS will be helpful but not sufficient.
- Point of the Task Group is to fill the transportation gap, rephrase next steps because emissions are going to continue rising and we need a policy framework to meet the moment
- Smaller group (Jared Duval, Johanna, Jane, Andrea, Meghan, others?) will be framing out draft rec's and process around CSM recommendations, with the understanding that none of the needed research has been done yet, and present to this group either next week or the following

Review [Agenda for Public Hearings](#) for ACCII and ACT & Specific Ask of Task Group →

- Opportunity to meet goals we've discussed in terms of communicating this transition to the public
- Evolution of this being more of an event vs. a meeting, and broadened scope of conversation
 - Both of these recommendations for agenda came from Just Transition Subcommittee
- Various stakeholders will be tabling at the meeting to communicate various, existing programs that can support this transition
 - Tentatively planning to use this Task Group to brainstorm who these stakeholders are? What resources needed to help support education?
 - Drive Electric VT stakeholder group may be reached out to re: speaking about their programs/resources for EV transition & upcoming Drive Electric Week events...
- Brief overview of rules – high-level and long-term goals re: electrification – and existing resources for accessing EVs and charging
- Next step is to get input on outreach/meaningful use of time with Just Transitions subcommittee on Thursday this week
 - RPCs and venues will also be helping with local promotion, getting the word out
- Feedback:
 - Chris: Provide info on other states that are also signing onto these rules, and total population of those states/# of vehicles
 - Gina: need to focus on programs like MileageSmart, real examples of how these programs have helped people
 - What is the hook to get people here? What are you selling this as?
 - Johanna: Great, good input from Just Transitions, messaging as an event vs. a meeting. May be important to add framing about GWSA, why this work is important (re: doing our part on climate)
 - Feels like auto retailers, esp. if there is an equity opportunity in terms of credits for carving out more incentives for LMI, would be great to have there
 - Jane: PE Task Group meeting today covered climate engagement strategies – hearing consistently that less is more – don't want to hear about GWSA/Climate Council, but rather what programs exist to help us access these technologies?
 - Also need to be thinking about process, in terms of making sure people feel their feedback is being incorporated, heard

Update on CRS RFP Proposals →

- Two proposals out of four consultants on retainer contractor
- Team of VTrans folks will be reviewing this week, making a consultant selection
- Also hope to send out an invitation to participate in technical & advisory committees this week/soon

Today's Climate Council Special Meeting & Public Engagement / Task Group →

- Concern from Gina about larger Climate Council meeting this morning, ability to actually get things done and space for public engagement

- Public Engagement Task Group work is ongoing, met today as well
- Clean Heat Standard was in the CAP, failure to pass via the Legislature as a cautionary tale of what type of public engagement needs to happen in advance on certain rules, CAP recommendations
- Sharing updates from Public Engagement Task Group would be helpful
- Jane: Today's meeting highlighted work we need to do to reconsider how we run Council meetings and public comment
 - One tangible item is that public comment is always just reflected as people who spoke in minutes, but we can reflect action items with core recommendations from public comment going forward
 - Can do a better job of communicating follow-up/course correction based on public comment
- Public Engagement Task Group thinking about how to lift that up as their group going forward, productive group thinking about that

Public Comment →

- None