

Transportation Task Group Meeting – 8.15.22

Present: Jane Lazorchak, Andrea Wright, Gina Campoli, Philip Picotte, Chris Company, Sebbi Wu, Meghan O’Toole, Bram Kleppner, Johanna Miller, Collin Smythe, Robb Kidd, Jordan Giaconia, Matt Cota, Deirdra Ritzer

Agenda

- Approval of minutes from 8/8 meeting
 - Revised [Draft Transportation Recommendations](#)
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 - Discussion and revision
 - Process for sharing with Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittee
 - Public Transportation Events
 - Update on Carbon Reduction Strategy
 - Public comment
 - Adjourn
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Revised Draft Transportation Recommendations

- Two memos outlining where Vermont is in terms of filling the gap in Climate Action Plan – revised recommendation pushed back until Fall 2022
- Presenting draft recommendations to CSM on Thursday, lift up for full Council to adopt
- High-level input on [second draft of memo](#) (co-created among – Jane Lazorchak, Sebbi Wu, Johanna Miller):
 - Table or attachment that shows everything in the plan now – strategies that Council should be tracking and moving forward (incentive programs, charging infrastructure, etc.) to clarify how policy solutions will work together
 - Anyone with minor grammar/language changes should add and send via email
 - Council overwhelmingly approved plan with regulatory framework, this is just expanding options within that framework and other options within the plan
- Delivering something for CSM to initially review, dig into but a final recommendation will come to Council in September
- Task Group approved to share with CSM on Thursday
 - Johanna will clean up, send to Jane
 - Jane will share with CSM, post online, and CSM will review/discuss at noon on Thursday

Public Transportation Events

- ACCII / ACT rulemaking moved forward last week, were able to file the rule on time last week
- Series of 6 public engagement events will commence in September
 - Provide basic info about rule and what it requires, and indirect impact of rules to non-regulated stakeholders
 - Will set aside time for discussion, breakouts, public comment
 - Working with VTrans and their contractor, DriveElectric to help folks transition to EVs via tabling
 - What is the additional need beyond incentives and support state is already offering, to help facilitate transition to EVs?
- All events are listed on the climatechange.vermont.gov website
- Looking for volunteers to attend these meetings, help facilitate conversations and breakouts – the more support the better

- Memo on levers to influence rulemaking outside of advancing as enacted in California? More info to come...
- Special meeting on 9/6 at 11am – virtual only circulated to stakeholders who are particular impacts of medium and heavy duty truck rules
 - Vermont Clean Cities and Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management supporting this event
 - Less robust, more detailed-oriented so that fleet owners and others can dig into requirements, rule, phase-in dates, etc.
- Communications plan has been developed, working with Agency Comms Director on formal plan – working to push out a press release about the events to circulate
 - Partnering with RPCs to find good venues for these meetings, facilitate good engagement
 - Front Porch Forum – paid posts?
- Rachel Stevens joining Just Transitions on Thursday afternoon; may have more to share after that

Carbon Reduction Strategy

- Contracting with Chris Porter, Cambridge Systematics -- great proposal
- Have FHI Studios as Public Engagement firm, likely won't come into play until Phase II
- Quick meeting with Cambridge Systematics on Friday, determine immediate next steps and schedule
 - Technical Committee and Advisory Committee – Andrea will be sending intro & invite for the Technical Committee this week
 - First Technical Committee meeting will be first or second meeting in September for Phase I work

Public Comment

- Union of Concerned Scientists study on lifetime GHG emissions of EVs vs. Internal Combustion Vehicles
 - https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/driving-cleaner-report_0.pdf
 - <https://cleantechnica.com/2022/07/27/ucs-study-shows-lifetime-ev-emissions-are-50-lower-than-conventional-vehicles/?emci=f55c13fc-661a-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&emdi=66d9a49a-6a1a-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&ceid=8269126>