

MINUTES OF THE TMACOG
*** AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE ***

The meeting was held on February 18, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom, 300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Toledo OH 43604.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** — Tim Brown was unable to attend and David Gedeon welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** — The agenda was approved on a motion by Ken Fallows, seconded by Mark Budge.
- 3. Approval of September 24, 2008 Minutes** — The minutes were approved on a motion by Don Lieder, seconded by Karen Granata.
- 4. Attainment Designation Update** – Karen Granata stated that Ohio EPA submitted a recommendation to the USEPA that Lucas and Wood Counties be designated as attainment areas for 8 hour ozone. The initial recommendation was nonattainment but was changed following additional monitoring results. USEPA will make their final designations in 2010.
- 5. Follow-Up to “Waste to Energy” Presentation from 2008** – Don Scherer gave a follow-up to his presentation from September 2008. The presentation outlined his research and the potential for a project in the area. A motion was made by Gary Samples and seconded by Karen Granata that the topic is advanced to the Environmental Council for their review and discussion. The motion passed.
- 6. 2009 Ozone Season Marketing Plan & Share A Ride Update** - Greg Gettum distributed the marketing plan for the 2009 Ozone Action Season. Greg passed around a miniature billboard to show the graphics that were used last year and will be used again in the 2009 season. Efforts throughout the season will include billboards, radio and print advertisements. The TMACOG website was updated throughout the season with the forecasted alert status. The Share A Ride website has been received very well and Greg report the program statistics. Greg is intending to conduct a database review and cleanup this spring.
- 7. Green Fleets Initiative and Toledo Meeting** – Dave discussed the workshop that was held on February 10th. Attendees were given specific information about grant opportunities and representatives from Clean Fuels Ohio were available to assist with specific grant writing questions. Grants available in the near future include the Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Program (DERG), the Clean Diesel School Bus Retrofit Grant, the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative, and the Clean Cities Program.
- 8. Interchange Tree Planting Initiative** - Dave said that there are plans for a press conference in the spring to highlight the program and to potentially announce local sponsors for interchange sections and the location of the next tree planting project.
- 9. Other Business** – Green Energy Ohio is holding a workshop at Owen Community College. The Toledo Frogtown Fair will be on August 8th.
- 10. Adjourn** – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.