

MINUTES OF THE TMACOG

* AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE *

The meeting was held on June 17, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom, 300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Toledo OH 43604.

Attendees: Tim Brown, Mark Budge, Ken Fallows, John Fawcett, Don Scherer, Neal Thurber, Greg Gettum, and David Gedeon

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** — Tim Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** — The agenda was approved on a motion by Don Scherer, seconded by John Fawcett.
- 3. Approval of April 15, 2009 Minutes** — The minutes were approved on a motion by Ken Fallows, seconded by Mark Budge.
- 4. 2009 Ozone Season Marketing** – Greg Gettum stated that the Ozone Action billboards are up and the print ads are appearing in area newspapers. Toledo Environmental Services has been issuing alerts and the website www.tmacog.org/ozoneactionseason.htm is being updated. Greg has met with local news directors and asked that weather personalities note the ozone alerts on their broadcasts. The ozone display will be set up at the OregonFest and at the Frogtown Fair. Toledo Environmental Services is again conducting gas cap testing this summer and dates will be available on the TMACOG website.
- 5. Proposed Air Quality Legislation** – David Gedeon introduced both “The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009” sponsored by Representatives Waxman and Markey and the “Federal Surface Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2009” sponsored by Senator Rockefeller. The Waxman-Markey bill would, among other things, promote the development of carbon sequestration technologies, require states to establish goals for emission reductions from the transportation sector, and establish a program of tradable emission allowances. The Rockefeller bill is intended to provide national purposes and goals for the next national surface transportation plan. The committee discussed possibly drafting a comment on carbon sequestration when more is known about the legislation to tie in with the tree planting initiative.
- 6. National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program** – David Gedeon reported that TMACOG submitted an application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. As part of the collaborative application, funding was sought for Toledo City Schools, Sylvania City Schools, and Miller Brother’s Construction to install diesel pre-heaters, emission reduction retrofits and to repower diesel engines. TMACOG received notification that we did not receive funding.
- 7. Interchange Tree Planting Initiative** – Tim Brown discussed the initiative and said that the next interchange that we will be planting is at I-75 in North Baltimore. We will be meeting with ODOT to make plans for the planting. We are still exploring an “Adopt an Interchange” program with Perrysburg for mulching and cleanup of the Perrysburg interchange.
- 8. Share A Ride Update** – Greg noted that the Share A Ride database cleanup is complete. Based on responses to the mailing, the database was purged of those individuals that did not return the postage paid card. Greg is promoting a “Pool to School” program with area parochial schools, colleges and universities.
- 9. Other Business** – Neal Thurber described control measures that BP has at local facilities following violations that took place at their facility in Whiting, Indiana. Don Scherer said that a Green Energy Workshop will take place on Saturday at Owens Community College from 9 am – 4 pm.
- 10. Adjourn** – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.