

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

The meeting was held on March 19, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom, 300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Toledo OH 43604.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** — Tim Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** — The agenda was approved on a motion by Bill Herr, seconded by Mark Budge.
- 3. Approval of December 19th, 2007 Minutes** — The minutes were approved on a motion by Gary Samples, seconded by Bill Herr.
- 4. Revised Air Quality Standard for Ozone** – David Gedeon reported that on March 12, the US EPA revised the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone. The standard has been lowered from 80 ppb to 75 ppb. It is anticipated that monitoring results will show Lucas and Wood Counties as nonattainment. However, modeled estimates for 2020 indicate that we will meet the standard at that time. Karen Granata stated that lowering the standard will have an impact on how we call Ozone Action Days. If we try and protect the 75 ppb standard, we could end up calling a few dozen days. We will need to talk to TARTA and discuss their participation given these implications. Tim suggested that the committee meet in April and focus the meeting on the new standard and Ozone Action Day.
- 5. Fine Particulate Risk and Standards** – Ken Fallows discussed the recently released regulations on off road and marine diesels. They are a significant source of particulate pollution. Studies are finding that ultrafine particulates pose a greater health risk than fine particulates. Looking at both the particulate and ozone issues, Ken suggested that we rethink how we conduct our public information campaigns and talk to the labor unions to discuss their involvement.
- 6. Ozone Action Day, Gas Cap & Share A Ride Update** – Stephanie Rizer said that with the increase in gas prices, she has seen an increase in the number of Share A Ride requests. The Gas Cap program is taking shape for the year and she will be hiring two interns to do the testing again. She is also working on the Gas Cap media purchasing. The media buy for the Ozone Action Day program has been completed.
- 7. Transportation Department Update** – David Gedeon reported that he spoke with ODOT concerning the tree planting program and they will be contacting Stephanie Miller from ODNR Division of Forestry to develop a planting plan for the new US 24. Also, the transportation department had their Certification Review with ODOT and FHWA. The review takes place every 4 years. TMACOG will again be certified as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Lucas and Wood Counties in Ohio and the Southern three townships in Monroe County Michigan.
- 8. Other Business** — Mark Budge noted that the air monitors in Lima and Bowling Green have been recalibrated and the monitors are up and running. Tim Brown stated that we need to bring new members into the Air Quality Committee and encouraged current members to bring a guest with them to the next meeting. He will make some contacts and try to bring a few new members in.
- 9. Adjourn** – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.