

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

The meeting was held on May 21, 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 Neal Thurber, seconded by Elaine Moore.
- 3. Approval of April 16th, 2008 Minutes** — The minutes were approved on a motion by Bill Kelly, seconded by Neal Thurber.
- 4. Process for calling days during the ozone season** – Karen Granata stated that the City of Toledo will issue health forecasts for ozone two to three times per week. Each forecast will cover two to three days and forecast the following alert status: Satisfactory, Unhealthy for sensitive groups, and Unhealthy. Forecasts may be issued more frequently if the weather changes. Health forecasts will be issued only during the ozone season. The forecasts will be sent out the ozone mailing list and to all media outlets. Karen said that the alerts will not include particulate matter since they do not currently have a forecasting model in-house and a model can cost more than \$30,000 per year.

Bill Kelly was asked about TARTA providing free bus rides this summer. Given the change in the program and the cost of fuel, TARTA would not be able to provide free rides.
- 5. 2008 Ozone Action Season Marketing Program** – Stephanie Rizer outlined her approach to market the program given the new system. Steve Atkinson from TARTA suggested that a small group be assembled to develop a marketing plan. Karen, Steve, Stephanie and David Gedeon will meet set a date to discuss the marketing program. TMACOG will send out a welcome message to the ozone mailing list and conduct a media buy for the summer. The committee review handouts listing tips for the public and for businesses to reduce ground-level ozone emissions and offered suggestions.
- 6. Other Business** — Don Scherer asked if the committee has discussed methane and ammonia in the air quality equation. It was noted that the committee generally focuses on the six criteria pollutants and mainly on ozone and particulates. This may be a worthwhile topic of discussion at a future meeting. Don also noted the possibility of a new biomass project located in Northwest Ohio in the near future.
- 7. Adjourn** – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.