

# MINUTES OF THE TMACOG

## \* AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE \*

The meeting was held on October 21, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom, 300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Toledo OH 43604.

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Attendees: Time Brown, Mark Budge, Ken Fallows, Karen Granata, Bill Herr, Don Lieder, Gary Samples, Kacey Smith, Mike Stormer, Greg Gettum, and David Gedeon

1. **Welcome and Introductions** — Tim Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Agenda** — The agenda was approved on a motion by Mark Budge, seconded by Don Lieder.
3. **Approval of August 20, 2009 Minutes** — The minutes were approved on a motion by Don Lieder, seconded by Bill Herr.
4. **Air Quality Legislative Update** – David Gedeon reported that in addition to the previously discussed Waxman-Markey climate bill, there is now a bill in the Senate sponsored by Senators Kerry and Boxer. The bill has many of the same elements as the Waxman-Markey bill does but there are some modifications to the emission targets, allowance allocations, offset amounts, and the authority of EPA. It is unknown which, if either of these bills, may become law.
5. **Update on Ozone Results & Gas Cap Program Summary** – Karen Granata reported that the ozone readings have remained low throughout the summer. The data has not been quality controlled yet so the numbers are not official. EPA is reviewing the ozone standard and there is some momentum to again lower the threshold. It is possible that the ozone standard could be lowered to 70 ppb.  
  
The final Gas Cap Program report has been submitted and the program has concluded for the year. Overall, program representatives successfully tested 430 gas caps at 20 testing sites. A total of 75 faulty or missing gas caps were replaced over the course of this year's program. This translates to the prevention of approximately 14,925 pounds of evaporative emissions from entering the air.
6. **Interchange Tree Planting Initiative** – David Gedeon stated that ODOT is working with a wireless company to place a cell tower in the I-75 interchange at Wooster Street in Bowling Green. The company is willing to contribute \$5,000 for trees to be planted in the loop. We will be working with ODOT to design a plan for the interchange and plant the materials.
7. **Share A Ride and Ozone Season Marketing Update** – Greg Gettum reported that an employer campaign is being initiated to introduce the Share A Ride program to Northwest Ohio businesses. A mailing was sent to over 700 companies with 100+ employees in the region. Presentations will be made at businesses interested in promoting the program to their employees.
8. **Other Business** – David Gedeon said that National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Grants have been announced through USEPA. The grant deadline is December 8, 2009. There will be a Clean Fuels Ohio Public Forum held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Grand Lobby.
9. **Adjourn** – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.