

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**January 9, 2018, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Present:**

Cecily Beall, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Alexandra Catena, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Marcia Ways, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Kary Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Regina Moore, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Colleen Turner, Maryland Department of Transportation  
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute

**Staff:**

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP  
Steve Walz, COG/DEP  
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP  
Ron Milone, COG/DTP  
Jane Posey, COG/DTP  
Lori Zeller, COG/DTP  
Kanti Srikanth, COG/DTP

**1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary**

Cecily Beall called the meeting to order at 10 am. The December 12 meeting summary was approved with changes suggested by Steve Walz.

**2. EPA Response to State Designations for Nonattainment Areas for 2015 Ozone NAAQS**

Sunil discussed the intended designations published by EPA in December 2017 for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. EPA published a list of intended nonattainment counties and cities for the Washington region. These counties and cities are also part of the nonattainment area for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. EPA performed an analysis using five factors to develop the list. These factors are air quality data (for each ozone monitor), emissions & emissions-related data (locations of sources, population, amount of emissions, and urban growth patterns), meteorology (weather & transport patterns), geography/Topography (physical features that may influence the fate and transport of emissions and ozone concentrations), and jurisdictional boundaries (counties, existing nonattainment areas, MPOs). Kanti pointed out that VMT is not the only factor in vehicle emissions. Other factors such as, vehicle speed, vehicle exhaust and evaporative emissions standards also play important roles. The District, Maryland, and Virginia all agree with EPA's intended designations.

**3. TPB's Long-Range Plan**

Lori Zeller discussed TPB's long-range plan. TPB in its resolution (R16-2017) acknowledged that there is a concern that the combination of project inputs to the current CLRP results in unsatisfactory performance compared to current conditions, with peak hour congested lane miles increasing by 65%, daily vehicle hours of delay increasing by 74%, and reductions in CO2 emissions falling far short of the region's 80% multi-sectoral goal. Therefore, the region needs to develop a long-range transportation plan that goes beyond the project inputs

reflected in its current CLRP, and that includes a combination of projects, programs, and policies that would better achieve the broad range of transportation goals embedded in TPB and COG's adopted guiding documents. Following the resolution (R1-2018), a long-range task force was created to perform the above tasks mentioned in the resolution (R16-2017). The task force suggested following five initiatives: optimize regional land-use balance, regionwide bus rapid transit (BRT) and transitways, metro rail core capacity improvements, employer-based travel demand management policies, and regional express travel network.

#### **4. Base Year 2016 (2015 Ozone NAAQS)**

The group discussed the issue of the base year for developing a comprehensive emission inventory for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. Doris mentioned that 2016 is currently under discussion in EPA, OTC, and MARAMA for the base year. Cecily mentioned that OTC and MARAMA are doing a lot of analysis related to 2016. Doris said that 2016 is being used in the regional haze SIP. Sunil enquired about 2017 as that is the NEI year. Doris said since the NEI is due for submission by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, it may be a bit late for the base year emission inventory development work. She also said that LADCO and other organizations are already settled on 2016.

#### **5. Announcement of 2018 MWAQC-TAC Stakeholders**

Cecily Beall announced the two stakeholders for MWAQC-TAC for 2018. She also suggested the need to expand the effort to bring in more stakeholders for the committee.

#### **6. State & Local Updates**

Cecily said that the District has briefed the city administrator on the VW settlement fund issue. The draft VW mitigation plan is being published in the DC register shortly to invite for public comments. Maryland and Virginia did not have any updates.

#### **7. Adjourn**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.