

Comment Summary and Handling of Comments Received on the June 25 Draft CCSC Climate Change Report (DRAFT POST-June 25, 2008)

Comment Number	Commenter	Comment	Response	Page Number**
1	David Snyder	Update impacts section with more recent information.	Done, references found and noted in report.	17, 18, 22, 26
2	Nancy Floreen	Consider incorporating CAFE and Energy Efficiency Standards into the baseline projections.	No changes made. Consistent with the approach taken in Maryland.	28, 29
3	Multiple	Remove reference to avoiding frozen foods and eating less meat. Include reference to carbon footprint of consumer products. Members also supported adding reference to purchase of bio-based products.	Done	23-33
4	Harriet Tregoning	Use a larger range of VMT reduction %.	No changes made. TPB staff report that 10% upper bound is reasonable at this time.	34
5	Jack Werner	Add table with information on energy cost projections.	Information on recent price increases included in the report. Staff will conduct further research on prices and projections and may be able to include in final draft.	40
6	Nancy Floreen, Harriet Tregoning, and others	Add more information on energy price increases and associated impact on demand, leads to uncertainty about future growth forecasts. Make a note on VMT growth about the need to reevaluate given the current volatility. Note, as of date of report, VMT has already declined ___ %, which also impacts tax revenue.	Added text noting that energy prices are changing consumer behavior, and note that changes in travel patterns can have other implications in the region.	40, 49
7	Tad Aburn	Editorial correction to EMPOWER Maryland.	Done	42
8	Nancy Floreen	Add mention of Montgomery County energy tax and carbon surtax.	Done	44, 65
9	Gerry Connolly	Add new recommendation on energy audits and energy retrofits.	Done	45
10	Nancy Floreen	Define Green Power or use different reference such as renewable power.	Changed green power to renewable energy in recommendation.	46
11	Several	Add explanation of Cool Schools, mention or equivalent.	Added footnote	47
12	Harriet Tregoning	Mention local govts, not just school boards	Done	47
13	Roger Berliner	Add recommendation on the need to work with the PUC to focus on EE, demand reduction, and reducing coal.	Done	47

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14	Jack Werner	Define statewide farms to schools program. Refer to local foods for schools.	Done. Also added footnote explaining Farms to Schools programs.	47
15	Harriet Tregoning	Wording changes to RGGI advocacy.	Done	47
16	David Snyder	Remove reference to pay-as-you-drive insurance.	Members support maintaining current text. No changes made.	56
17	Harriet Tregoning	Add pricing recommendation to reduce VMT.	Recommendation included, see number (8) under Reduce VMT.	56
18	Multiple	Remove clause referring to induced sprawl. Mention other new capital projects, not just transportation.	Done	56
19	Harriet Tregoning	Change text to read "Carefully plan the location and design of new, infill, and redevelopment projects."	Done	58
20	Harriet Tregoning	Various suggestions received in memorandum dated July 1, 2008	No changes made because COG Board Review Draft already completed before memorandum was received. Some comments in the memorandum were received verbally at the June 25 meeting and were addressed (see #4, 6, 12, 15, 19 above).	-
21	COG Staff - Ted Graham, Naomi Friedman	Various editorial comments.	Done	various
22	COG Staff	Change Section I from Introduction to Preface	Done	1
23	COG Staff	Start the Executive Summary on a left facing page and make sure the page numbering is revised accordingly.	Done	5
24	COG Staff	Make sure the Executive Summary reflects any changes to the body of the report	Done	5
25	COG Staff	Make sure Appendix D's list is consistent with Table ES-1 and 8	Done	12, 78, 97
26	COG Staff	Table ES-1 (8) does not reflect any of the Advocacy recommendations. I think we need to find a way to add these to the table or perhaps to create a separate table summarizing advocacy positions. But not in this version.	Pending, will be included in next draft.	12, 78
27	COG Staff	Add new temperature trend figure.	Done	24
28	Floreen/COG Staff	Add a 4 th footnote stating that the business as usual projections did not include CAFÉ or federal energy efficiency standards. We can include a note that the impact of CAFÉ is provided in the report in Table 7.	Done	29

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29	COG Staff	Page 31 – List of Actions to Reduce Green House Gas Emissions: Insert the Word “Suggested” before the word “List”; and Give this table a Table Number and reflect in the Table of Contents.	Done	32-33
30	COG Staff	Add sector shares of regional energy use pie chart.	Done	40
31	Connolly/COG Staff	For comment number 9 above, make clear this is for individuals and businesses. Change the first word to “Explore” from “Encourage.”	Done	45
32	Ferguson/COG Staff	Add as a footnote to the recommendation on local government purchasing of green power, e.g. “It is acknowledged that due to budget constraints, some localities may not be able to reach this goal.”	Done	46
33	Tregoning/COG Staff	In the italic header that says Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, add (RGGI) afterwards since it’s used in the bullets.	Done	47
34	Various/COG Staff	On page 48 I think we should add a note that when the plan for meeting the 2020 regional goal is compiled a review of the VMT reduction potential will be included.	Done	49
35	COG Staff	Find a place in the body of the report to add a reference to Appendix D.	Done	76

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