



COG Climate Action Report: Summary of Changes, Policy Decisions Needed

COG Climate Change Steering Committee
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Principal Changes to 5/28 Draft

- **Changed tone in Introduction to:**
 - add sense of urgency, acknowledge need for early action, note regional advantages and opportunities for economic benefit
- **Added Executive Summary**
- **Updated Recommendations Matrix (Table ES-1)**
- **Report organized into 3 primary sections:**
 - I. Facing Facts, Taking Stock and Taking Aim
 - II. Taking Action
 - III. Moving Forward

New Material

- **New material:**
 - List of Individual & Business Actions (p 31-32)
 - Provided range on potential VMT reductions for 2020 (p 33)
 - Discussion on wastewater treatment plants (p 39)
 - Discussion on clean energy options (p 39, 40)
 - Discussion on recycling (p 42-43)
 - Summary of Best Practices report (p 41-43, 51-53)
 - Advocacy Positions (p 46, 58)
 - Financing Mechanisms Section (p 63-66)
 - Outreach and Education Section (p 67-68)
 - Local Govt. Leading by Example Table (p 95)

Policy Decisions Needed

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| 1 | Impact of cap on powerplant emissions | 40, 46 |
| 2, 3 | Local government green power purchase goal | 45 |
| 4 | Expand Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to the District of Columbia and Virginia | 46 |
| 5 | Endorse Cool Schools | 46 |
| 6 | Develop targets for shifting transportation modes | 56 |
| 7, 9 | Inclusion or deletion of evaluation of transportation conformity process for greenhouse gas emissions | 55 |
| 8 | Quantify projected greenhouse gas emissions from major new transportation projects | 56 |
| 10 | Establish Transit Oriented Development as the region's preferred growth strategy | 56 |

Next Steps

| Action | Date |
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| COG Board approves draft report for member and stakeholder comment | July 9, 2008 |
| Comment period | July 9 – September 9, 2008 |
| CCSC Meeting(s) to consider comments received | September, 2008 TBD |
| COG Board meeting to consider final report | October 8, 2008 |