

GHG Mitigation Working Group

August 23, 2022, 2 - 4 p.m.

Meeting Notes

The following members attended the online regular monthly meeting:

Ava Richardson, Alexander Borkowski, Ben Hobbs, Brian Megali, David Smedick, Earl Lewis, Elliott Campbell, Elizabeth Bunn, Josh Kurtz, Kevin Andoszweski, Kim Coble, co-chair; Michael Powell, co-chair; Tom Ballentine, Tom Purington, Tom Walz, Tom Weissenger. Member Bruce Ho was excused.

- Opening Remarks by the Co-Chairs (2:00-2:10 pm)
MCCC Chair opened the meeting, reminded the members that while making recommendations to the Commission for the 2022 annual report:
 1. Keep equity, and Climate Justice in the forefront
 2. Be as specific as possible in recommending truly ACTIONABLE items.
- Michael Powell, co-chair, welcomed the group and turned over to Mark Stewart, MDE Climate Program Manager, to run the meeting. Mark reminded the members to submit any proposed modifications to the MCCC's 2021 Annual Report recommendations by the end of August.
- Opportunities to Further Improve Maryland's Mass Transit System for Additional GHG Reduction (2:10-3:00 pm) – Presentation by Holly Arnold, MTA Administrator. See attached slides.

Addendum to Holly Arnold's presentation:

Please see the following links that show GHG reductions associated with increasing ridership:

<https://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/webinars/210721.pdf> (we used the chart on slide 10)

https://www.apta.com/wp-content/uploads/Resources/resources/reportsandpublications/Documents/greenhouse_brochure.pdf (used the chart on page 3)

<https://rideart.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/ART-AQ-Benefits-White-Paper.pdf>

https://www.apta.com/wp-content/uploads/Standards_Documents/APTA-SUDS-CC-RP-001-09_Rev-1.pdf (

<https://www.vtpi.org/tranben.pdf> (pages 52 and 53)

The MTA ZEB Transition report can be found here: https://s3.amazonaws.com/mta-website-staging/mta-website-staging/files/Transit%20Projects/ZEB/ZEB%20Legislative%20Report%20Formatted_021122.pdf

- Preliminary Results of the GGRA Manufacturing Study: Opportunities for Decarbonizing Maryland's Industrial Sector (3:00-3:50 pm) Presentation by: – Presentation by Ryna Cui, Assistant Research Professor, Center for Global Sustainability, UMD. See attached slides.
- Public Comments (3:50-4:00 pm)

Jeff Silva, Montgomery County citizen, suggested that MCCC recommend that all parking lots be metered to reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT). And that the state tire recycling fee and the MVA vehicle registration fee be increased to fund expansion of mass transit.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. The next meeting will take place on September 20th, 10am-12 pm.

