

Maryland Commission on Climate Change

Mitigation Working Group

June 27, 2018 10:00AM - 12:30PM

Maryland Department of the Environment

1800 Washington Boulevard
First Floor Conference Rooms
Baltimore, MD 21230

Conference Number: (641) 552-9200
Access Code: 682590#

Agenda

10:00AM MWG Meeting Begins

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – MWG Co-Chairs – 5 minutes
2. **Public Comment** – 20 minutes
3. **Transportation Panel** – 60 minutes

The panel includes the following experts:

- James Bradbury, Mitigation Program Director, Georgetown Climate Center
- Mark Kresowik, Eastern Region Deputy Director, Sierra Club
- Kanti Srikanth, Transportation Planning Director, Transportation Planning Board of MWCOG

Questions were provided to the panel in advance of the meeting, for their review.

There will be 6 minutes allocated to each panelist, per question.

- In 2017, the MCCC recommended that “MDE should consider not only actions to close the gap to achieve the 40% reduction, but should identify and consider longer-term strategies needed to achieve zero net emissions over the subsequent two to three decades”. Given that, *what are the challenges and opportunities surrounding transportation strategies that drive the State towards zero net emissions beyond 2030?* Please consider both travel-demand and technological options.
- In 2017, both the MWG and the MCCC urged the incorporation of considerations for environmental justice as it relates to climate change into the 40 by 30 Plan. (a) *What are best practices to help advance environmental justice and economic equity through the State's transportation-based GHG emission reduction strategies;* and (b) *how do we ensure that the burdens and benefits of reducing emissions from the transportation sector are distributed equitably across rural, urban, and suburban areas?*
- The GGRA requires that the 40 by 30 Plan (overall) have a net benefit to jobs and the economy. *Of all the options that will move the State towards its emission reduction goals, (a) which transportation strategies do you expect to be the most cost-effective in terms of total emission reduction for the investment;* and (b) *which would you expect to be the most productive in terms of net jobs created per tons of carbon emissions reduced?* Please address the payback period in your response.

4. Discussion on Transportation – 60 minutes

5. New Business – 5 minutes

- August meetings (August 2nd and 30th) - Recommendations
- Rescheduled “Healthy Soils” and “Forest Carbon Sequestration” Presentations
- Other Business from Working Group members

12:30PM Meeting Adjourns

The next meeting of the Mitigation Working Group will be **Thursday, August 2nd at 10:00AM.**

Comments from the general public can be submitted to the Commission at climate.change@maryland.gov.

