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The following document was provided by Bill Higgins, to Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) Chair Mike McKeever on July 17, 2009, for consideration by the committee.

## **Proposed RTAC Roadmap for July through September**

The roadmap outlined below is respectfully offered as an *action plan* to ensure that the RTAC meet its statutory directive of transmitting a report -- no later than September 30, 2009 -- to the California Air Resources Board providing recommended factors and methodologies the Board is to consider in the setting of regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

To that end, the RTAC should:

A.) Engage a full discussion and position statement on the questions identified and discussed (in part) at the June meeting:

1. Should the regional targets be expressed in a safer more "secure" manner or should they be expressed in a way that causes MPOs to "stretch?"
2. Should MPO performance toward achieving the targets be measured through a modeling or a performance-based strategy checklist?
3. Should regions be recognized and rewarded for past good performance, or should all start out "even?"
4. Should incentives or "rewards" be available for regions that exceed their target(s)?
5. How should housing affordability and social equity be taken into account?
6. Should the RTAC recommend specific methods and factors to be considered in "adjusting" the 2020 targets?
7. Should a region be allowed to "swap" overachievement of one GhG reduction measure (such as high absorption of low carbon fleets) against underachievement of others (such as lower success on land use and transportation policies)?
8. How should future transportation funding for 2020 and 2035 and incentive funding for TDM programs be "scored?"
9. What can/should be done to influence federal legislation to assist MPOs in achieving their targets?
10. Should regions that have adopted scenario-based "blueprints" be able to base their targets on those blueprints as long as the GhG emission reductions associated with those blueprints are "ambitious and achievable?"

B.) Finalize recommendations on topics previously discussed but not yet resolved.

1. Should targets be allocated on a per capita basis or on a per household basis?
2. Should the emissions "baseline" be calculated on a pre-recession basis, e.g., 2005 rather than 2009 or 2010?

3. How should differences between urban and rural MPOs be accounted for?
4. How should responsibility for interregional travel be assigned?
5. How should regional variations in vehicle retirement programs and other measures to address fleet efficiency mix and low carbon fuel standard be accounted for?
6. How should the impact of pricing and demand management measures on regional economies and growth rates be accounted for?
7. Should regional progress be tracked? If so, how and by whom?

C.) Prepare a guidance statement to CARB on modeling requirements, including near-term and longer-term performance standards and empirical evidence standards to be set by an expert panel, including model testing requirements and calibration of VMT modeling estimates to actual fuel sales.

D.) Develop a roadmap, including a flow chart and schedule of actions to be accomplished at each remaining RTAC meeting. Identify specific decisions to be reached at each meeting including additional information needs for the August and September meetings to facilitate those decisions being reached.

E.) Prepare an outline of the final report to CARB including a framework of the decisions, processes and guidance underlying the final full report.