

AGENDA ITEM 32

Consider approving contract for sale of Academy building.

Agenda Item 32 was discussed in Executive Session (As real estate as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.07 consultation with attorney.)

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To authorize Charlie Crossfield to draw up a contract for the sale of Academy building.

Vote: **4 – 0. Commissioner Limmer** was absent from the dais.

AGENDA ITEM 33

Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Draft Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Recommended Measures under the Early Action Compact with the Texas Council of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Judy Metzger, in her capacity as the Special Projects Director of the Court, and Cathy Stephens (CAMPO) addressed the Court regarding the Draft Clean Air Action Plan.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Curlee**

Motion: To approve Draft Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Recommended Measures under the Early Action Compact with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Vote: **5 - 0**

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SUBJECT: *Draft Clean Air Plan Recommended Measures* under Early Action Plan

The five county governments in the Austin/Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (Austin/RR MSA) entered into an Early Action Compact with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in December 2002. As a result, we are committed to implement a Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) no later than March 2004. The CAAP will demonstrate how the Austin/RR MSA can comply voluntarily with the federal Clean Air Act's new 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone through the year 2012.

The Draft CAAP lists emission reduction measures recommended by the Early Action Compact Task Force (EACTF). Table 1 covers measures recommended as requirements in all MSA counties and implemented by state rule. Table 2 contains measures recommended for implementation by local regulation, agreement or voluntary arrangement. The key measures that are most likely to ensure attainment of the 8-hour NAAQS by 2007 are:

- A1 Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance
- A15 & B1 Texas Emission Reduction Program

As a signatory under the O3 Flex Agreement (adopted in March 2002), Williamson County committed to implement the following voluntary emission reduction measures on Table 2 (attached – highlighted in blue):

- B3 Transportation Emission Reduction Measures (TERMs)
- B13 Low VOC Striping Material
- B16 Tree Planting
- B21 Low Emission Vehicles
- B28 Direct Deposit
- B29 e-Government and/or Available Locations
- B31 Fueling of Vehicles in Evening
- B33 Resource Conservation
- B38 Ozone Action Day Education Program

The Early Action Compact Task Force (EACTF) has recommended that in addition to supporting all necessary measures from Table 1, each signatory implement at least three Table 2 measures in addition to the ongoing O3 Flex commitments.

We are recommending that Williamson County include the following Table 2 measures for inclusion in the CAAP (highlighted in green on Table 2):

- B1 Texas Emission Reduction Program (TERP)
- B2 Texas Low Emission Diesel for Fleets
- B3* Transportation Emission Reduction Measures
- B16* Tree Planting
- B25 Business Evaluation of Fleet Usage, Including Operations and Right Sizing
- B29* e-Government
- B39 Ozone Action Day Response Program
- B14 *Landfill Controls – to be researched further for possible inclusion*

* Included in O3 Flex Plan – efforts on these items would be expanded



DRAFT CLEAN AIR ACTION PLAN (CAAP) RECOMMENDED EMISSION REDUCTION MEASURES

October 31, 2003

INTRODUCTION

This document lists emission reduction measures recommended by the Early Action Compact Task Force (EACTF) for inclusion in the Austin/Round Rock MSA Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP). While some measures apply to multiple counties, others vary by jurisdiction. During the stakeholder process these measures came to the forefront. They are effective in other nonattainment areas and local models show them to reduce emissions cost effectively.

The measures form two categories, summarized in separate tables. (Appendices A and B provide measure details.) Table 1 covers measures recommended as requirements in all MSA counties (except where noted) and implemented by state rule. Table 2 contains measures recommended for implementation by local regulation, agreement or voluntary arrangement. Jurisdictions may select from Table 2 the measures that will complete their "fair share" obligation to emission reductions. Non-signatory jurisdictions, public sector agencies and businesses may also participate in the Table 2 measures.

The MSA now has in place, or has planned for, several measures not included in the baseline emissions inventory (1999). The CAAP intends to account for these anticipated reductions. Implementation requires no additional planning or funding. The measures include:

- The March 2002 O₃ Flex Agreement, implemented throughout the MSA, with estimated NO_x reductions of 6.7 tpd and VOC reductions of 2.3 tpd;
- The early introduction (May 2003) and continued use of Ultra Low Sulfur Gasoline throughout the MSA;
- The ALCOA Agreement, expected to reduce their NO_x emissions 90% by 2007; and
- State and federal measures, such as Tier 2 fuel and vehicle emissions standards, scheduled to come on line during the implementation period.