Listening Sessions



Transportation and Climate Initiative

Goals of Regional Listening Sessions





- Understand our region's transportation needs and opportunities, and what would make it easy to adopt low carbon options;
- Outline goals for a future, low carbontransportation system for our region, and
- Discuss how different types of state/regional policies & actions can help meet those goals.
- Sessions around the region:
 - April 9, in Albany, NY
 - May 21, in Hartford, CT
 - June 6, in Wilmington, DE
 - July 24, in New York, NY
 - August 27, in Largo, MD
 - States conducted additional sessions & outreach

Who Participated?

Five regional listening sessions and many state-based session were held in 2017/8.

Outreach to over 2,000 stakeholders and citizens.

Nearly 500 people attended the Regional Sessions alone and provided input joining with with over 100 state staff from TCI jurisdictions. The staffers participated directly to hear participants' ideas directly and to help them explore some of the issues raised first hand.

Participants included:

- Trucking Companies
- Cities and Towns
- Public Transit
- Environmental Justice
 Communities
- Small and Large Businesses
- Auto Companies
- Environmental Advocates
- Transportation Planners
- Technology Innovators
- Freight Companies

How would you answer these questions?

What would make it easier for you to transition to low-carbon transportation choices?

"A regional low-carbon transportation policy should...."

Reflecting on the goals identified (in the earlier question), what policies or actions should be explored to accomplish the region's low-carbon transportation goals?

Policy Actions Identified by Stakeholders

Location	Working Teams	Policies sets received
Albany, New York (preview)	12	18
Albany, New York	35	63
Hartford, Connecticut	27	42
Wilmington, Delaware	34	48
New York, New York	36	61
Largo, Maryland	25	54
Total	169	286 policy sets

Policy actions identified most often by stakeholders

People want reliable, affordable, fair, safe and clean transportation. To get that, they suggested the states should:

- 1. Price pollution transparently and reinvest proceeds
- 2. Electrify all travel modes
- 3. Incorporate smart growth, zoning changes, transitoriented development and affordable housing in plans
- 4. Encourage modes of transportation
- 5. Support alternative fuel use
- Improve ports and other freight facilities



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Listening Session Summary Report



TCI Regional Policy Announcement

- Announcement by 10 jurisdictions in December 2018
- "design a regional low-carbon transportation policy proposal that would cap and reduce carbon emissions from the combustion of transportation fuels... and allow each TCI jurisdiction to invest proceeds from the program into low-carbon and more resilient transportation infrastructure." - CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, PA, RI, VT, VA, D.C.



TRANSPORTATION & CLIMATE INITIATIVE STATEMENT

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The Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states are taking steps to develop cleaner transportation systems that reduce congestion, promote walking, blcycling and transit use, support innovation and economic growth, improve air quality, help communities become resilient to extreme weather events, and equitably have the benefits and burdens among users. Since 2010, we have collaborated through the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI), recognizing that our states and communities in this region and across the United States are already experiencing the erious impacts of climate change. Emissions from transportation account for the largest portion of the region's carbon pollution and a recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that ambitious reductions are needed within the next decade to avoid dangerous impacts to public health, infrastructure, and the environment. Advancing low-carbon transportation solutions presents an opportunity for our region to improve the way people and goods move from place to place while addressing the threats posed by carbon and other pollution.

TCI member jurisdictions recognite that a regional low-carbon transportation policy would enable us to cut carbon pollution in line with our emission reduction goals. In 2017, several TCI jurisdictions committed to engage with the public in a conversation about the "opportunities and challenges, the benefits we would all like to see in the transportation system of the future, and the policies that will enable us to realize this future together." Over the past year, doesn'd TCI state officials facilitated regional listening sessions with 500 stakeholders to discuss low-carbon transportation goals, needs, and policy solutions. A diverse group of stakeholders in the region have expressed strong interest in the potential for establishing a market-based policy to reduce carbon polition from the transportation sector. Public input and other expert policy analyses underscore the potential economic, environmental, and public health benefits of relimesting the proceeds from such a program into more clean transportation options, such a public transit; transiet oriented development, zero-emission vehicles, innovative efficiency strategies, and other solutions that move people and goods more efficiently while generating less pollution, including in environmental justice communities.

Informed by input from hundreds of stakeholders and expert analysis, the participating TCI jurisdictions will design a regional low-carbon transportation policy proposal that would cap and reduce carbon emissions from the combustion of transportation fuels through a cap-and-invest program or other pricing mechanism, and allow each TCI jurisdiction to invest proceeds from the program into low-carbon and more resilient transportation infrastructre. This proposed program, when combined with existing programs and complementary policies, will be designed to achieve substantial reductions in transportation sector emissions and provide net economic and social benefits for participating states.

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