

Governor's Recycling Council (GRC) Meeting Notes

September 22, 2015

Meeting: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Working Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

DEQ Constitution Hall, Great Lakes Conference Room, 6th Floor, South Tower

1. Attendance:

All members of the GRC were present except Linda Gobler. A number of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff attended, as well.

2. Welcome:

MDEQ Director Dan Wyant and GRC Chair Jim Frey welcomed the GRC members and guests. Jim Frey reviewed the agenda.

3. Status Report:

Director Wyant and staff reviewed and summarized the *Residential Recycling Plan Briefing* (attached).

4. Dialogue with MDOT Representatives on Recycling Opportunities and Challenges – Kristin Schuster, MDOT, et.al.

MDOT discussed program, road condition, and funding issues related to the MDOT system, roughly 10% of road system with majority of traffic. Pavement condition is important to MDOT and is managed through an asset management approach. MDOT specifications are permissive to allow for crumb rubber (tires) and RAS (shingles) to be included if selected by the contractor. MDOT recycles both concrete pavement and HMA pavement on projects. MDOT has used compost on some projects with mixed results. MDOT is interested in exploring opportunities to improve compost specifications. MDOT and DEQ are exploring providing recycling at rest areas.

5. Recycle by Design Updates – Kerrin O'Brien/Matt Flechter/Jim Frey

We are proceeding with plans to kick off the *Recycle by Design* challenge on November 2, 2015, and will request the Governor's assistance in this important effort when we meet with him tomorrow. The attached brochure was provided to the GRC and discussed. Fundraising efforts are continuing with the hope of securing significant funding commitments before the kick off date.

6. Recycling Measurement Legislation – Sarah Howes/Tonia Olson

Sarah Howes reported that the recycling measurement draft was introduced by Senator Green and is Senate Bill 507. Here is a direct link to the bill: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0507> .

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Natural Resources Committee. Director Wyant, Jim Frey, Tonia Olson and DEQ staff will be meeting with Senator Casperson, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, in the coming weeks to explain the importance and need for the legislation and request that it be taken up before the committee.

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7. GRC Policy Statement Updates: Proposal for Hauler Access Legislation – Jim Frey

Jim Frey presented the attached modifications to the GRC's proposed final policy statement on access. With minor changes, GRC approved the proposed modifications.

8. Preparation for September 23, 2015, 1:00 p.m. meeting with the Governor – Bryce Feighner

Plans for the meeting with the Governor were discussed. All GRC members were invited to attend. The *Residential Recycling Plan Briefing* discussed above has already been provided to the Governor and will provide some of the talking points for the presentation. We will inform the Governor of our plans to move forward with *Recycle by Design* and request assistance from his office to help make this happen.

Attachments:

Residential Recycling Plan Briefing

Recycle by Design Brochure

Final Proposed GRC Access Policy Statement for 9-22-2015