

**Sustainable Transportation Working Group
Meeting Notes 1/14/09**

Participants: See attached

Action items:

Charlotte:

1. Contact UC Federal Govt relations regarding unworkability of bike tax credit as written for UC (and other non-profits).
2. Check with labor relations to see if offering a bike tax credit to employees will affect bargaining unit contracts.

STWG members:

Bike Tax Credit: estimate the # of employees who might be eligible for the tax credit.

Agenda

1. Bike Tax Credit

- The Commuter Check company is offering to sign up employers to offer the bike tax credit, despite advice from our tax advisors that the program cannot be operated that way.
- League of American Bicyclists is working with their lobbyists to make the tax credit more workable. Jamey Wagner has suggested to them that they make the language on their website more nebulous, as it implies that the program is operational now.

- Action items:

Strem: Contact UC Federal Govt relations regarding unworkability of bike tax credit as written for UC (and other non-profits).

All: contact other entities and find out if anyone is offering the tax credit.

- Determine the # of people who might be eligible for the tax credit

2. GHG changes to CEQA checklist

The Office of Planning and Research (OPR) has proposed changes to the CEQA Guidelines to include Greenhouse Gas emission analysis in the Initial Study checklist, and has proposed changes to the transportation questions that would change how transportation analysis is done.

3. GHG emission reduction goal from transportation:

Each campus will develop emission reduction goals for transportation, in each of areas listed below (fleet, commute, and business travel) and report annually on progress toward achieving the goals.

4. Zip car contract update

Charlotte Strem, Teresa Buika and Brian Agius continue to negotiate with Zip Car for a systemwide opt-in contract. The UC contract is being reformatted to a generic UC

format. Charlotte will send out key terms to Transportation Directors and Fleet Managers to confirm interest and update people on the current status of the negotiations.

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New guideline:

- a. Section III of the Policy on Sustainable Practices addresses Climate Protection Practices. To comply with that guideline, campuses will prepare inventories of campus GHG emissions for their Climate Action Plans (by 12/08). The inventories include GHG emissions from fleets, commuting and business air travel. Each campus will develop emission reduction goals for transportation, in each of areas listed below (fleet, commute, and business travel) and report annually on progress toward achieving the goals.
- b. Optional mechanisms for reducing transportation emissions
Mechanisms for reducing transportation emissions from **fleet** include:
 - replacing vehicles with low or no emission vehicles
 - rightsizing fleets (determining the appropriate fleet size, revising business practices to reduce need for travel)
 - reduce fleet fuel consumption
 - reduce fleet vehicle miles traveled
 - increase use of fuels with lower GHG emissions.

Mechanisms for reducing **commute** emissions include:

- construct additional on-campus housing
- expand Transportation Demand Management programs: carshare, carpool (rideshare), vanpool, buspool, campus shuttles, transit, bicycle circulation system, pedestrian circulation system, emergency rides home, telecommuting, flexible schedules, parking management, etc.

Mechanisms to reduce **business travel** include:

- remote conferencing, such as teleconferencing, videoconferencing, and webconferencing