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*Strategy/Outreach***AGENDA -- NEXTEA ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS**
Meeting Thursday, March 26, 1997

1. Message/Information -- There is general agreement that NEXTEA as an major environmental bill is the appropriate message, and that good material on all environmental provisions is available from DOT on their Website and in materials prepared for POTUS event. Additional information on actual impacts of CMAQ and other environmental provisions in the current ISTEA law is being requested by the Hill and needs to be gathered. Ideally, this information should demonstrate objective results (e.g., air quality improvements for CMAQ) as opposed to anecdotes. This info-gathering should be assigned (EPA has begun work on some of this in response to post-hearing questions from the Hill).

2. Outreach -- Administration outreach meetings with environmental/sustainable development groups; conference of mayors; national league of cities, NACO and NGA as appropriate (need input from intergov on this) should be scheduled to update these groups on bill's status, Administration activities, and other legislative proposals on Hill. Initial meetings should be set up through White House with interested agencies attending. These initial meetings should be at the staff level to exchange information. Later meetings with CEOs, Mayors, etc., may be appropriate.

Agency officials should also include the environmental piece in their relevant speeches and look for opportunities to address the environmental issues. DOT and EPA have agreed to exchange speech text for the speeches already made to ensure they're in sync. The basic message is contained in DOT's briefing materials and that should be generally followed.

3. Hill Update/Visits -- We need an update from agencies/leg affairs on hearings held, hearings upcoming, and legislative proposals by opponents (Baucus bill in particular). Assignments need to be made for preparation of a list of members/staff who should get near-term briefings on the environmental issues in the bill and Administration officials to provide the briefings.

4. Coordination/Info Exchange -- A process should be established to ensure that all Administration offices/agencies working on NEXTEA can receive notice of hearings, legislative proposals, markups, requests for information, etc. OMB circulates most of this for clearance now. Can they be asked to also track hearings scheduled, markups and legislative proposals introduced and circulate to the contact list?

TO DO -- SUMMARY

1. Assign production of objective information about impacts of current ISTEA

environmental provisions. (EPA; consult w/ DOT?)

2. Assign scheduling of informational meetings with Administration, environmental community, state and local officials. (WH public liaison w/ WH intergovernmental affairs, CEQ. EPA, DOT to provide advice about agenda, invitees).
3. Assign preparation of list of near-term Hill briefings and officials to conduct the briefings. (WH, DOT, EPA leg affairs; CEQ -- DOT leg affairs to draft?)
4. Establish process for information exchange within Administration. (OMB)

Diane R. Montgomery

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Before I send this to EPA and DOT, I thought I'd get your reaction. Comments?

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Please forward to Camille Mittelholtz and Mike Savonis:

Per the EPA/DOT/WH office discussion yesterday on what the NEXTEA strategy should be, I think it might be helpful to get EPA and DOT staff together to discuss what sort of information might be useful versus what information is available to defend the NEXTEA environmental programs, particularly CMAQ.

I'm thinking that the goal would be to produce a single "educational" document that could be used by EPA, DOT, WH, and OMB in "outreach" sessions with environmental groups and Congress. For example, DOT could provide information on state-by-state break-outs of CMAQ funding under NEXTEA while EPA could provide data on air quality benefits of ISTEA CMAQ projects. This document would serve as a baseline from which Exec. Branch parties can build upon. I think this might be helpful to ensure that everyone is singing from the same song sheet. If everyone is agreeable, I'd be happy to schedule a meeting here at OMB next week.

Reaction?

*Strategy/Outreach***Welfare to Work Transportation****Welfare to Work Transportation Proposals**

The Administration has proposed two welfare-to-work transportation initiatives:

- NEXTEA includes a six-year, \$600 million grant program to help states, localities, and non-profit organizations develop transportation services to help welfare recipients and other low income workers get to jobs.
- The President's budget includes a \$10 million expansion of HUD's Bridges to Work demonstration project, which connects residents of five cities (Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee, and St. Louis) to suburban jobs and employment-related support services to help keep them in the workforce. The projects, developed by Philadelphia-based Public/Private Ventures, are supported by private foundations as well as HUD and are run by local public-private consortiums.

There is at least one proposal in Congress:

- Senator Specter, Santorum, and others plan to introduce a bill which would authorize \$250 million a year for a "reverse commute pilot program" modeled after the Public/Private Ventures program.

Possible Outreach Activities/Events/Executive Actions

There are several types of activities we could consider:

- Administration officials could conduct a briefing for groups concerned about welfare reform to inform them of the Administration's NEXTEA and budget proposals.
- The President could hold a White House meeting to highlight the need for transportation assistance in the welfare-to-work effort. He could promote his proposal and possibly issue executive orders such as one suggested by a consortium of state transportation officials which would require better coordination of existing federal human service transportation programs. Meeting invitees could include:
 - Business, nonprofit, and transportation executives involved in the Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee, and St. Louis Bridges to Work program;
 - National labor and business leaders interested in transportation issues;
 - Bipartisan Congressional sponsors of welfare to work transportation initiatives (i.e., Senators Specter and Santorum);

- Researchers from Public/Private Ventures, who could possibly release a report on the Bridges to Work program. (The organization plans to release a report in the next month or so but since it examines only at the first six months of program operation, it is unlikely to contain news.)
- The President or Administration officials could visit a transportation site in Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee, St. Louis, or elsewhere.

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Purpose of mtg:

How Admin. can be helpful in achieving Admin's

Ask Peggy Taylor to lay out their priorities:

Ed Witkin
Tim Nichols

Overview by Admin. (Steve Palmer)

Budget

- Andy Becker - state of play
- IETS stay away

Where They Can Help Us:

- Flexing of \$ from h/way to transit
- CMXP integrity
- State spending on training

Where We Can Help Them :

13(c)

DBA

- House Agenda
 - Skusker bill

- Senate Agenda

- Who Are Key Points of Contact

- for Admin.

- for Labor

Q & A

- How hard will we push to keep DBA in SIBs?

- DBA in SIBs are the Admin's position; We'll support it.

- If there's a fight on 13(c) or DBA will we threaten veto?

- It's premature.

- What about 13(c) for disabled; Elderly?

- Amtrak

- Labor participation on MPOs

- They want .5¢ dedicated to Amtrak?

NEXTEN
5/9/97

Regroup after budget review

- Secy. met w/ Sweeney next week

- SP:

• preserve IOTEA

- flexibility

- from h/ways of transit

- " " " Amtrak

- CMAQ / TE

- flexibility for local projects (h/way of transit)

- air Q, etc.

- innovative finance

- SIBs (w DBA)

→ job creation

- w-ob-work ~~SP~~ (State Q)

- DBE ~~not~~ reg's

Jay:

- budget deal ??

- SIBs

• final language is outstanding

• your position: labor std's are non-neg.

Innov. financ. beyond SIBs

DoE working to reform 13(C); DBA

working w/ FTA on SIB project

We're committed!!

Chapple & Shuster staff:

- We don't like these.

What's your stg.? We need strong hand as we go into conference?

^{Beverly, Magnithan, ZKC}
If it's not arch's work, there needs to be a vote - bad on Shuster.
SP:

- We're emphasizing array of issues -
- We haven't singled any out yet.

~~Baucter~~

Shuter talk of l/ships next wk.

We'll make sure this is hi. priority

W-do-w: Don K - LIV

- Will it provide a subsidy for non-union employers?
- Will displace union jobs

How does it work? Can states screw it up?

JK:

- (1) W-do-w Trans. program
 - sub: to 13(c)
 - Trans. services

- (2) Training proposal ($\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%)
 - existing prov. allows states to use portion of h/wy \$ for training, but most aren't using it

- all strengthened language to make it more effective; but there's no welfare

Exemption from blanket prohibition on hiring pref's

- (3) hiring pref. for welfare recip's or residents

- States or contracting auth. can exercise

Don K.

- (2) has had, been used as a subsidy to non-union contractors

This is in existing law; we can work w/ you to make it work

DIL:

~~with~~

— Rel. provision, when you add before recip. reference.

— Add'l. problem of having programming then Com.
new —

— Carpenters' Union.

— We have lots of members sitting on bench

— M/up:

Laban Mky.

- orig. a "briefing"
- Don talked to Peggy Taylor - she wants a sig. wdy, ~~with~~ a briefing
- Steve, Dan & Andy met w/ AFL-CIO

• They're going to work us over all more on SIBS

• DBA as broader issue

• 13(c)

• Training

• Welfare-to-work

• Amtrak

Within

* You want us to

* We

* You help us; we help you.

- These guys have lots of muscle - we'll need them.

- ~~But~~ But they're not sure ~~we~~ we'll be w/ them on certain issues.

What we've done for them

- SIBs & DBA
- 13(C)

-
- They like CMAQ b/c $> 1/3$ of it goes to mass transit.

heavily unsorted

-
- We need a better sense of how far we're willing to go.

We need to lay out some things

- CMAQ
- Training
- welfare - to work w/ 13(C)

- funding levels for Amtrak that are close to .5¢

This is a very + + situation.

- POTUS is out there on it.

90-130K bus

Labar NEXTEA Mtg.
5/6/97

- Dan, Andy & Steve - talked to AFK-CIO's NEXTEA working group / Comm. KEE

mostly building & trans. trades

- Peggy Taylor will do invites

• Ed Witek

• Tim Nichols

- We want to help you but you need to help us.

- # of jobs

DOT will talk to them ~~in~~ on agenda

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— Km 180
— labor wk. — major lobby's off
— want a sep. session

—

- what CO's are doing

- Eli Siegel effect

10/08

We want
to do
briefing
in advance

May 20: Welfare-to-work event

• He'll announce ²⁵ ~~small~~ ^{DOT} grants (\$10-15K)
get copy from DOT

Nancy McFadden - our point person on DBEs

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★ [May 14 - Roosevelt Room - trying to get
- urban counties

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