




MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2002
TO: Mayor Martinez and Council Members
FROM: Linda Stanley, Air Quality Advisory Board Vice-Chair 
SUBJECT: Air Quality Advisory Board – 2001 Annual Report

The Air Quality Advisory Board met in 12 regular meetings and one special meeting during 2001. Following is a summary of the Board's activities.

MEMOS TO CITY COUNCIL

Mason Street Corridor Plan – conveyed ongoing support for the Mason Street Corridor project. (January 16, 2001)

Population growth estimation – AQAB recommended that City Council use realistic population growth estimates in City planning processes, including estimates for the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan, and that projections of growth should emphasize growth trends in recent years. (January 16, 2001)

Input on transportation capital improvement projects – AQAB supported the priorities identified in a 4/9/01 memo from Ron Phillips, called for funding to be shifted to alternative modes, and called for development to pay its own way. (May 9, 2001)

I-25 Corridor Plan – In a July 3, 2001 memo, the AQAB raised several concerns to Council about the I-25 Corridor Plan, although stated support for the principles of regional cooperation and planning. In an August 10, 2001 memo, the AQAB unanimously recommended against adoption of the I-25 Corridor Plan, citing flaws in several areas including air quality, transportation, land use, public health, and public process.

Transit as a Primary Service – the AQAB recommended to Council that transit should be designated a primary City service in order to meet critical VMT reduction goals. (July 31, 2001)

I-25 Subarea Plan – The AQAB recommended against adoption of the I-25 Subarea Plan, even after it had been revised, citing concerns with resources and land uses, air quality, transit, funding, and public outreach. (October 12, 2001)

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Transfort Strategic Plan – the AQAB recommended adoption of the Transfort Strategic Plan, and that Transfort investigate, to the greatest extent possible, means for people to carry their bikes on board, or on racks. (March 27, 2001)

Mason Street – the AQAB recommended to City Council that the Mason Street Corridor be allowed to stand on its own as a ballot issue, or be funded from the general fund, but not be included as part of the road ballot issue. (August 28, 2001)

Setbacks from Wastewater Treatment Works to Habitable Structures – the AQAB supported the proposed amendments to the City land use code that would maintain a 1000 foot buffer around the City's wastewater treatment facilities. (October 23, 2001)

OTHER BOARD ACTIVITIES FROM THE 2001 WORK PLAN

AQAP Mid-Course Correction – the AQAB was involved with updating the Air Quality Action Plan, recommending several modifications to the plan. They voted unanimously to approve the AQAB mid-course correction that was presented to Council for adoption in March.

VMT growth – the Board provided input on several projects that relate to VMT reduction including the Bike Depot Feasibility Study, the Truck Mobility study, and they received periodic updates on progress of the City's LUTRAQ committee.

Tailpipe Emissions – the AQAB continued to provide a representative to the MPO's Regional I/M committee. This representative was very involved providing input on the start-up of the Rapid Screen supplement to the I/M program.

Air Quality Redesignation – the AQAB received periodic updates on the effort to redesignate to attainment for carbon monoxide.

Second Hand Smoke – In February 2001, Board members provided comments (as citizens) on the second hand smoke issue. In December, they were updated on the status of the issue by Larimer County Department of Health and Environment.

Radon Ordinance Review - In March 2001, the Board provided input into the radon program review report.

Global Warming – The Board heard status reports on the citywide climate protection efforts in 2000 and on the City's Climate Wise program.

OTHER BOARD ACTIVITIES

New Home Study – In November, the board heard a presentation on results of the comprehensive new home study that evaluated the impact of the City's energy code.

Hydrogen Task Force – In December, the Board heard a presentation on the recommendations of the City's Hydrogen Task Force.