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CLIMATE CHANGE NOTE:

The SMAQMD's Land Use Mitigation Measures (AQ-15) now include CO2 reduction percentages. Contact JJ Hurley for more information at jhurey@airquality.org



Important Dates & Updates

June 1, 2008—The SMAQMD recommended URBEMIS 2007 be used to conduct air quality analyses for a project with an environmental document released for public review on or after this date. Older versions of URBEMIS are no longer acceptable.

July 1, 2008—The mitigation fee rate for NOx emissions increased to \$16,000 per ton. All projects with an environmental document released for public review on or after this date must utilize this fee rate.

FAQ—The SMAQMD's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document has been updated with questions asked at the March URBEMIS training session. The FAQ is posted on the SMAQMD's CEQA webpage. In addition to the FAQ update, the URBEMIS training scenario and presentation have been posted. *(continued on page 2)*

Hurray for Million Mile May

The bicyclist of the region should be proud of their accomplishment; this May over 1.2 million miles were ridden. The SMAQMD proudly sponsored this campaign but also actively participated. Thirty-eight SMAQMD staffers rode 8,662 miles; earning itself a second place finish in the small employer category. Board member Jeff Starsky and Executive Director Larry Greene were among seven at the SMAQMD that rode over 500 miles. Our other 500+ staffers include Bruce Nixon, Darrell Singleton, Don Dumaine, Patrick Tedeschi and Danny Kam. Bicycling is good for air quality and our health. Bicycling can be a viable trans-
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Draft Protocol Revisions for Review

The SMAQMD is requesting comments on its proposed revisions to the *Recommended Protocol for Evaluating the Location of Sensitive Land Uses Adjacent to Major Roadways* (Protocol). Revisions include:

- Updated cancer risk values to reflect 2008 EMFAC emissions
- Revised health risk assessment procedure
- Shading removed from screening tables
- Guidance provided on how to address background risk, multiple sources, non-cancer health risks, and controversy in developing and reporting health risk values
- Expanded section on potential mitigation measures

The technical appendix has also been revised and is available for comment.

There is a public workshop scheduled for July 1 at 10:30 at the SMAQMD office. Comments are due by **July 15**. The documents are available on the SMAQMD's website. Questions regarding the Protocol may be directed to Ms. Rachel DuBose at 916-874-4876.

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Roadway Construction Emissions Model—

This model for linear projects has been updated to include emission factors from EMFAC and OFFROAD 2007. Construction years have also been expanded. Another update is in the works to include CO2 and PM2.5 emissions. Download the updated model from the SMAQMD's CEQA webpage.

(Million Mile May continued...)

portation mode, especially with the number of bike lanes and trails in the region. The Million Mile May campaign shows the decision-makers of the region the importance of maintaining and building more bicycling infrastructure. The SMAQMD is proud of its bicyclists, and showing its leadership by example.

School Siting

On May 16 the Local Government Commission (LGC) facilitated an all-day forum on school siting collaboration. The event, sponsored by the SMAQMD, brought together about forty individuals involved in school siting decisions to discuss the process.

The group explored possible new collaborative practices which included formalizing the exchange of information between schools and others, a need for a coordinating entity, and including school siting policies in General Plans. By the end of the day, participants were hopeful and excited about communicating with each other in a more productive way. The LGC plans to publish a report of findings on its website, www.lgc.org. Contact Scott Clark at 916-448-1198 for more information.