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To: Tri-MATS Committees

From: Tanna Dole, Transportation Programs Manager

Re: Preventing Ozone Nonattainment

## **BACKGROUND:**

Late in the fall of 2015, the BFCG transportation office spoke with Robin Priddy P.E., the Executive Director of the Benton Clean Air Agency concerning a potential, noted by the Washington Department of Ecology, for high ozone readings in the Tri-Cities.

Ms. Priddy gave an informational presentation (attached) to the BFCG Board in April 2017, speaking about ozone in the Tri-Cities. She gave a brief history from past years:

- 2013 – AirPact (air quality model) showed potential for high ozone in Kennewick. Mobile monitoring showed high ozone.
- 2014 – Temporary Monitor on Kellogg; mobile monitoring.
- 2015 – Permanent Ozone Monitor established at BCAA offices.
- 2015 – National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone reduced to 70 ppb from 75 ppb.
- 2016 – Precursor Study Begins (Washington Department of Ecology, Washington State University and the RJ Lee Group)
- 2017 – Results of Precursor Study (December)

BFCG has remained in contact with the Benton Clean Air Agency as the 2016 Precursor Study has progressed. Recently, Ms. Priddy visited the BFCG office with some preliminary results of the study and said the final study results are expected in December. Preliminary results indicate that the Tri-Cities continues to have high ozone readings.

BFCG staff will recommend an air quality workshop be organized in February 2018. The workshop would include Washington Department of Ecology, Benton Clean Air Agency and WSDOT. Final results of the Precursor Study would be presented with time provided for Q/A.

Link to the Tri-Cities Ozone Precursor Study

[http://lar.wsu.edu/nw-airquest/docs/20170614\\_meeting/NWAQ\\_Jobson\\_TCOPS\\_20170616.pdf](http://lar.wsu.edu/nw-airquest/docs/20170614_meeting/NWAQ_Jobson_TCOPS_20170616.pdf)