

Spokane Regional Clean Transportation Coalition
Meeting Notes
November 21, 2024

In attendance: Rendall Farley, Jackie Churchill, Rick Giddings, Christian Bigger, Dave Stensland, Bob Turner, Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien

- Agenda Item 1 – Announcements / Updates
 - Jason provided a few general updates:
 - The Climate Commitment Act was preserved in the Nov 5 election, allowing for continuation of programs like the WA EV Charging Program.
 - The WA Dept of Commerce Instant Rebate Program delivered over 6,000 rebates since August for purchase of new or used EVs. This maxed out the program’s funding and rebates are no longer available unless the state legislature authorizes additional funding.
 - Journal of Business article cited EV market trends in WA:
 - In Q2 2024, 17.9% of new light-duty vehicle sales were EVs in WA and nearly 10% of new sales nationally were EVs. WA ranks fourth in EV market share. Data sourced from Alliance for Automotive Innovation.
 - Rendall Farley is looking for accurate data on the percentage of new vehicle sales that are electric. A market tipping point is around 15% of sales (w/o any subsidies).
 - Upcoming grant opportunities include:
 - WA State EV Charging Program – this Dept of Commerce program has not released a new NOFO—likely to happen in 2025 and worth monitoring since Climate Commitment Act is still in effect.
 - [WSDOT NEVI NOFO](#) – corridor charging funding through WSDOT, released in October. Federal formula funds for this program are provided through the BIL. Applications are due by 1/15/25 to support DCFC along designated corridors. Additional funding rounds are planned for 2025-2026.
 - Bob Turner had looked at this program but it had too many restrictions for the purposes of Spokane Valley.
 - Rendall indicated that Avista is not applying for this first round of funding.
 - Christian Bigger noted that STA completed installation of charging management software at the Boone garage. It will place the load of charging buses to off-peak hours. Next STA is working on fleet transition plans for its non-fixed route vehicles (i.e. paratransit).

- Dave Stensland raised the opportunity of tax credits (through the federal Inflation Reduction Act) for clean energy type projects that include eligibility for non-profits and government entities. WA Dept of Commerce offers technical assistance to navigate the tax incentive process.
- Agenda Item 2 – SRTC Smart Mobility Plan completion
 - The final [Smart Mobility Plan](#) will go before the SRTC Board for approval on 12/12/24.
 - The Plan includes recommendations for incorporating technology in transportation, such as broadband/fiber investments, ITS, and connected signal systems. Appendix D of the Plan provides in-depth guidance on EV charging needs, policy, and best practices.
 - The Plan also suggests pilot projects for curbside EV charging and a mobility hub.
- Agenda Item 3 – 2025 Meetings
 - Jason offered the possibility of conducting the Coalition meetings quarterly next year. Rick asked if there is a message platform we could use to communicate between meeting times. SRTC will investigate this. We can revisit this at the next meeting.
 - The meeting ended at 3:43pm. Jason will send an invite for the next meeting to occur in January 2025.