

## Spokane Regional Clean Transportation Coalition

### Meeting Notes

September 19, 2024

In attendance: Rendall Farley, Jackie Churchill, Rick Giddings, Christian Bigger, Charlie Wolff, Dave Stensland, Juli Wallace, Lois Bollenback, Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien

- Agenda Item 1 – Announcements / Updates
  - Jason provided a few general updates:
    - The [Green Transportation Summit & Expo](#) took place Aug 20-22 in Tacoma. No one had a report back on this event.
    - WA state continues to explore how to roll out an E-bike rebate program. Funding for this was authorized by the state legislature in 2023. It appears to be at least 2025 before the program is launched as the details are worked out.
    - Current grant opportunities were noted:
      - DOE Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy has a [funding page](#) with various programs in Vehicle Technologies, Hydrogen & Fuel Cells, Solar, Advanced Manufacturing, etc. Focus is on research and development of these technologies. Dave Stensland from Itron is looking at possibilities here.
      - [WA Dept of Commerce Grid Resilience and Reliability Grant](#) has \$26m available with applications due 10/24/24. It is funded through state formula funds authorized through the BIL.
    - Upcoming grant opportunities include:
      - [WA State EV Charging Program](#). This Dept of Commerce program is on hold pending the November vote on the Climate Commitment Act. The election result will impact the status of this program.
      - [NEVI Program](#) – corridor charging funding through WSDOT is expected to be released through a first round RFP by end of this year. No release date has been specified yet.
  - [An EV promotional event](#) is taking place in Liberty Lake on 9/28/24 as part of National Drive Electric Week, 9am to 1pm at the STA Park & Ride.
- Agenda Item 2 – Guest Presentation from STA’s Christian Bigger
  - Christian presented slides on STA’s fleet transition plan. It included information on the current bus fleet mix, transition scenarios toward a zero-emission fleet, energy performance, market conditions, and costs. A full slide deck is [available here](#).
  - Q&A included:
    - Do fleet cost estimates include the cost of the operator? – No.

- When making projections, are advances in technology and cost increases considered? – Yes, there are conservative year to year assumptions made to inflate or advance projected costs.
- Is onsite energy production considered? – Some initial discussions have occurred re: hydrogen production/storage or solar, but these are preliminary and not factored in the reported transition plan data.
- Agenda Item 3 – Smart Mobility / Regional EV Planning
  - Jason gave a brief recap of the Smart Mobility work that SRTC is leading, which includes an element of EV charging network planning. This element has been drafted and provides sections on projected EV adoption rates for Spokane County, best practices, land use policies, and ways to support public and residential charging infrastructure. The final draft will be released soon.
- Agenda Item 4 – Next Meeting
  - Jason noted the [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regional Transportation Summit](#), hosted by SRTC, will take place on 10/17/24 at CenterPlace Regional Event Center. It is a breakfast event with speaker presentations on integrating technology in transportation. Tickets can be purchased from the event page.
  - The meeting ended at 4:00pm. Jason will send an invite for the next meeting in November 2024.