

Spokane Regional Clean Transportation Coalition
Meeting Notes
January 16, 2025

In attendance: Rendall Farley, Jackie Churchill, Rick Giddings, Logan Callen, Steven Polunsky, Charlie Wolff, Kim Zentz, Christian Bigger, Dave Stensland, Jami Hayes, Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien

- Agenda Item 1 – Introductions
- Agenda Item 2 – Announcements / Coordination Updates
 - Jason provided a few updates:
 - [WSDOT NEVI NOFO](#) – corridor charging funding through WSDOT, released in October. Federal formula funds for this program are provided through the BIL. Applications were due by 1/15/25 but deadline extended to 1/31/25. Additional funding rounds are planned for 2025-2026.
 - [WSDOT EV Charging Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator grant](#) – NOFO released in Dec. to repair or replace existing non-operational chargers that are on the FHWA eligibility list. \$9.5 million available. Applications due by 1/30/25, 20% match requirement. Program authorized through the BIL.
 - Jason noted a win for the Pacific NW through the federal CFI Program—the West Coast Truck Charging and Fueling Infrastructure project was awarded \$102m to install 20 med/HD vehicle charging stations and 3 hydrogen fueling stations along the I-5 corridor through WA, OR, and CA.
 - Spokane International Airport installed 10 EV charging spaces in its recent expansion of Concourse C parking.
 - A [webinar for WA Climate Action Planning](#) will take place on 1/27/25 at 2pm re: the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. Steven Polunsky noted impressive work has gone into this and encouraged people to attend.
 - [EV Charging Summit & Expo](#) is coming up in Las Vegas on March 25-27.
 - Christian Bigger noted two STA projects are expected to be funded as ranked on the [WSDOT Green Transportation Grant Program Prioritized Project List](#) for battery-electric charging infrastructure and purchase of battery-electric support vehicles. This program is focused on carbon reduction projects at transit authorities.
 - Additionally, Christian mentioned that CARB (CA Air Resources Board) withdrew its request to the federal EPA for a Clean Air Act waiver to implement a key aspect of its Advanced Clean Fleets regulation. This impacts California's regulatory push for the transition of med./HD trucks to zero-emission. This also

has implications for states that may follow California's lead as well as the production and sale of zero-emission med./HD vehicles.

- Steven Polunsky mentioned the stated priorities of Governor Ferguson include affordable housing. Affordable housing may be tied to affordable clean transportation options. He indicated that the WA EV Charging Program through the Dept. of Commerce does not have a release date for future funding calls, yet he is optimistic that the program will carry on under the new governor.
- Dave Stensland mentioned the EPA grant awarded to Gonzaga last year to support increasing community climate resilience and building capacity to address local environmental and climate justice challenges. The award is nearly \$20m. One of the proposed projects is to establish "resiliency hubs" for shelter during extreme weather events such as heat waves.
- Second, Dave mentioned the DOE launched its [Renew America's Schools Program](#) aimed to help schools make energy-efficient and clean energy upgrades. Applications are open for a third round of funding, due by 4/3/25.
- Logan Callen promoted the City of Spokane's [Climate Planning Survey](#). It will be available until 1/31/25.
- Uptic Studios is hosting a free forum – [Building a Sustainable Future](#) – 1/30/25, 5:30-7:30pm.
- Agenda Item 3 – [Commerce ETS Grant](#) – Final Year
 - Various local partners contributed to this successful grant application in 2021. 2025 is the final year for the grant contract. To date, 24 charging sites have been completed around the region as part of this grant, with more coming online this year. Project partners include SRTC, Avista, STA, Commerce, and local jurisdictions.
 - Rendall noted that while all sites from the original grant proposal will not be completed, he is confident that the result of this and other related projects will provide one of the best per capita charging networks in the nation.
- Agenda Item 4 – 2025 Schedule & Next Meeting
 - Jason suggested continuing the meeting schedule of every other month. Jason asked for future meeting content ideas. Possible guest speakers were suggested: STA's Brandon or Karl (Christian), contact from the West Coast Truck Charging project or school district contact working on bus electrification (Rendall). Avista is working on an update to its TE Plan; this could serve as a discussion item at upcoming meetings. Please provide any other ideas back to Jason.
 - The meeting ended at 4:01pm. Jason will send an invite for the next meeting to occur in March 2025.