

Spokane Regional Clean Transportation Coalition

Meeting Notes

March 20, 2025

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

- Agenda Item 1 – Updates
 - Kenworth Sales is hosting an event to learn about Advanced Clean Truck Regulations – Tues March 25, 11am-2pm, at Kenworth Sales Post Falls. RSVP needed.
 - [EV Charging Summit & Expo](#) is coming up in Las Vegas on March 25-27.
 - The WA legislature is currently in session. Budget to be set will impact the future delivery of programs like EV rebates and the EV Charging Program.
 - WSDOT is running a pilot for [E-bike rebates](#) with application opening in April. In a separate program, WSDOT will provide grant support for development of local E-bike lending libraries.
- Agenda Item 2 – EV Car Share Project – Mason Burley
 - Mason Burley, the CEO at Urbanova, presented information on EV carshare in Spokane:
 - ZEV Co-op is a nonprofit that operates EV carshare models in the Puget Sound area. They have expanded to Spokane through a WSDOT grant, offering their service on the Gonzaga campus. With a new grant awarded through the WA Dept of Ecology, Urbanova is assisting ZEV Co-op in narrowing sites for an additional location in Spokane. The service allows participants to pay a fee for use of an EV as needed for local trips.
 - Potential new locations under consideration include North Spokane, East Central, Kendall Yards, and STA Park & Ride locations. Mason is taking input on these and possible new locations. He can be reached at mburley@urbanova.org.
- Agenda Item 3 – 2024 Avista Activity Review – Rendall Farley
 - Rendall Farley, Clean Energy Solutions Manager at Avista, presented information on transportation electrification at Avista:
 - Rendall noted a newer private player in the charging station market – [IONNA](#). Offering charging infrastructure plus amenities like a conventional gas station. They are moving to expand nationally. Rendall also noted another piece of new tech offered by [Range Energy](#), which has created battery powered retrofitting for tractor trailers to provide electric assist with any tractor type. This system claims significant reductions in

fuel consumption and emissions compared to a traditional diesel-only setup.

- Avista is revisiting its Transportation Electrification (TE) Plan. Looking at local market share of EVs, the current share is exceeding projections. Future projected growth is being reviewed. Avista continues to work on building out a local EV charging network and, in the process, create more pull-through sites for larger vehicles and vehicles with trailers.
- Rick asked the going rate for electric charging—it is 42 cents per kWh.
- As Avista get farther into its TE Plan update, Rendall can return with more information and further discussion.

➤ Agenda Item 4 – Federal Direction

- With an abrupt change in federal direction, previous programs are under review. Under USDOT, projects referring to green infrastructure, bike infrastructure, EV infrastructure, and greenhouse gas reductions are being critiqued and could potentially be removed if not yet fully obligated.
- One of the larger programs, NEVI, is in a holding pattern at WSDOT while federal direction is clarified.
- With a distinct, more counter policy direction to cleaner energy, and as a local body under the direction of federal law, but also as a state-mandated RTP, SRTC proposes to continue this coordinating group as it has in the past, however with a rebranding of the name to “Alternative Transportation Fuels Coalition.” This does not fundamentally change the mission and discussion topics that are germane for the group, particularly as it relates to the many state initiatives in support of alternative and environmentally friendly fuels.

➤ Agenda Item 5 – General Coordination

- Steven Polunsky noted that he is tracking multiple bills in the state legislature, including those related to the Climate Commitment Act, affordable housing, clean fuels, and use of ROW for renewable energy production. He suggested going to [TVW.org](https://www.tvw.org) to view legislative activities.

➤ Agenda Item 6 – Next Meeting

- The meeting ended at 3:58pm. Jason will send an invite for the next meeting to occur in May 2025.