

Western Regional Meeting on State Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Planning

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 13, 2025

8:30am-9:00am

Continental Breakfast (sponsored by Electrify America)

9:00am-9:30am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Speakers:

- *Jessie Lund, Senior Program Director, Transportation, National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)*
- *Austin Willman, TA Regional Lead, NREL/Joint Office of Energy and Transportation*
- *Josh Rodriguez, Program Director for Environment, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)*
- *Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)*
- *Jake Garfield, Deputy Director, Utah Office of Energy Development (OED)*
- *Lindsie Smith, Executive Director, Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR)*

9:30am-11:00am

Setting the Stage: State EV Charging Infrastructure Round-Robin

States in the region will provide a 5–10-minute overview of EV charging infrastructure buildout in their state, including an overview of state incentive programs; EV registrations and projected growth of transportation electrification; state transportation electrification goals or supportive policies; and a preview of upcoming projects, milestones, or major challenges pertaining to transportation electrification and development of infrastructure for other alternative fuels.

11:00am-11:15am

Networking Break

11:15am-12:15pm

Improving Charger Reliability and User Experience through Program Design, Data, and Reporting

Collecting and sharing data on EV charging stations is critical to measuring EV charging reliability and improving the user experience. During this session, speakers will share how their state or organization is measuring EV charging reliability, enforcing uptime requirements, and collecting data from EV charging stations. The speakers will also address how they are approaching data collection from existing EV charging stations that contribute to their FHWA designated fully built-out alternative fuel corridors.

Moderator: Jimmy O'Dea, Assistant Deputy Director, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Speakers:

- *Dustin Schell, Air Resources Engineer, California Energy Commission*
- *Robin Shishido, Deputy Director, Highways Division, Hawaii Department of Transportation*
- *Sydney Martinez Bingham, Government Relations Manager, Francis Energy*

12:15pm-1:00pm

Lunch (sponsored by Kittelson & Associates)

1:00pm – 1:45 p.m.

Building a Skilled Workforce to Install and Maintain EV Charging Infrastructure and Service EVs: Efforts to Support Technician Training and Certification

State Energy Offices and State Departments of Transportation play a critical role in planning for widespread EV adoption. Part of these planning efforts include building a skilled workforce that can install EV charging infrastructure and provide timely maintenance and repairs to both charging equipment and vehicles. Training is also needed to ensure emergency responders are prepared to safely and effectively respond to incidents involving EVs. This session will highlight how SmarterHelp, Utah Clean Cities, and ChargeWest are supporting workforce development programs to prepare the workforce for widespread EV adoption.

Moderator: Lyle McMillan, Director, Strategic Technologies, Utah DOT

Speakers:

- *Kianna Scott, Chief Executive Officer, SmarterHelp*
- *Tammie Bostick, Executive Director, Utah Clean Cities Coalition*

1:45pm-3:00pm

Community Charging: How States are Supporting Level 2 Charging in Communities, Multi-Family Housing, and Workplaces

In recent years, historic levels of investment have been made in DCFC along corridors to enable long-distance travel for EV drivers; however, there are still great opportunities for states to support Level 2 charging, which can often be deployed more quickly and at a lower cost than DCFC. During this session, industry experts will discuss progress and lessons learned regarding Level 2 charging at multi-family housing units, workplaces, and other priority community locations. Panelists will also share best practices with hardware selection, permitting, siting, leveraging the public right-of-way, and coordinating with local governments.

Moderator: Mara MacDonell, EV Charging Program Manager, Washington State Department of Commerce, Energy Division

Speakers:

- *Alicia Cox, Executive Director, Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities*
- *Chris White, Senior Principal Planner, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.*
- *Josh Cohen, Head of Policy, SWTCH*

3:00pm-3:15pm

Networking Break

3:15pm-4:30pm

Medium- and Heavy-Duty Charging: How States Can Plan for and Support Charging for Electric Trucks, Delivery Vans, and Buses

States across the country are making substantial progress in supporting charging infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, including electric school buses, transit buses, delivery vans, and freight trucks. Presenters will share how they are coordinating with states, utilities, major fleets, EV charging providers, and other stakeholders to support charging infrastructure for medium and heavy-duty EVs, including planning efforts, fleet technical advisory services, vehicle and charging equipment incentives, and other technical assistance.

Moderator: Wesley Fitzgibbons, Senior Energy Engineer, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of Energy

Speakers:

- *Andrea Pratt, Board Member, Powering America's Commercial Transportation (PACT) and Vice President, Government and Utility Relations, Greenlane Infrastructure*
- *Jack Symington, Director, Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI)*
- *James Campbell, Director of the Utah Electrification Initiative, ASPIRE Center, Utah State University*
- *Tom Ashley, Vice President, Government and Utility Relations, Voltera*

4:30pm-5:00pm

Debrief and Preview of Tomorrow (States Only)

5:30pm-7:00pm

Networking Reception (sponsored by Voltera)

The Green Pig Pub (31 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, UT, 84111)

Friday, November 14, 2025

8:30am-9:00am

Breakfast (sponsored by Electrify America)

9:00am-10:00am

Regional Coordination on EV Charging Planning and Investment

With corridors crossing state borders and many private sector companies investing in multiple states, states are increasingly coordinating with their neighbors to scale best practices and intentionally plan together. Regional coordination between State Energy Offices, State DOTs, State Public Utility Commissions, utilities, and other key stakeholders is critical for ensuring strategic investments and streamlined processes for industry partners, as well as power availability to meet the increased electricity demand anticipated throughout the region. Coalitions of states have emerged and evolved to tackle region-specific priorities and challenges. Speakers will share best practices from regional collaboratives to date and discuss opportunities for enhanced coordination moving forward.

Moderator: Neal Ullman, Energy Resource Professional, Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality

Speakers:

- *Jimmy O'Dea, Assistant Deputy Director, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)*
- *Kandee Bahr Worley, Division Chief - Sustainability and Emerging Transportation, Nevada Department of Transportation*
- *Tammie Bostick, Executive Director, Utah Clean Cities Coalition*

10:00am -10:15am

Networking Break

10:15am-11:45am

Roundtable Discussion: State-Utility Coordination on Transportation Electrification Planning

States will engage in an open dialogue with utility experts to delve deeper into short-, medium-, and long-term grid planning to support increased electrification. Topics may include best practices in coordination, data sharing, utility programs to minimize grid impacts, flexible interconnection programs, integrating local energy assets with the grid, etc.

Moderator: Mark Wingate, State Planning Engineer, Wyoming Dept. of Transportation

Speakers:

- *Emma Wyma, Energy Policy Specialist – Electric Vehicle Charging, Washington State Department of Commerce*
- *John Williamson, Manager, Transportation Electrification, Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM)*
- *Erin Costigliolo, Economist, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)*

11:45am-12:00pm

Closing Remarks

NASEO and AASHTO will summarize key takeaways from the meeting and discuss next steps.

Speakers:

- *Josh Rodriguez, Program Director for Environment, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)*
- *Jessie Lund, Senior Program Director, Transportation, National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)*

12:00pm

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