## Alternative Transportation Fuels Coalition <u>Meeting Notes</u> May 22, 2025

In attendance: Rendall Farley, Jackie Churchill, Rick Giddings, Adam Russell, Steven Polunsky, Charlie Wolff, Christian Bigger, Jami Hayes, Bill Boyce, Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien

- ➤ Agenda Item 1 Updates & Coordination
  - o The group went through a round of introductions.
- ➤ Agenda Item 2 Guest Speaker Bill Boyce
  - Bill has done work with the West Coast Truck Charging & Fueling Corridor
    Project and shared his perspectives on this and other initiatives.
    - The West Coast Truck Charging Project is focused on creating a continuous charging network and alternative fuel infrastructure for medium/heavy duty vehicles along key freight corridors from the Canadian to Mexican borders through a partnership between Washington, Oregon, and California. The project received a \$102m federal CFI grant in 2024.
    - Bill shared his insights on the EV market: with the reduction/removal of incentives at the federal level the light-duty market will be left more to natural market forces. He noted that even if there was an impact to the national EV adoption rate, the international trend is moving to EVs.
    - Bill summarized his experience at the <u>Advanced Clean Transportation</u>
      <u>Expo</u> and recommended attendance at this annual event.
    - In response to questions, Bill added that we need to keep focusing on assumptions around the rate of market adoption of EVs. With this, it is key for utilities to understand load projections on the grid. Last, he suggested focusing on individual vehicle classifications (med/heavy-duty vs light duty), as these present distinct use cases for how EVs are deployed and infrastructure that is required. As an example, local delivery trucks.
- ➤ Agenda Item 3 Next Meeting
  - Steven Polunksy added that the NOFO was recently released for <u>FTA's Low or No Emission Grant Program</u> and that the WA Dept of Commerce is collecting info on legislative barriers to advancing local projects. Please provide any feedback to Steven. The meeting ended at 4:02pm. Jason will send an invite for the next meeting to occur in July 2025.