

Alternative Transportation Fuels Coalition

Meeting Notes

September 18, 2025

In attendance: Rendall Farley, Skip Hires, Glenn Wagemann, Steven Polunsky, Jami Hayes, Lois Bollenback, Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien

- Agenda Item 1 – Announcements & Coordination
 - The group went through a round of introductions. Skip Hires recently joined Avista as Product Manager for Clean Fleet Solutions.
 - Jason reviewed a few items:
 - Last meeting was in May with guest speaker Bill Boyce from the West Coast Truck Charging & Fueling Corridor Project.
 - Federal EV tax credits end on 9/30/25, which is modified from the original Inflation Reduction Act end date of 2032.
 - The federal NEVI program, which was put on hold, has been reinstated through court action. WSDOT submitted an updated NEVI Deployment Plan to FHWA and is currently reviewing Round 1 proposals from an RFP it issued last year.
 - WSDOT is accepting applications for the [E-Bike Lending Library Program](#). Application deadline has been extended to 10/3/25.
 - The H2 Hub program through DOE has uncertainty based on changing federal direction. The PNW H2 Hub was one of the regions selected during the Biden administration. Other projects in the hydrogen arena were noted—Glenn acknowledged hydrogen backup generators in development at WSDOT; Steven mentioned state efforts to upgrade train locomotives to hydrogen power.
 - A process is underway for federal transportation bill reauthorization, with the IIJA expiring in Sept 2026. Less support for alternative fuels is anticipated compared to the IIJA. Lois suggested that if anyone has transportation initiatives they'd like to promote, please communicate this to SRTC.
 - Steven mentioned the [Office of Renewable Fuels](#) at the WA Dept of Commerce as a good resource for what is happening in the hydrogen space. Shannon Pressler is on the staff and an expert on renewable fuels.
 - The [WA Zero-Emission Incentive Program](#) (WAZIP) was mentioned, which provides point-of-sale discounts to make cleaner vehicles more affordable for medium and heavy-duty fleets.

- Rendall promoted the upcoming GM EV Experience Tour event, which will be at Avista on Oct 14th to showcase and learn more about EVs. Contact Rendall if you'd like to participate.
- Steven noted efforts to prepare for next year's World Cup, including Transportation Demand Management and energy efficiency strategies for the games.
- [EVAL](#) – Electric Vehicle Adoption Leadership – is a DOE certification program designed to assist, certify and celebrate employers and businesses dedicated to advancing clean transportation opportunities for their employees.
- Agenda Item 2 – [Horizon 2050—Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#)
 - Jason explained the region's long-range transportation plan – Horizon 2050 – which will be released in draft form on Oct 10 on the SRTC website. The plan is a blueprint for all transportation modes and has policy support for clean fuel infrastructure and is supportive of STA's future Clean Energy Campus.
 - Horizon 2050 will be the theme of the SRTC-hosted [Regional Transportation Summit](#)—a breakfast program that will be held on Oct 7 at CenterPlace in Spokane Valley.
- Agenda Item 3 – Next Meeting
 - Work in progress is Avista's Transportation Electrification Plan update. Rendall offered to provide a link for this group to review the plan and provide an overview at the next Coalition meeting in November.
 - The Commerce electrification grant provided to SRTC, Avista, and partners will close-out in December. Many new charging sites have been constructed. Rendall noted vandalism issues at a couple of the community charging sites (cutting wires to obtain copper).
 - The meeting ended at 3:58pm. Jason will send an invite for the next meeting in November 2025.