

Alternative Transportation Fuels Coalition

Meeting Notes

January 15, 2026

In attendance: Rendall Farley, Skip Hires, Shannon Pressler, Christian Bigger, Logan Callen, Jami Hayes, Rick Giddings, Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien

- Agenda Item 1 – Announcements & Coordination
 - Jason reviewed a few items:
 - The WA Dept of Commerce TES grant, managed by SRTC in partnership with Avista and STA, ended on 12/31/25. The project developed 35 new sites across the Spokane region with Level 2 and DC Fast Charging equipment, a few micromobility installations, and added charging capacity at STA's Boone garage.
 - WAZIP – [WA Zero-Emission Incentive Program](#)—is slated to launch in early 2026. Led by WSDOT and will be administered through CALSTART. It is a point-of-sale discount program for purchase of med/heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles.
 - A [public webinar](#) hosted by the Departments of Commerce and Ecology is scheduled for 1/26 at 2pm. It will provide an overview of WA's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.
 - ZEVIP – [WSDOT's Zero-emission Vehicle Infrastructure Partnerships program](#) currently has an open and competitive grant solicitation. This call pertains to DCFC equipment installations along state routes. \$22.5m is available statewide, with applications due by 2/12/26.
 - [Horizon 2050](#), the updated long-range transportation plan for the Spokane County region, was approved by the SRTC Board on 12/11/25.
- Agenda Item 2 – Guest Speaker – Shannon Pressler, WA Dept of Commerce, Office of Renewable Fuels (shannon.pressler@commerce.wa.gov)
 - Shannon shared slides on activities and opportunities at Commerce:
 - The Office of Renewable Fuels focuses on renewable and green hydrogen and alternative jet fuel, supporting research and development, market development, job creation, climate adaptation/resiliency, and equitable benefits stemming from these technologies.
 - Shannon noted that the federal Dept of Energy H2 Hub program was rescinded for the Pacific NW region. At the state level, there is continued support for programs to facilitate the production, distribution, and storage of clean hydrogen.
 - The state forecasts significant growth in green and renewable hydrogen demand between now and 2050. An analysis was also conducted to look at

opportunities and challenges to the growth of a low carbon hydrogen market between Washington state and British Columbia.

- Commerce is working on a Technical Assistance Program for prospective hydrogen end users. Program launch is expected in late Q1 2026. Potential local end users are encouraged to review this opportunity.
- Current project work also includes development of public-private partnerships for sustainable aviation and maritime fuels.
- Rick asked about efforts in renewable diesel and renewable natural gas. This is not an area Shannon is working in, but she can refer to her colleague (Lauren) for more information on these topics.
- Shannon's presentation slide deck is available upon request from SRTC. It is also attached to the March 2026 Coalition meeting invite.

➤ Agenda Item 3 – Next Meeting

- Jason mentioned a couple conference opportunities coming up:
 - [EV Charging Summit & Expo](#) – March 17-19 in Las Vegas
 - [Advanced Clean Transportation Expo](#) – May 4-7 in Las Vegas
- Jason noted the next Coalition meetings in March and May followed by a possible summer break. Skip Hires offered a presentation on Avista's fleet advisory services program for the May meeting. The meeting ended at 3:50pm.