

Alternative Transportation Fuels Coalition

Meeting Notes

March 19, 2026

In attendance: Skip Hires, Christian Bigger, Jami Hayes, Steven Polunsky, Michael Redlinger, Jason Lien

- Agenda Item 1 – Announcements & Coordination
 - Jason reviewed a few items:
 - A roundtable discussion re: Division BRT and electrification is taking place at 9am on March 25 at STA’s Boone Northwest Garage. Coalition participants may attend—contact Christian Bigger to RSVP.
 - A discussion occurred surrounding oil price volatility and the business case for investment in electrification. The discussion was motivated by a March 4 Forbes article: “[Another Gas Price Spike, Another Boost to EV Adoption?](#)”
 - WAZIP – [WA Zero-Emission Incentive Program](#)—Led by WSDOT and administered through CALSTART. It is a point-of-sale discount program for purchase of med/heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles. \$112m available for the voucher program through June 2027.
 - It was noted that the WAZIP program is not open to the purchase of buses; perhaps a missed opportunity for the program.
 - ZEVIP – [WSDOT’s Zero-emission Vehicle Infrastructure Partnerships program](#) has announced proposed grant awards from their recent solicitation. It pertains to DCFC equipment installations along state routes. Native Sun Community Power Development received a proposed award of \$688k for 4 ports in the SR 902/US 2 corridor here in the Spokane area.
- Agenda Item 2 – Next Meeting
 - Jason mentioned a few opportunities coming up:
 - WA EV Council meeting on March 25, 2-4pm
 - WA Dept of Commerce [webinar](#) to learn about using federal clean energy incentives – March 26 at noon
 - [Advanced Clean Transportation Expo](#) – May 4-7 in Las Vegas
 - Jason noted the next Coalition meeting will be in May followed by a summer break. Skip Hires is planning a presentation on Avista’s fleet advisory services program for the May meeting. The meeting ended at 3:36pm.