

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Working Group (TWG) – Meeting 1

Meeting details: 11/9/23 (1:30-3:00PM), virtual meeting

1) Presentation by co-chairs Joyce Taylor and Jeff Crawford

- a) Introductions of working group members
- b) Review of Maine Climate Council (MCC) schedule and goals
- c) TWG to build on existing recommendations, not starting from scratch
- d) Review of TWG strategies included in Maine Won't Wait report (MWW)
- e) TWG focusing on strategies related to transportation emissions; resilience-related goals will be covered by Community Resilience Working Group
- f) New charge to integrate equity; review of equity subcommittee recommendations to TWG

2) Discussion topics

- a) How the group will decide which recommendations to advance
- a) Building on MWW recommendations, if there are any tough issues to discuss, we can incorporate those into future TWG meetings over the next 7 months
- b) Addressing data needs
 - i) GOPIF hired a consultant for emissions modeling
 - ii) Ongoing work with medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) roadmap for EV charging infrastructure
 - iii) Governor's Energy Office's (GEO) [pathway to 2040 analysis](#)
 - iv) MaineDOT contracting with UMaine to update report on rural Maine best transportation/transit practices. If members have examples of community transit or community-based solutions, send to [Jonathan Rubin](#)
- c) Electric Vehicles (EV)
 - i) Maine's [NEVI plan](#) for DCFC (fast charger) expansion across the state
 - ii) [Rural EV Adoption Toolkit](#) – collaboration with TNC and VEIC
 - iii) Alternative fuel MHD construction equipment technology advancements and availability
 - iv) Supply chain issues and vehicle availability
 - v) Clean Cars and Trucks rules – MaineDEP received petition. Board instructed DEP for complete rulemaking package for consideration on ACC2 due Dec 21.
- d) Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
 - i) Reporting metrics
 - ii) New work, e-bike adoption,
 - iii) Public transit users, increase in Downeaster ridership
- e) Funding
 - i) Current opportunity for federal funding (new from last session)
 - ii) Consider reassessing value of per capita transit funding goal
- f) Cross-cutting issues
 - i) Land-use
 - ii) Demand management for EV charging infrastructure
- g) Areas of interest
 - i) Status of recommendations at end of last process

- ii) Relative contribution of each sector (LDV, MHDV, marine, etc.) and cost of reduction (\$/ton of CO2)
- iii) Understanding number of teleworkers
- iv) Policy innovation in other states (VT, MN, CO)
- v) MHD fleet charger standardization

3) Proposed focus areas for TWG

- a) EV adoption
- b) MHD electrification
- c) Continued support for policies that reduce VMT
- d) Investigate marine and aviation alternative fuels

4) Opportunity for public comment

- a) <https://www.maine.gov/future/initiatives/climate/climate-council/contact>

5) Next steps

- a) Meeting scheduled Dec 12th at 8:30AM
- b) Objectives: where group should invest time