

## Meeting Minutes

### Transportation Working Group (TWG) – Meeting 3

Meeting details: 1/10/24 (1:00-4:00PM), virtual meeting

#### 1) Overview of meeting goals and schedule

#### 2) Review of TWG Priority topics identified in planning document:

- a. EVs and EV charging infrastructure expansion
- b. Transitioning from single occupancy vehicles in rural and urban/suburban areas – reduce VMT
- c. Investigating alternative fuels – informed by medium and heavy duty roadmap

#### 3) Group Discussion

- a. EV/EVSE
  - i. Consumer education
  - ii. Charger reliability and compatibility
  - iii. Policies to accelerate transition and rate design
  - iv. Rural and low-income considerations
- b. Transition from single occupancy vehicles in rural and urban/suburban areas
  - i. Budget/funding for multimodal
  - ii. Viability of expanding/converting to freight/rail
    1. MaineDOT has some data/resources available, [Rail Plan \(abbreviated version\)](#), continue conversation
    2. Update on new safety system pending, improving, expanding commuter service
    3. Meeting economic standards of Northern Maine Rail, stakeholder involvement
- c. MHD Roadmap
  - i. Learn more about coordination, timeline and deliverables
  - ii. Including of rail/freight stakeholders
  - iii. Battery storage for larger facilities
- d. Cross-cutting issues
  - i. Mitigation
  - ii. Land-use
  - iii. Beneficial electrification and the grid (demand management workshop)
- e. Overarching
  - i. Scale of our task and goals from GOPIF/MCC/Governor, progress towards goals and new modeling
  - ii. Analysis of cost effectiveness for achieving GHG emission reduction goals
  - iii. Maine climate scientists could help frame transportation specific metrics and goals
  - iv. Include workforce/job quality impacts

- 4) **UMaine Mitchell Center presentation on amplifying voices representing diverse perspectives**
  - a. [Presentation](#)
  - b. Discussion and feedback from TWG
    - i. Identify missing populations from proposed work
    - ii. Interest in all transportation barriers, with and without personal vehicles
    - iii. Specifics around question for landlords
  - c. Timeline
  - d. Feedback can be shared with [Catherine.mardosa@maine.edu](mailto:Catherine.mardosa@maine.edu)
- 5) **Breakout sessions for TWG priority topics; identify inputs needed for future focused meetings:**
  - a. EV/EV charging infrastructure expansion
  - b. Transitioning from single occupancy vehicles in rural and urban/suburban areas
- 6) **High level recap of breakout sessions**
  - a. Recruit volunteers
  - b. Detailed notes to be shared with planning groups
- 7) **Review of template for June 2024 deliverable**