

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Transportation Working Group (TWG) – Maine Climate Council**

Meeting details: Thursday, October 16, 2025, 11am – 12pm, Virtual meeting

#### **1) Welcome**

Meeting Purpose: 1) Review the goals and actions from Strategy A: The Future of Transportation in Maine 2) Discuss the progress that has been made since the release of *Maine Won't Wait 2024*.

#### **2) Presentation by TWG Co-Chairs and Efficiency Maine Trust**

The presentation went over the goals and actions the TWG developed for *Maine Won't Wait 2024* edition, and then further discussed the progress that has been made towards each goal.

See the accompanying PowerPoint presentation for more information.

#### **3) Discussion**

A summary of TWG member questions and responses are listed below:

- Questions regarding electric vehicles (EVs):
  - Data on usage of EV chargers.
    - TWG co-chairs and Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) clarified that Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC), also known as Level 3 chargers, that have been federally funded, are required to submit and share data usages to EMT. Newer Level 2 chargers funded through the Charging Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant have to submit and share data usage, as well.
  - Response time for when a charger stops responding.
    - EMT clarified that chargers have to have an uptime of 97%.
  - Data usage between private install and public install of EV chargers
    - Clarified that there is no way to get data usage from private install.
  - Data on uptake of EV incentives. Expressed concerns with new requirements for low- and moderate-income EV incentives.
    - EMT expressed that they are not only focused on expanding the number of EVs on the road, but also on transforming the way we use the grid. EMT is pushing everyone who wants to get an incentive on their EV to buy one of the chargers that automatically charge their vehicle during off-peak hours. The

charger is programmed not to charge during peak times. The data is not completely up to date, as the newest version of the incentive program for EVs, recently launched. There is a lag in the data, as dealerships have 60 days to submit paperwork.

- Discussed medium- and heavy-duty pilot program.
- Question raised about chargers that are required are out of stock.
  - Under the impression that all models are in stock.
- EV education and outreach.
  - EMT is continuing to do radio and public service advertisements on the benefits of EVs.
- Discussion around demand charge in rural areas.
- Question regarding NNEPRA'S Portland station relocation proposal.
- Mentioned that the Maine Turnpike Authority and MaineDOT are in the process of hiring a consultant to conduct a study on greenhouse gas emission impacts and mitigation measures for proposed capacity expansion projects in the state.
- Mention of the Municipal Stream Crossing Bond being carried over to the next legislative session.

Public comment:

- Portland cruise control

#### **4) Wrap-up and Next Steps**

The Annual Progress Report for Maine Won't Wait will be released in December 2025.