

CEEP May 27, 2026 Staff and Committee Updates

A. STAFF PROJECT UPDATES

Midcourse Review

The Draft Midcourse Review technical report received a wide variety of comments from committee members and stakeholders. At the May 27, 2026, CEEPC meeting COG staff will provide a summary of comments and how they were addressed in the report and ask CEEPC to participate in a next steps policy discussion. The discussion will inform the discussion CEEPC Chair Cindy Dyballa will lead with the COG Board. At the July COG Board meeting, a memo will be prepared highlighting CEEPC's input on the policy discussion. The Midcourse Review Report will also be presented and published. The next steps from a technical perspective will be testing dashboard options including a local and regional dashboard on the COG website and transitioning local and regional greenhouse gas inventories to ClearPath 2.0, which include a regional dashboard option.

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Phase I – Planning

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded \$3.9 million to COG through the CFI Program to support the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in partnership with Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Manassas and Arlington, Fairfax, Frederick, Prince George's Counties and the Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC). Phase I Pre-Construction funds, in which 15% of the total funds have been obligated, is currently underway and involves completion of the NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) process for all 37 proposed EV charging locations included in this project, developing equitable engagement and workforce development opportunities. The first NEPA submission for the City of Manassas EV charging stations is currently under review by FHWA and the remaining submissions are under development. The following engagement and workforce development activities have taken place this far in Phase I:

- GWRCCC Job Fair was held on September 30, 2025 at Westphalia Community Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.
- On October 7, 2025, an electric vehicle community listening session was held at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, Virginia in partnership with GWRCCC and the City and County of Fairfax.
- On November 12, 2025, an electric vehicle community listening session was held at the Lorton Library in Lorton, Virginia in partnership with GWRCCC and the City and County of Fairfax.

- On January 22, 2026, on Public Policy Day at the Washington Auto Show, COG and GWRCCC hosted a cross-sectoral government and industry training event titled Charging Ahead: Reliable, Accessible, and Equitable EV Charging in Metropolitan Washington forum.
- On February 25, 2026, Arlington County hosted an event to kick off the County's climate action plan and featured a tabling event (including climate and EV focused tables) and a small EV showcase.
- The City of Manassas First Friday event on March 6, 2026, theme was Go Green and featured a Sustainable Transportation Tabling Event with the City of Manassas, OmniRide, VRE, and COG.
- On April 11, 2026, COG partnered with Frederick County to discuss EVs with the community at the Thurmont Green Fest at Thurmont Regional Library.
- On April 18, 2026, COG joined the City of Alexandria for its Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive and Showcase o discuss EVs with the community.

The next event is the June 17, 2026, GWRCCC Job Fair at the 2nd Baptist Church of District Heights: <https://gwrccc.org/event/gwrccc-upper-marlboro-job-fair-3/>. Job Fairs will also be planned for DC and northern VA.

B. COMMITTEE UPDATES

BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BEEAC)

BEEAC met on April 16 with presentations on Electrify DC's Homeowners Hub and energy affordability. With COG's support to scope out operational and implementation requirements, Electrify DC discussed the budgetary implications to regionalize the Homeowners Hub. If regionalized, the Homeowners Hub could serve as a one-stop shop to accelerate residential decarbonization across the DMV that puts homeowners at the center of the experience. The energy affordability discussion covered key drivers of electric utility cost increases including impacts of future electricity grid capacity. BEEAC will continue to explore energy affordability issues at its June meeting.

AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACPAC)

ACPAC launched the 12th annual Climate and Energy Leadership Awards on Earth Day. The program is an annual effort designed to highlight projects and programs that develop unique solutions to climate issues in our region. This year five projects will be awarded.

- **(2) GOVERNMENT AGENCY** (local, state, regional, quasi-govt, utilities or authorities)
 - Small Jurisdiction (population < 90k)
 - Large Jurisdiction (population > 90k)
- **(1) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION** (non-profit, citizen or community-based groups)
- **(1) BUSINESSES AND FOR-PROFITS**
- **(1) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION** (K-12, public, private, or higher education)

The campaign closes on June 30, 2026. Outreach materials to promote the campaign are included in the meeting materials. Help promote and spread the word!

REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT (REVD) WORKING GROUP

The REVD Working Group convened on May 21, 2026, chaired by Amy Posner, Electric Vehicle Planner for Alexandria. The session opened with an Office Hours segment, providing members with an opportunity to share updates and exchange insights on EV programs including implementation challenges, funding resources, and lessons learned from the field. Owen Mabbott from Omility presented on Omility's fleet transition evaluation tool. The meeting concluded with a presentation from Emily Pape of Electrification Coalition on EV charging safety, risk, and insurance related issues.

REGIONAL TREE CANOPY SUBCOMMITTEE (RTCS)

Work is underway to draft Tree Canopy Action Plan Strategies, with a goal of having the Action Plan completed this fall. An electronic survey for COG governments' foresters and arborists is being developed. The survey responses will help inform the Action Plan development and the survey will be issued annually to capture changes to tree and forest practices and canopy. We may be reaching out CEEPC members for points of contact to complete the survey.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee met on April 22 on Funding and Regulatory Challenges. The committee drew winners for its annual American Recycles Day contest. The committee is planning a Battery Management Campaign for June using paid media. The campaign will focus on safe battery use and disposal.

GREATER WASHINGTON REGION CLEAN CITIES COALITION (GWRCCC)

See project updates for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant.