



CEEPC January 22, 2025 Committee and Staff Updates

A. BUILT ENVIRONMENT ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BEEAC)

No update.

B. AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACPAC)

ACPAC meets on January 27 and will vote on the 2025 new officers. ACPAC has kicked off the work of updating the Environmental Justice Toolkit. The Toolkit will focus on communication strategies and COG Staff has secured a consultant, Equival Partners, who will engage with community organizations for input on specific strategies. The community outreach will begin in March 2025.

C. REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT (REVD) WORKING GROUP

The next REVD meeting will be at the auto show on January 30.

D. GREATER WASHINGTON REGION CLEAN CITIES COALITION (GWRCCC)

Join GWRCCC's Opening Reception on February 26, 2025, 6pm to 8pm, at 899 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC (free). GWRCCC is pulling together a Maryland Biofuels Task Force, please contact Antoinethompson@gwrccc.org.

E. RECYCLING COMMITTEE

No update.

F. REGIONAL TREE CANOPY SUBCOMMITTEE (RTCS)

The RTCS subcommittee will be working to support the development of actions for the Tree Canopy Action Plan being drafted this year. These will be concrete actions to reach and maintain the Regional Tree Canopy goal set in April. The RTCS is also tracking generally assembly bills affecting tree canopy and forests.

The RTCS also wants to thank Michael Knapp, in Montgomery County's Planning Division, for his excellent leadership as RTCS chair these past few years as he'll be stepping down as chair.

G. STAFF UPDATES

A. AUTO SHOW

[Electrifying the Future: Strategies for Climate Pollution Reduction Forum](#)

On January 30, COG is hosting its annual event at the 2025 Washington Auto Show. Electrifying the Future: Strategies for Climate Pollution Reduction will convene the region's experts and practitioners across the public and private sectors to discuss the role electric vehicles play in achieving the

region's climate goals. This event is free to those who pre-register, and attendees will gain access to the Sneak Peek of the Washington Auto Show's floor after the forum.

Agenda

Networking Session: 1:30-2:00 pm

Opening Remarks: 2:00-2:10 pm

Panels:

1. State of Charge: 2:10-2:45 pm
2. Challenges of EV Charging at Multi-Family Housing: 2:45-3:30 pm
3. Making EV Charging More Accessible, Reliable, and User-Friendly: 3:45-4:15 pm
4. Developing a Successful Fleet Electrification Strategy: 4:15-5:00 pm

Sneak Peek: 5:00 pm (Forum pre-registration and special badge is required for free access.)

B. CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE (CFI) GRANT

COG submitted a proposal under the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number 693JJ323NF00004 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary (CFI) Grant Opportunity (Round 1A) on June 13, 2023, but was not awarded in Round 1A. COG requested its Round 1A proposal be reconsidered under the NOFO Number 693JJ324NF00017 from the FHWA CFI Discretionary Grant Opportunity (Round 1B and Round 2) on June 21, 2024. FHWA awarded this project as part of the Round 1B announcements on August 26, 2024. In the fall, COG coordinated with its local government partners on the grant to update the scope and timeline for submission to the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Round 1A awarded project was adopted into the TIP on November 1, 2024, and the District of Columbia TIP, in December 2024. The FHWA-COG grant agreement is now fully executed, with FHWA signing the agreement last week, January 12, 2024. The next step is for COG to submit a baseline report to FHWA due a month after the executed agreement, work with FHWA and partners to get subrecipient agreements in place, and coordinate with partners to start National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion (CE) documentation. In addition, COG has been coordinating with Round 1A and 1B grantees in MD, VA, and around the country through a cohort coordinated by the Electrification Coalition.

Unfortunately, COG's Round 2 application submitted in September 2024 was not awarded. However, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), and Virginia Energy have been awarded under Round 2. More information on Round 2 awardees can be found here:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/grant_recipients/round_2/ and <https://electrificationcoalition.org/resource/charging-and-fueling-infrastructure-grant-round-2-awards-trends-and-takeaways/>. Thus far, \$1.78 billion of the \$2.5 billion allocated to the CFI program has been awarded and there is one potential final round of the CFI program slated for the future with the funding anticipated to be at least \$700 million. COG will keep an eye out to see if the Round 2 application can be resubmitted in the final round.