

## Electric Vehicle Council

February 2, 2012

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

### 1. Welcome :

Chairman Mobley made a few introductory comments and then introduced Mr. Luis McDonald from Autoflex, Inc. Mr. McDonald had brought a new 2012 Mitsubishi iMiEV to MDOT and offered the Council the opportunity to inspect and drive it. Mr. McDonald made a few remarks including mentioning his participation in the Automotive Center at the Community College of Baltimore County. CCBC is a member of the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium and was first in the U.S.A. to offer a curriculum on Electric Vehicle Technology, and then went to retrieve his iMiEV. The Council took a short break outside to inspect Mr. McDonald's iMiEV and Mr. Murach's Chevy Volt.

### 2. Public Comments & Discussion:

While Mr. McDonald was retrieving the car, the Council heard from Mr. Bob Bruninga. M. Bruninga requested that the Council consider issuing a revised Interim Report adding the word "employer" to any list of stakeholders, and adding "workplace" to any discussion of charging station locations that included home chargers. He feels that the issue of workplace charging was not given sufficient attention in the report, despite the fact that studies have shown it to be the second most likely charging location for early adopters.

### 3. Bill Status

Chairman Mobley told the Council that MDOT's legislative liaisons had met with Senator Garagiola and Delegates Malone and McHale and that all three were willing to sponsor the Council's two bills in the Senate and the House respectively.

Colleen Quinn asked if the Council could form a small subgroup to track the legislation and keep the rest of the Council updated on progress, hearing dates and any necessary Council action. This was done.

There was a brief discussion of whether the Council should contact the PSC and it was decided that this would not be done, beyond checking in with the PSC legislative liaison. A few members indicated that they may want to attend the hearings when the Chair testifies. The representatives of the utilities indicated that they may testify for the MVA exemption bill on behalf of the industry.

#### 4. Workgroup Updates:

Each of the task groups then gave a brief update on their activities. Several groups noted that their end products should probably become part of the information offered on the website.

It was decided that the consultant tasks for the Information Targeting and the Infrastructure Plan would be distributed to the full Council when they are close to being final.

During the discussion of the Incentives Task, Colleen Quinn noted that the federal tax credit for EV chargers had expired on December 31<sup>st</sup>. She said that during the next two weeks a number of such credits were being considered for extension. She offered to draft a letter to Senator Cardin and the Maryland delegation urging the extension of the credit. There was discussion on whether the letter should be sent from the Council. Some members are representatives of larger entities (MML, utility companies, state agencies, etc.) and would have to check with those entities before agreeing to take a position. It was decided that she would send out a draft letter in the meantime, with the possibility that it may turn into individual letters.

#### 5. Future Meetings & Time Table

A new list of meeting dates and a new timeline were handed out that space the next four meetings more closely and begin work on the Action Plan earlier.