Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (EVIC) Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: December 14, 2018

Meeting Location: Harry Hughes Conference Room, MDOT Headquarters, Hanover, MD

Attendees:

R. Earl Lewis, Jr. (MDOT TSO)  
Colleen Turner (MDOT TSO)  
Gary Greening (MDOT TSO)  
Justin Mabrey (MDE)  
Frank Lee (DPW)  
Weston Young (MACO)  
Scott Wilson (EVA DC)  
Nora Corasaniti (MDOT TSO)  
Tom Curtin (MDOT TSO)  
Mark Howard (MDOT SHA)  
Bihui Xi (MDP)  
Andrew Dewey (WSP)  
Paul Verchinski (Public)  
Josh Cohen (SEMA Connect)  
David Saitzeff (Public)  
Lanny Hartman (EV Driver)  
David Knight (KCI Technologies)  
Denise Sarchioupone (KCI Technologies)

By Phone:

John Murach (BGE)  
Dave Schatz (Chargepoint)  
Tim Davis (MML)  
Britta Gross (GM)  
Scott Edwards (EV Charging Installers)  
Mike Jones (MEA)  
Sevgei Erdogan (UMD)  
Ashley Myers (BEVI)  
Chris Nelder (Rocky Mountain Institute)  
David Smedick (Sierra Club)  
Laura Rogers (MDOT)  
Clarence Lam (House of Delegates)  
Michael Wall (Clinton Electric)  
David Fraser-Hidalgo (House of Delegates)

Welcome and Announcements

Introductions

MDOT Deputy Secretary, R. Earl Lewis, Jr., welcomed all meeting participants.

- MD Ranked 2nd to California on the Electrification Coalition ZEV State Policy Scorecard.

Public Comments

- Lanny Hartmann thanked Mike Wall for helping with a fast charging issue where disconnections would result in repeated fixed charges.

Committee updates

Legislative

Chair: Dave Schatz (ChargePoint)

- Members of EVIC recently met with representatives from HOA Groups, including Steve Randall, who is the chair of the Community Associations Institute.
- Legislation describing EVSE as an improvement may be an easier path forward, as it may not require full HOA/owner approval, and may limit approvals to just a board or council.
- Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo indicated that the House and Senate can jointly pursue this issue.
- Next Session is January 9 – April 8, 2019
• Federal EV Tax Credit – efforts are ongoing to support this federal credit in the upcoming legislative session.
• Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo will be introducing a new bill in furtherance of the MD State Tax Credit, potentially changing it to a rebate, and applying to used vehicles.
• Howard County passed legislation to require new residential construction to include at least 1 parking space with an energized outlet for each 25 residential units.
• Paul Verchinski would like EVIC to send a letter to local government officials highlighting what Howard County accomplished, and urging them to do the same.
  o Earl will work with MACO and MML representatives to distribute the finalized letter.

State Agency
• Morgan State released an updated report on EV ownership patterns and driver behavior.
• MDOT – FHWA Alternative Fuel Corridor Nominations are open for the third round. MDOT successfully nominated corridors in the first two rounds.
  o Proposed corridors will make connections between existing corridors and other state corridors.
• Colleen attended an NGA summit on Transportation Electrification.
  o MD will continue to work to help other states, and learn from other states regarding fleet electrification.
• MDE – MD released the draft VW Mitigation Plan, which went out for public comment.
  o MDE has incorporated some comments and redistributed the plan to state agencies.
  o The plan is currently at the Governor’s office, and MDE is awaiting any future changes before final submission to the trustee.
  o March 1st is the current due date for project proposals.
• MEA – Charging station rebates – 738 have been issued, 581 residential, 157 commercial.
  o $871k of $1.2m spent for the fiscal year.
  o Likely to exhaust available funding before fiscal year end in June.
  o AFIP - DC Fast Chargers from EVI were recently installed in Hagerstown and are now online.
  o Chargers in Hancock MD will be installed in the next few months.
  o These new installations may provide valuable infrastructure along current or proposed EV corridors.
• Maryland EV registrations have risen to approximately 15,400 vehicles.
• The excise tax credit was depleted in November, and MVA will continue to accept applications between now and July 1, and will process those in the order received when FY20 funding becomes available.
Communications

- EVIC had a presence at eight events across the state, sharing information about vehicles, incentives, and general EV ownership.
  - Common questions included when an EV Truck was coming, and when EVs would be more affordable.
- The updated www.marylandev.org site is live.

2019 Priorities

- EVIC recapped the 2017-18 priorities, and will set 2019 priorities in the January meeting.

Next Meeting January 30th 2019
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at MDOT
Harry Hughes Conference Room, Suites 2 and 3