

Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) July Meeting

Meeting Date: 7/23/2025

Meeting Location: Hybrid – Teams Meeting and MDOT HQ

ZEEVIC Members/Appointed Representatives in Attendance:

- Lovaas, Deron (MDOT), ZEEVIC Chair
- Alfred, Walt (Ally Power)
- Amiel, Sari (Sierra Club)
- Bowis, John (Chevy Chase Automotive)
- Cohen, Joshua (SWTCH Energy)
- Forsythe, Nina (City of Frostburg/MML)
- Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, David (MGA)
- Heuver, Marcel (LKQ Corporation)
- Kaltenbaugh, Ron (EVADC)
- Lopez, Diego (MEA)
- Powell, Ryan (Commerce)
- Shepherd, Tim (MDE)
- Verchinski, Paul (Public)
- Wilson, Scott (EVADC)
- Wimmer, Robert (Toyota)
- Xu, Bihui (MDP)
- Young, Weston (Worcester County/MACO)

ZEEVIC Member Alternates:

- Budhathoki, Saubhagya (DGS)
- duPont, Sam (BGE)
- Lindenbaum, Isaak (OPC)
- McAuliffe, Drew (PSC)

Other Presenters:

- Bankard, Rebecca (MDOT/MBI)
- Campbell, Amanda (City of Rockville)
- Goetz, Matthew (Georgetown Climate Center)
- Hinh, Amanda (MDOT)
- Lattimer, Tim (Howard County)

Staff:

- Burke, Virginia (MDOT)
- Cortazzo, Sophia (MDOT)
- Francis, Kameice (MDOT/MBI)
- Rodi, Nicole (MDOT/MBI)

Welcome

- **Chair Deron Lovaas** briefly welcomed attendees and introduced the main meeting topic, zero emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure work being done at the local government level.

Maryland By the Numbers

Rebecca Bankard, MDOT/MBI

- **Rebecca Bankard** reviewed the monthly electric vehicle (EV) registration numbers for Maryland.
- There are currently 139,460 EVs registered in Maryland. From May 31 to June 30, there were 2,623 additional EVs registered in Maryland. A 1.9% monthly growth rate was observed.

Question

Is this a net number? Does it account for those who leave the state?

- **Rebecca Bankard:** Yes. The total registration also accounts for temporary registrations.

Public Comments

- **Lanny Hartman (EV Driver)** discussed some preliminary findings from a currently underway survey looking at the pricing of EV charging in Maryland. Recognized the Weights and Measures Program of the Maryland Department of Agriculture and ZEEVIC Member Paul Verchinski for



their efforts in ensuring that stations charge by time only. Also suggested getting Alison Wilkinson, Chief of the Weights and Measures Program, to talk to ZEEVIC in the future.

- **Scott Wilson (EVADC)** highlighted the [Maryland Advanced Clean Cars II \(ACC II\) and Advanced Clean Trucks \(ACT\) Working Group \(WG\)](#) and encouraged ZEEVIC members to participate.

Local Governments' Role in Electrification

ZEV Freight Truck Charging Facility Zoning and Permitting

Matthew Goetz, Georgetown Climate Center

- **Matthew Goetz** briefly introduced the Georgetown Climate Center and explained how it serves as a resource for state and local governments. Provided information on how local governments can play an important role by streamlining and clarifying zoning and permitting requirements for medium and heavy duty (MHD) EV charging stations. Provided discussion questions to which local government officials were encouraged to respond.

Climate Forward: Accelerating EVs in Howard County

Tim Lattimer, Howard County

- **Tim Lattimer** provided context to explain how Howard County's recent 1000-year floods underscored the need for their '[Climate Forward: Climate Action and Resiliency Plan](#).' Outlined the plan's development and steps that have been taken towards implementation. Highlighted the [Howard County Climate Forward Dashboard](#), monthly newsletter, [Clean Miles Club](#), and their social media platforms.

Rockville EV Readiness Plan

Amanda Campbell, City of Rockville

- **Amanda Campbell** discussed the City of Rockville's '[Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan](#)' which was adopted in March 2025. Presented lessons learned, background information, scope of the plan, and community engagement timeline and strategies.

Questions

Matthew Goetz posed two key questions to local government representatives:

- *Is your jurisdiction already addressing or considering this topic?*
- *What have you heard from trucking / freight companies or charging station developers?*
 - **Tim Lattimer** hasn't heard any concerns regarding ZEV charging from the trucking industry in Howard County but will keep an eye on the issue.
 - **Bihui Xu (MDP)** explained that the location of trucking charging stations can be a controversial issue for communities.
 - **Brian Booher (Montgomery County)** has not heard anyone ask about heavy duty ZEV charging.

ZEEVIC Communications Workgroup Update

Ron Kaltenbaugh (Communications WG Chair)

- The Communications Workgroup has convened three times to date. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 5, 2025, from 10:00–11:00 AM. Discussions have centered on identifying both tailwinds and headwinds in the EV space, and on strategies to enhance outreach and engagement with ZEEVIC partners and the broader public. A recurring theme is the need to collect and share compelling stories that highlight the real-world benefits and co-

benefits of EV adoption—stories that can resonate with diverse audiences and help drive behavior change. Members are encouraged to submit ideas or request to join the distribution list by emailing ZEEVIC@mdot.maryland.gov.

Comments

- **Brian Booher** noted doing campaigns regarding the federal [New Clean Vehicle Tax Credit](#) which will end on September 30, 2025.
- **Chair Deron Lovaas** highlighted the importance of the Communications WG's role to promote EV technology and minimize miscommunication.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program

Amanda Hinh, MDOT

- **Amanda Hinh** highlighted that the first NEVI Round 1 site broke ground in Grantsville in June 2025. Explained that NEVI Round 2 will continue after Maryland joined 16 other states in [State of Washington v U.S. DOT](#) over the pause of NEVI and rescission of previously approved NEVI plans. The Court issued a [preliminary injunction](#) in favor of the Plaintiff states. The [Request for Proposals](#) closes on **August 27**. Also stated that [updated NEVI draft guidance](#) is under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review. However, the timeline for completion is not yet known.

State Agency Announcements & Updates

- **Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT): Amanda Hinh** gave a brief overview of some preliminary results of MDOT's [Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Plan \(ZEVIP\)](#) Survey. This survey was conducted to understand Marylanders' charging preferences and needs and inform the ZEVIP. Discussed next steps including sharing further survey results and continued interagency coordination.
- **Maryland Department of Planning (MDP): Bihui Xu** discussed the passage of Maryland's Sustainable Growth Planning Principles legislation ([Senate Bill 266](#)) which will inform State capital investments and guide local comprehensive plans. Legislation was passed in April 2025 and will be effective in October 2025.
- **Maryland Energy Administration (MEA): Diego Lopez** provided updates on multiple programs:
 - The [Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment \(EVSE\) Rebate Program](#) was officially launched and is now available via an online portal.
 - The [Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty ZEV Grant Program](#) is also available via online application. Requested assistance in connecting with private and public fleets.
 - The [Community EVSE Grant Program's](#) award list is available. The program was oversubscribed and will reopen in September 2025.
 - The award list for [Electric School Bus Grant Program](#) was discussed. The program will be reopening in September 2025. Would appreciate advice on connecting with rural school districts.
- **Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE): Tim Shepherd** provided updates on the EVSE infrastructure programs funded by the [Volkswagen settlement](#).
- **Maryland Department of General Services (DGS): Saubhagya Budhathoki** introduced the new EV project manager and summarized the number of State Fleet EVSE ports available.

Closing Remarks**Chair Deron Lovaas**

- The next ZEEVIC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.
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Next ZEEVIC Meeting**October 22, 2025**