



ACEEE Transportation Update

Welcome to ACEEE's new transportation newsletter—a quarterly update on our recent work, resources that have caught our attention, and opportunities to connect or collaborate with our team.

Quarterly highlights

Supporting local governments working on sustainable transportation



- ACEEE partnered with four communities for nearly two years to support their investments in sustainable, safe transportation: Lansing, MI; Lima, OH; St. Louis County, MO; and Sumter, SC. <u>Case studies</u> detail the outcomes of this work.
- Our toolkit for local government and community leaders describes how to conduct walk audits to improve pedestrian safety.

Advancing EV charging in affordable housing

- We interviewed developers who have installed EV charging systems in multifamily affordable housing, publishing key obstacles and strategies in a <u>report</u>.
- Meeting notes from our <u>EV working group for</u> <u>utilities</u> outline how utilities can support these



Helping utilities prepare for the shift to electric trucks and buses



- We shared best practices for managing peak charging demand from electric fleets with state utility commissions, including participating in working group sessions in Michigan and Minnesota.
- In a <u>blog post</u>, we also shared how utilities can connect with fleet operators and help them shift to EVs.

Examining repurposing of used electric vehicle batteries for stationary storage



 When an EV reaches the end of its life, its battery often still has upward of 80% of its original capacity and can be used to store solar energy or provide back-up power. Our new <u>brief</u> examines the benefits and challenges of repurposing EV batteries and identifies policy solutions that can expand repurposing.



Transportation director Rachel Aland, left, recently moderated a panel discussion on the response of transit agencies to federal policy developments at Clean Buses East, a conference on zero-emission buses.

Seeking to interview real estate professionals

We're looking to interview housing developers and real estate industry professionals to learn about the impact of clean transportation investments on housing developments and real estate values. Together with a research-driven analysis of market data, these perspectives on public transit, bike, and pedestrian transportation projects will help inform an upcoming publication. Contact us to learn more.

News and noteworthy resources

- The sweeping tax and domestic policy bill recently signed into law by President Trump will eliminate the new and used Clean Vehicle Credits, the Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit, Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit, and eliminates the Corporate Average Fuel Economy civil penalties for light-duty vehicles. It will also rescind funds from a number of grant programs. This <u>AMPO overview</u> lays out the rescinded funds. An <u>article</u> by the Associated Press summarizes what car buyers can expect once the federal credits for passenger EVs end on September 30.
- The state of California, along with 10 other states, is <u>suing the federal government</u> for using the Congressional Review Act to repeal the state's ability to set its own air pollution regulations, an authority California has held since the early days of the Clean Air Act in the 1960s.
- We're intrigued by a new proposal from Brookings for a <u>regional transportation block grant</u> as part of federal transportation funding reform.

 We're proud to be a part of the Clean RIDES Network. Launched this spring, the network is a national coalition working state by state to build sustainable transportation systems that cut costs for families, curb air pollution, and shorten commutes.

Connect with our team

Do you have a question, project idea, or another topic you'd like to discuss with our team? Contact us at transportation@aceee.org. You can also find us at upcoming events:

- July 2025 Asilomar Conference, UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies: Rachel Aland, transportation director, will attend to represent ACEEE. Connect with Rachel.
- September 2025 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Fall Conference: Caroline Daigle, transportation associate, will present on our work with partners advancing community engagement for transportation projects in Lima, Ohio. Connect with Caroline.

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