



# **ACEEE Transportation Update**

Welcome to ACEEE's new transportation newsletter—a quarterly update on our recent work and opportunities to connect or collaborate with our team. View past editions <a href="here">here</a>.

# **Quarterly highlights**

#### Defending federal greenhouse gas vehicle standards



- ACEEE opposed a proposed EPA rule for the Reconsideration of 2009 Endangerment Finding and Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Standards, urging EPA to maintain strong GHG standards for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles to protect families, the economy, and the climate.
- Peter Huether, ACEEE senior research associate (pictured) and Daivie Ghosh, senior research analyst, gave testimony during the August EPA hearing for this proposed rule. ACEEE's <u>comments</u> argue that the standards are essential for lowering fuel costs and reducing pollution and that EPA's rationale for repeal is technically unsupported given ongoing efficiency gains and consumer demand for EVs and hybrids.

### Supporting charging hubs for medium- and heavy-duty EVs



- Our recent brief, informed by interviews with developers, examines the emerging practice of shared hubs for charging medium-and heavy-duty fleets with recommendations for utilities on how to plan for and encourage shared charging hub development.
- We provided <u>comments</u> to the Clean Corridor Coalition (a joint effort of Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey) to inform development decisions along I-95 and <u>comments</u> to the New York Public Service Commission on proposed changes to the medium-and heavy-duty pilot program.

# Guidance on community engagement for clean transportation project implementers



 ACEEE, supported by NYSERDA, authored a playbook (download) on creating a community engagement plan. The playbook, which draws from lessons learned from the project teams of New York's Clean Transportation Prize Initiative, includes case studies, templates, a resource library, and a guide to conducting demographic analysis.

### Lessons from utility pilots to expand EV charging access



- At our September EV working group meeting, Burlington Electric Department presented on pole-mounted charging and Southern California Edison introduced a forthcoming program on preloaded debit cards to subsidize the cost of public charging for income-qualified customers.
- Check out the <u>meeting notes</u>, and <u>contact us</u> to learn more about this working group!



Transportation associate Caroline Daigle, right, presented on <u>ACEEE's work with Lima, OH</u>, to advance community engagement for pedestrian safety at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Fall Conference in September.

### **Collaboration in action**

- We attended the launch of the <u>Advanced Freight Partners Group</u> in September. ACEEE is proud to be a partner of AFPG, a new industry-driven coalition advancing resilient, efficient, and sustainable freight across modes and sectors.
- ACEEE will be leading the cost allocation <u>working group</u> as the Minnesota Public Utility
  Commission enters the next phase of its efforts to develop a leading-the-nation approach to
  proactive grid planning and upgrading.

## 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 <a href="mailto:transportation@aceee.org">transportation@aceee.org</a>. You can also find us at upcoming events:

- <u>Forth Roadmap Conference</u>: Daivie Ghosh, senior research analyst, will be speaking on the panel "Powering the Big Shift: Building Heavy-Duty EV Charging Infrastructure" on October 16. Connect with Daivie.
- <u>EV Charging Infrastructure US</u>: Rachel Aland, transportation director, will be moderating the "Future-Proofing Charging Infrastructure" and "Powering Fleets: Strategies for Electric Transition" panels on October 21. Connect with <u>Rachel</u>.

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