



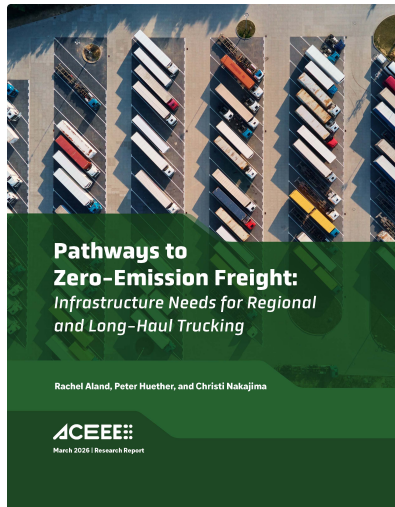
Transportation Update

April 2026

Welcome to ACEEE’s transportation newsletter—a quarterly update on our recent work and opportunities to connect or collaborate with our team.

Quarterly Highlights

Preparing for a clean freight future



Our latest report details the state of zero-emission trucking technology and the costs associated with different investment pathways. One key takeaway: building electric charging stations for heavy-duty trucks is a more cost-effective way to decarbonize the heavy-duty freight sector than building hydrogen fueling stations.

Read the full [report](#), and view a [webinar recording](#) for a discussion of ACEEE’s findings and a panel conversation from industry, state, and utility leaders investing in zero-emission freight corridors.

Supporting cities with planning and program design

ACEEE recently provided technical assistance to Moab, Utah, to help improve messaging, signage, and user experience on the city’s public transit system through our [BEAR Hub](#)



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([Behavior, Energy, Action, and Research](#)) program. [Read more](#) about the Moab transit agency's initiatives.

Defending commonsense fuel efficiency standards



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ACEEE filed [regulatory comments](#) in opposition to a proposed rule from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that would significantly increase millions of drivers' fuel costs by weakening fuel efficiency standards for passenger cars and light trucks.

Advocating for energy-efficient federal surface transportation policy



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Congress is working on a transportation policy package, known as surface transportation reauthorization, that will determine key federal funding priorities for the next five years across roads, public transit, freight, and rail.

ACEEE's [priorities for the reauthorization package](#) include investments that advance job-creating clean freight projects, support underinvested communities, and build local capacity to plan, finance, and deliver impactful projects that help realize a clean energy future.

Supporting state transit-oriented development legislation



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The Maryland legislature passed a bill this week to remove costly parking minimums for new buildings near transit, facilitate mixed-use development, and expand financial incentives to support [transit-oriented development](#). Learn more about the bill, which now heads to the governor's desk, in a [fact sheet](#) we shared with state lawmakers ahead of the voting session.

Highlighting utility EV purchase incentive programs

Our [EV working group for utilities](#) convened in February to learn about innovative ways that utilities are helping make purchases of new and used electric vehicles more affordable for consumers. [Read takeaways](#) from the meeting.



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The working group meets quarterly to facilitate peer-to-peer learning between utility EV program managers. [Contact us to learn more.](#) Our next working group meeting will be in May, and all utilities are welcome to join.

Collaboration in Action



Senior research associate Peter Huether (right) presented on repurposing EV batteries at the EV Battery and Advanced Technology Supply Chain and Compliance Summit in March.

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:

- [NASEO State Transportation Energy Summit](#): Rachel Aland, transportation director, will present on April 22 on the "Putting the Pedal to the Metal on Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Hubs" panel.

- [ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings](#): Rachel will present on proactive utility planning for transportation electrification as a panelist during ACEEE's premier conference this summer, August 3–7 in Pacific Grove, California. The panel will be followed by a roundtable discussion on best practices for proactive planning. Early bird registration is open through June 5.

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