



Quarterly Meeting • December 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location	Capital Region Transportation Council Office 1 Park Place Albany, NY 12205 & Zoom Virtual Meeting Option
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1. Attendance

Name	Organization
Jacob Beeman	CDCC / Transportation Council
Chaim Simon	Transportation Council
Brandon Smith	EV Noire
Mary Ellen Mallia	Director of Sustainability, UAlbany
Lawrence D’Arco	NYS DEC
David Borton	Solar Sal Boats
Tara Donadio	CDRPC
Todd Fabozzi	CDRPC
Josh Dranoff	CDRPC
Haley Balcanoff	CDRPC

2. Charge @ Work Workplace Charging Program – Brandon Smith, EVNoire

EV charging at workplaces is wanted and needed by current EV drivers. Having access to EV chargers at work allows people who can’t access chargers at their home or along their route to benefit from the adoption of electric vehicles.

The [Charge@Work](#) program provides education and technical assistance to workplaces interested in installing EV charging. This can include finding employee incentives towards purchasing EVs and assistance in finding the correct chargers and infrastructure for your needs. The program is specifically for workplaces to provide charging to employees and visitors, not fleet vehicles.

The Charge at Work program also includes the [EVAL \(Electric Vehicle Adoption Leadership\)](#) program that recognizes workplaces that are leaders in providing electric vehicle charging. Like the LEED program, the EVAL program certifies that workplaces are encouraging EV charging. Workplaces can earn Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum certification through an interview process. EVAL Certification. For more information on the Charge at Work Program or the Electric Vehicle Adoption Leadership Program, please see the meeting recording or contact Brandon Smith for more information.

Brandon Smith, Electrification and Decarbonization Consultant, SmithB@EVNoire.com.

3. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)-Todd Fabozzi, Capital District Regional Planning Commission

The Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) is currently working on a US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) project that will have two distinct products once completed. The first is the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) which will identify strategies to mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the residential and transportation sectors in the capital region. This plan is currently under development and is expected to be completed in March 2024.

The second is an implementation grant program that will provide funding for projects that support the strategies outlined in the PCAP. The USEPA anticipates awarding individual grants between \$2 million and \$500 million, with funding tiers allowing comparably sized projects to compete against one another. Applications for the implementation grants are due by April 1, 2024. For more information on the CPRG grant and the Capital Region GHG Inventory/Dashboard please visit: <https://cdrpc.org/programs/sustainability/climate-collaborative> or contact Todd Fabozzi.

4. Draft Coalition Strategic Plan Review

The coalition strategic will be a multi-year plan that outlines objectives and activities to be undertaken by the coalition to achieve yearly increases of Gas Gallon Equivalents (GGE) displacement and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction. Jacob reviewed highlights of the Draft Strategic Plan, Coalition Mission Statement, Coalition Vision Statement and Smart Goals and the external and internal programs and activities for the next year. The final plan will be submitted to Department of Energy (DOE) staff in January.

5. Other Capital District Clean Communities Updates

The CDCC is beginning a study that will explore how to better coordinate with the other NYS Clean Cities coalitions to provide coverage to the entire state. Currently there are six Clean Cities coalitions across NYS, however, they do not cover the full geography of the state. The DOE is providing additional funding for the six coalitions to explore options on how to better work together to aid all areas of the state. This study will be kicking off in early 2024 and is expected to last approximately two years.

6. News Around the Table / New Fleet & Station Updates

- CDRPC discussed an update to the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program which now includes clean fleets (both on-road and off-road vehicles). However, they removed plug in hybrid vehicles.
- Canary Media recently published a piece about Solar Sal's electric boats. <https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/sea-transport/is-solar-the-future-of-boating-this-engineer-turned-boat-builder-says-yes>
- UAlbany started operation of their electric trolley in the fall.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- Q1 Stakeholder Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024
- Q2 Stakeholder Meeting – Wednesday, June 26, 2024

- Q3 Stakeholder Meeting – Wednesday, September 25, 2024
- Q4 Stakeholder Meeting – Wednesday, December 18, 2024