



Meeting Notes

DETAILS

Date: April 20, 2022
Time: 2-3:20pm
Location: Zoom [[registration link](#)]
Facilitator: Pierce County Sustainable Resources staff

Attendees

- DuPont
- Edgewood
- Fife
- Gig Harbor
- JBLM
- Milton
- Pierce County
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Steilacoom
- Tacoma

Introductions and 2030 Collaborative Overview

- Meetings will be quarterly for now – reassess frequency in the future
- Initial survey topics of interest: tree canopy, community engagement, EVs, equity and anti-racism, climate action planning
 - Pierce County staff will prioritize the group’s needs in planning meetings

WSU Green Transportation Program Presentation (Presenters: Jim Jensen and Andrea Tousignant)

- Mission: to establish and administer green transportation technical assistance to local jurisdictions
- Multiple benefits to working on transportation electrification: climate goals, air quality, fleet maintenance
- Resources/Tools:
 - [DOH Environmental Health Disparities](#) map and [Pierce County Equity index](#) – tools for prioritizing transportation investments
 - Zero Emission Vehicle mapping and forecasting tool being developed by WSDOT
 - WSU Green Transportation Program runs [AFV-TAG](#) (Alternative Fuels & Vehicles Technical Assistance Group) meetings every 2 months – next meeting is May 20th

- Great resource for fleets
 - SourceWell and State resources on available vehicles for fleet procurement – many won't be available until 2023 due to supply chain constraints
 - Upcoming conferences:
 - [Roadmap Conference](#) in Portland, OR, June 29-30th, 2022
 - [Green Transportation Summit and Expo](#) in Tacoma, WA, August 16-18th, 2022
 - Two WSDOT grants currently open (reach out to Andrea for assistance):
 - [Zero Emission Access Program](#)
 - [Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Partnerships](#)
 - For assistance with conducting a fleet analysis, understanding funding options, or navigating charging resources, email [Jim](#) and [Andrea](#)
 - Step-by-step resource for electrifying your fleet: [Milestones for Electrifying Public Fleets](#)
- Recommendations
 - Plan for grants well in advance – project scoping, budget, timeline – to be competitive
 - Pay attention to impacts on underserved communities in project planning
 - Engage with key stakeholders when transitioning fleet to EVs – involves changes in procedures for all involved in managing fleet and riding in fleet vehicles
 - Allow staff to test drive vehicles before purchasing to avoid push back
 - Do not recommend free charging – want to be able to capture charging to generate credits
 - Commerce ETS program funding and DERA program funding available specifically for rural and tribal communities

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Presentation (Presenter: Sara Nichols)

- Regional EV (REV) Collaboration launched in fall 2019
 - February 2022 session focused on zero emission vehicle mapping and forecasting as well as a “clearing house” of resources for local jurisdictions
 - High level themes from meeting discussion:
 - Progress varies between jurisdictions but a commonality is ZEV adoption goals
 - Thorough stakeholder identification and thoughtful consideration
 - Numerous examples of cross-collaboration in jurisdictions
 - New opportunities: federal funding, forecasting tool, automakers and dealers, private EV infrastructure developers
 - Working on beta version of clearing house to be available for feedback by late summer
 - Reach out to [Sara](#) if you want to get involved in the REV Collaboration and/or clearing house development
 - PSCAA can offer past grants as templates for applying for DERA funding and is happy to offer letters of support – cannot offer grant writing assistance due to limited staff capacity

Next meeting: July 2022