

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (EVIC) Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: February 18, 2016

Meeting Location: Richard Trainer Conference Room, MDOT Headquarters, Hanover, MD

Attendees:

Earl Lewis (MDOT)	Steve Skolnik (City of Greenbelt)
Charles Glass (MDOT)	Bob Bruninga (USNA)
Dorothy Morrison (MDOT)	Jason Mathias (BCDOT)
Rob Stewart (Pepco)	Lanny Hartman (Citizen)
Konrad Herling (Greenbelt City Council [MML])	Alex Keros (GM)
John Murach (BGE)	Kevin Miller (ChargePoint)
Mike Jones (MEA)	Thomas Ashley (Greenlots)
Jill Sorensen (BEVI)	Meg Andrews (MDOT)
Mike Wall (Clinton Electric)	Colleen Turner (MDOT)
Liz Entwisle (MDE)	Curtis Johnson (MDOT)
Tim Shepherd (MDE)	

Welcome, Announcements & Introductions

MDOT Deputy Secretary, R. Earl Lewis, Jr., welcomed all meeting participants.

Public Comments

Lanny Hartman, an EV driver from Howard County has asked Delegate Clarence Lam to amend the bill on Stopping and Standing (HB0839) to ensure that electric vehicles (EVs) parked in EV spaces do not have to be connected. Mr. Hartman also informed the Council that Howard County Councilwomen, Jen Terrasa, has sponsored local legislation (Council Bill 7-2016), which would prevent “icing,” by giving the Howard County Police Department the authority to ticket non electric vehicles in designated EV parking spaces on both public and private property.

Status Update

Meg Andrews provided the Council with an update on where we are in terms of the number of electric vehicles in Maryland (estimated at 4,407) as well as the existing charging infrastructure (estimated at 843 outlets). The presentation also included a summary of relevant 2016 legislative proposals and a summary of the monthly energy usage in (kWh) at the existing MTA EV charging sites.

Workgroup Updates

Communications

Chair: Jill Sorensen (BEVI)

Members: Liz Entwisle (MDE), Tim Shepherd (MDE), Mike Jones (MEA) and Tim Davis (City of Frederick [MML])

Ms. Sorensen indicated that the committee was working on a basic communications plan and coordinating updates to the www.marylandev.org website. The committee has identified the following needs:

- Better engage in social media.
- Ensure that regular updates to the website do not fall behind due to changeover in student help.
- Ensure consistency across Maryland EV-related websites.
- Better identify target audience, which will require funding.

The MDOT website, where EVIC's webpage is housed, is being revised. As a result, the links may not be current.

Konrad Herling suggested that a workshop be held at the upcoming MML conference in June. He also volunteered to reach out to the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) EVIC member.

Update on DC Fast Charge Projects (Mike Jones)

Mr. Jones, who is replacing Chris Rice as the EVIC member for MEA, reported on the status of the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (EVIP) grant program. The award covered 26 DC Fast Charge stations:

- 15 Royal Farm Stores of which 10 are now open. These include locations in Central Maryland and along Route 50 to Ocean City.
- 4 NRG stations are in process. These are in negotiations with new site hosts
- 2 ChargePoint stations, also in negotiations with new site hosts.

State Agency

Chair: TBD

Members: TBD

The state agencies in attendance (MEA, MDE, and MDOT) will form a workgroup and will reach out to any other relevant state agencies, per the EVIC legislation, to solicit participation. The primary tasks of this workgroup will be to:

- Review the 32 recommendations from December 2012 final report.
- Assign recommendations to the appropriate workgroup for further investigation and comment.
- Work with MVA to get an itemized list of EVs and non-plug-in hybrids registered in Maryland.
- Ensure that state agency websites and crosslinks are consistent, including www.marylandev.org.

Volunteers are needed to lead the Legislative and Workplace Charging Workgroups.

Colleen Turner (MDOT) will send an email query to the full EVIC for other volunteers.

Legislative

Chair: TBD

Members: TBD

Volunteers are needed to chair and sit on the legislative workgroup.

Ms. Turner will work with EVIC to identify volunteers and a potential chair(s).

Workplace & Urban Charging

Chair: TBD

Members: TBD

The Council determined that the existing Workplace Charging Workgroup should be expanded to also include Urban Charging. Volunteers are needed to chair and sit on the Workplace and Urban Charging workgroup.

Ms. Turner will work with EVIC to identify volunteers and a potential chair(s).

EVIC Priorities for 2016

The Council began reviewing the 32 recommendations from the December 2012 report (Appendix A) and determined that the State Workgroup should meet, prior to the next EVIC Meeting in April, to update the status on each recommendation and assign any follow-ups to the appropriate workgroup.

Meeting Schedule for 2016

EVIC meetings will be held every other month, on the third Thursday, from February through December. EVIC will not meet during the months of July and August.