

Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) February Legislative Session Meeting

Meeting Date: February 23, 2023

Meeting Location: Phone/Webinar

ZEEVIC Members/Appointed Representatives in Attendance:

- R. Earl Lewis, Jr. (MDOT), ZEEVIC Chair
- Fleischmann-Groncki, Kristy (BGE)
- Jones, Mike (MEA)
- Miller, Kevin
- Shaw, Jeff (SMECO)
- Thompson, Elvia (Annapolis Green)
- Verchinski, Paul (Public)
- Wilson, Scott (EVADC)
- Xu, Bihui (MDP)
- Young, Weston (Worcester County)

ZEEVIC Member Alternates:

- Baker, Benjamin (PSC)
- Hoover, Fred (OPC)
- O'Connor, Dan (PHI)
- Shepherd, Tim (MDE)

Staff:

- Burke, Virginia (MDOT)
- Cortazzo, Sophia (MDOT)
- Janousek, Dan (MDOT)
- Lipford, Sharron (Sharp & Co., supporting MDOT)
- Proctor, David (Sharp & Co., supporting MDOT)
- Rousey, Shannon (Jacobs, supporting MDOT)
- Sawada, Leo (Jacobs, supporting MDOT)

Welcome and Announcements

This additional meeting was convened to review recommendations from the ZEEVIC Legislative Working Group.

Legislative Working Group Recommendations

Prior to this meeting, the ZEEVIC Legislative Working Group met four times to review a total of 12 bills (nine House bills and three Senate bills) and to discuss EV charging reliability regarding the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) Case No. 9478. The ZEEVIC Legislative Working Group drafted two letters for the council's review and approval, a legislation support letter and a letter to the PSC.

Letter to the PSC Recommendation: Kevin Miller, ZEEVIC Legislative Working Group Chair

An overview of this letter was provided explaining that it was developed as result of discussions at the January 2023 ZEEVIC meeting and was written to The Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) to:

- Address issues of EV charging station reliability and identify how critical it is to the success of EV adoption in Maryland.
- Express ZEEVIC's support and request reasonable actions to be taken by the commission to move forward.
- Highlight existing orders issued by the commission to Maryland's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan and note the PC44 work group recommendation on developing reliability requirements for utilities as well as final reliability reporting requirements issued by the Federal Highway Administration.

Discussion

- Agreement to cc Benjamin Baker (PSC Staff).
- Agreement to update the list of utilities in the first paragraph to correct omissions in the draft.

Decision

The ZEEVIC agreed that the letter be signed and sent to the PSC, pending the minor edits discussed. Benjamin Baker (PSC) and Fred Hoover (OPC) abstained from the decision.

Legislation Support Letter Recommendation: David Proctor, Sharp & Co.

This letter lists nine bills (six House and three Senate) that the working group reached a consensus to support. It includes a brief description of each bill and why it received ZEEVIC's support.

- The bills supported are HB0007, HB0101, SB0593, HB0312, HB0550, SB0548, HB0830, SB0477, and HB0889.
- Upon approval, the letter will be sent to bill sponsors for the bills where the hearing date has already passed. The letter will be submitted as written testimony for bills with hearings on or after 2/27/23.
- The ZEEVIC Purpose and Role document will be sent as an attachment to the support letter.

Discussion

- General discussion on EV-related bills that were not listed in the draft legislation support letter. Kevin Miller provided some context as to why certain bills did not appear on the letter, noting that omission from the letter means there was no consensus and did not indicate the group opposed those bills.
- Discussion related to HB230/SB224 and the Advanced Clean Trucks rule led to the agreement to hold an additional ZEEVIC Legislative Working Group meeting next week to discuss the potential drafting of an additional support letter. The drafting and approval of any future letter is independent of the approval of the draft letter discussed at this meeting.

Decision

The ZEEVIC agreed that the letter be signed and sent to the legislators, pending minor administrative edits. Benjamin Baker (PSC) and Fred Hoover (OPC) abstained from the decision.

Closing Remarks – R. Earl Lewis

- Any other legislative letters the Legislative Working Group wants to recommend will be brought to the March 8 ZEEVIC Meeting for the full Council to consider. .
- Brian Booher announced that Montgomery County released a survey on community EV charging. He encouraged people to visit the survey link and provided it in the chat:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8MNJQ9F>

Next ZEEVIC Meeting

March 8, 2023