



## **NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP**

**October 4, 2018  
Webinar Meeting  
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **Participating**

- CDTC, Jennifer Ceponis (Chair)
- CDTC, Chris O'Neill
- AGFTC, Jack Mance
- CS, Rich Denbow
- DCTC, Mark Debald
- DCTC, Dylan Tuttle
- ECTC, Courtney Taylor
- FHWA, Heather Holsinger
- GTC, Joe Bovenzi
- NYMTC, Leslie Fordjour
- OCTC, Zach Coleman
- SMTC, Kevin Busa
- Electrify America, Michael Tubman

#### **1. Zero Emission Vehicle Investment Plan**

Michael Tubman, Manager of State Government Affairs and Public Policy at Electrify America, presented information about the organization and its electric vehicle programs. Electrify America is a subsidiary of the Volkswagen Group of America (VWGoA). It was founded in 2016 to manage the \$2 billion Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Commitment resulting from the settlement between VWGoA, the United States, and the State of California. This effort will be delivered over ten years through four, 30-month cycles of investment. Each cycle of investment is carried out according to a National ZEV Investment Plan. Electrify America looks for opportunities to invest in highly utilized charging stations that represent a good potential return on capital.

Plans developed for Cycle 1 are already being implemented. Cycle 2 plans, which will be implemented between July 2019 and December 2021, are under development. Cycle 1 includes significant investments in New York State. Electrify America is building ultra-fast charging stations along I-90 and I-87 as part of a nationwide network featuring 350kW power stations. These stations are on average 70 miles apart nationally, with a maximum distance between stations of 120 miles. Electrify America is also investing in fast charging, workplace, and multiunit dwelling charging in the New York City metropolitan area and 16

other metropolitan areas across the country, and is launching an education and awareness campaign on TV and radio airwaves in the state as part of a \$45 million nationwide awareness investment.

A WG member asked if charging stations will be placed at rest stops. Mr. Tubman replied that federal law prohibits automotive service or other commercial establishments to be constructed or located within the Interstate ROW. Because customers pay for the charging service, stations cannot be placed at rest areas. Some older highways, like I-90 and parts of I-87, have commercialized rest stops that were built prior to when the law was passed. Electrify America had discussions with NYS Thruway early in the Cycle 1 process but decided to pursue other locations. They remain open to conversations in future cycles. Another WG member asked if there will be multiple charging stations in each city. Mr. Tubman replied that each location has between four and ten charging stations, with an average number of five.

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## **2. VW Settlement Funds Update**

Jen Ceponis reported that NYSDEC released a Beneficiary Mitigation Plan that outlines the types of projects the state would like to implement using settlement funds to offset the excess emissions resulting from Volkswagen's violation of NOx standards.

The plan is available at: [https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/air\\_pdf/vwcleantransportplan18.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/air_pdf/vwcleantransportplan18.pdf). NYSDEC is accepting comments on the plan.

## **3. Autonomous Vehicle Fact sheet**

Jen Ceponis reviewed the final draft of the NYSAMPO Autonomous Vehicle Fact Sheet. The fact sheet was distributed to WG members prior to the meeting. There were no additional questions or comments on the draft from the meeting participants. Cambridge Systematics will begin the process of putting the text into the NYSAMPO fact sheet template.

## **4. Partner Agency/MPO Updates**

No updates.

## **5. Adjourn**

The next meeting will take place in approximately three months. The meeting was adjourned.