

## The GWRCCC Post



*December 2017 Edition*

*Fueling You With Knowledge One Mile At A Time*

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### Regional EV Infrastructure Discussion Planned During 2018 Washington Auto Show

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Climate, Energy & Environment Policy Committee plans to hold a special two-hour meeting at the Washington Convention Center during the Washington Auto Show to review EV infrastructure policy considerations for the DMV

region. Members of the Committee, including GWRCCC's Ira Dorfman, will exchange ideas with expert panelists during the session. GWRCCC stakeholders and Clean Cities coordinators from the Mid Atlantic and Northeast will be invited to participate.



The Committee meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 26 during the Auto Show's preview day. Attendees will be provided a sneak peek of the Auto Show at the conclusion of the session. The Auto Show will not open to the public until Friday, January 27.

More details about the event and registration information will be distributed in early January.

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# Planning a trip to Orlando?



## Rent an electric car for a VIP experience!

The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition is partnering with Drive Electric Orlando to encourage Orlando visitors from the Washington, DC area to rent a Chevy Volt from Enterprise Rent-A-Car during their Florida stay. A short-term rental is a fun, easy and low-pressure way for people to test-drive an electric car. This program has the potential to dramatically scale awareness and demand for electric cars. Hopefully, after experiencing a positive electric drive experience, these visitors will come home to DC with motivation to purchase their own EVs.

## EV VIP Perks

### GREAT HOTEL AMENITIES

Many hotels offer free valet, free parking and/or free charging - just ask when you check-in!

### ROCK STAR PARKING

Preferred parking plus free charging at the following destinations:

- Disney Magic Kingdom
- Disney Animal Kingdom
- Disney Epcot
- Universal Studios
- Orlando Convention Center

### NO MORE AIRPORT LINES

Three Months of Free CLEARLane Access:

- 3 month free trial with promo code DRIVES3
- Discounted annual renewal rate of \$155 (\$24 savings)
- Sign up at [www.clearme.com](http://www.clearme.com)

### VIP PASS FOR EPCOT TEST TRACK

VIP Treatment at Epcot's Test Track Ride:

- Your VIP pass\* gets a special behind the scenes look at the GM test track ride, access to the GM VIP lobby, and to the front of the line for the ride!

### SKIP THE GAS STATION

Free Charging Throughout the City:

- You will get a pass that will let you charge at more than at more than 300 charging stations throughout the city

\* The VIP pass does not serve as admission to Epcot. To utilize the VIP pass, you must obtain entry to the park on your own. Passes are valid for one week from the date of your rental.

PLUG-IN PERKS

learn more at [www.pluginperks.com](http://www.pluginperks.com)

## GWRCCC Collaborates on Efforts to Reduce Transportation Impact on Chesapeake Bay Water Quality

Nitrogen oxides (NOx) from vehicle emissions are among the largest sources of pollution affecting the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition has proposed a regional Bay clean-up initiative with other interested parties - the Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities Coalition, the Eastern Pennsylvania Alliance for Clean Transportation (Philadelphia), and Argonne National Laboratories. The three organizations will assess the impact of transportation-generated emissions on the Bay and its major tributaries and promote the transition to cleaner transportation choices.



Revising and updating the atmospheric deposition modeling, performing outreach activities to increase social and environmental resilience and mitigating air and groundwater pollution are all part of this proposed regional effort. The group is also investigating opportunities to collaborate with other common-minded organizations within the Chesapeake watershed including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and philanthropic organizations. Additional meetings to advance these discussions are planned for early 2018.

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## GWRCCC Active in Efforts to Bring Fast Commuter Ferry to DC and Expanded Biodiesel Use in Current Tourist Ferries

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission held its third ferry boat stakeholders meeting on October 26 to discuss its progress in bringing ferry commuter service to downtown Washington from suburban Virginia on the Potomac River. GWRCCC is an active member of the advisory committee and participated in both the stakeholder meeting and a public meeting that followed at National Harbor in Prince George's County, MD.

Government officials, leaders from the business community and the public convened to discuss the progress of efforts to complete necessary land-side infrastructure, determine ferry routes and address environmental concerns - the latter of which is GWRCCC's primary interest. Under consideration are fast ferry routes from Woodbridge, VA north to destinations including National Harbor, Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling and other intermediate destinations leading into the new DC Wharf in Southwest Washington.

A fast ferry connection will provide an attractive alternative for Virginia and Maryland commuters who face daily gridlock in their workplace travels along Interstate 95, the Washington Beltway and other routes into the District of Columbia.

GWRCCC has been working with the Potomac Riverboat Company, the ferry operator hoping to broaden its current tourist-only routes to include a schedule of daily commuter service with fast ferries fueled with clean alternative fuels. In the meantime, GWRCCC is assisting the National Biodiesel Foundation in its efforts to convert Potomac Riverboat's expanding fleet of tourist ferries from conventional diesel to environmentally-friendly biodiesel. More information on the company's current Potomac River routes can be found at <https://www.potomacriverboatco.com/water-taxi/>.



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## Fleets-4-Future (F4F) Vehicle Bid List Now Available for Stakeholders

This past summer, Fleet 4 the Future stakeholders provided the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments with their three-year projection of alternative-fueled vehicle and infrastructure purchases. These requests have been compiled, aggregated and the Invitation to Bid (IFB) for vehicles has been released. **Bids must be submitted by December 19.**

For additional information, please refer to <https://www.mwcog.org/purchasing-and-bids/cog-bids-and-rfps/2017/11/17/ifb-no-18-001-/>.



[About Fleets for the Future \(F4F\):](#)

F4F is an opportunity for Mid-Atlantic fleets to enjoy purchase price discounts through aggregate procurement. In 2016, F4F received a competitive award from the US Department of Energy's Clean Cities program to develop and implement a streamlined procurement process for purchasing advanced-fueled vehicles, alternative fuels, refueling and recharging infrastructure.

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## GWRCCC Testifies Before the DC Public Service Commission in support of AltaGas and Washington Gas Merger

Please click [here](#) to read the testimony of Ira Dorfman, GWRCCC Executive Director

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## GWRCCC signed the Transportation Electrification Accord

View the accord here: <https://www.theevaccord.com/>.  
An opportunity also exists for your organization to sign the accord



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## GWRCCC Welcomes Cummins Westport

The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition is pleased to announce that Cummins Westport Inc. has joined the Coalition as a Gold member.



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## It Is Time Again to Report Your Fleet's Petroleum Consumption

Did your organization take steps to reduce its petroleum consumption during 2017? Do you have any hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles in your fleet? Do you use biodiesel, E-85, natural gas or propane? Do you have any idle-reduction or trip-reduction policies in effect? Did you install an EV charging station and/or another propane, natural gas, E-85 or biodiesel fueling location? If so, this is a reminder that the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition needs your help in gathering and reporting this data!

As you may know, as a USDOE-designated Clean Cities Coalition, one of our responsibilities is to compile an annual report of the activities and accomplishments of our stakeholders. We are required to report these petroleum-reduction activities whether or not they have been funded by DOE. Information gleaned from these reports allows the DOE (and Congress) to track progress of the national Clean Cities program and are used to support funding levels for our efforts.

The activities of our GWRCCC stakeholders in 2016 resulted in the displacement of more than 10,000,000 gallons of petroleum! It is apparent that our collective efforts in 2017 have resulted in a significant increase in this number.

Please assist us in our effort to provide DOE with a complete and accurate accounting of the Region's petroleum displacement for 2017. Your cooperation will not only be appreciated, but also will provide DOE with a way to measure the effectiveness of our efforts. A template for this information is available on request but providing us with the data in whatever format works best for you is what's most important. A reminder will be sent to all DMV fleets in early January.

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## 2018 GWRCCC Membership Invoices in the Mail



As this month's newsletter illustrates, GWRCCC is embarking on many new projects that include virtually every available alternative fuel.

Please join us for what portends to be an exciting new year of activities, workshops and events. Renewal invoices for 2018 will arrive shortly. Your continued support of the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition is greatly appreciated and urgently needed to support our ongoing work.

If you were not a 2017 stakeholder, please consider becoming one; current stakeholders, please consider renewing at a higher membership level. Information and benefits of membership can be found by clicking [here](#)

***The staff of GWRCCC wish everyone a joyous Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza and a healthy and prosperous 2018!***

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## Thanks To All Our Members and Partners



We hope you will join GWRCCC in our commitment to make the Washington Region a cleaner, more secure and forward-thinking place to live and work. Click on the link below to see our growing list of members and our Board of Directors.

[Read more](#)

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