

Projects & Activities

Autonomous Connected Vehicles Workshops

Through late summer and fall of 2017 Centralina COG and the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition are partnering with the NC Department of Transportation to host a series of workshops related to autonomous and connected vehicles (ACVs). In addition, this series is being brought to the region due to generous support from CCFC sustaining stakeholders, PSNC and UPS. Policymakers, fleet managers, and local governments can proactively tackle potential impacts of ACVs through planning and policy mechanisms.



The first session titled **“Clearing the Hype,”** held on **August 23rd**, served as an informational session to help

stakeholders understand the technology and their role in its implementation in the greater Charlotte region. The near capacity attendees shared positive feedback overall and provided ideas to help make sessions 2 and 3 most useful. The second workshop titled **“Discussing the Impacts”** focuses on the ways that ACV technology impacts our transportation system, fleet decisions, transportation planning, land use, etc. and is set to occur on **September 20th**. The final workshop in the series, **“Developing an Action Plan,”** will determine and confirm the next best steps that our region can take to prepare for this technology on **October 25th**.



As a result of this series, the CCFC is excited to share the anticipated “ACV Preparedness Primer” with its stakeholders later this fall as they seek to fulfill their own organizational missions and that of Clean Cities—the reduction of dependence on petroleum! For more information on Autonomous Connected Vehicles, or any of the workshops please visit <http://www.centralina.org/regional-planning/transportation/autonomous-and-connectedvehicles/> or contact Jason Wager, Planning Program Supervisor at CCOG, at jwager@centralina.org or 704-348-2707.

The Greater Charlotte Regional Freight Summit

Centralina COG and project partners have been hard at work putting the plan into action. The summit will exhibit our initiatives and how we are implementing the plan's recommendations to ensure safe, reliable, efficient and sustainable freight mobility to support the Charlotte region's economy and quality of life. Hear from a panel of experts about freight's impact on economic growth, disruptive technologies for the industry, and new connections being made. The summit is September 15th from 11-2pm at the CPCC Harris Campus. Please stay tuned for what's next by checking the [CCOG Freight webpage](#) for details on upcoming events.



FHWA Alternative Fuels Corridor Nominations Update

In July, a Stakeholder webinar provided attendees with updates on the FHWA's alt fuels corridor nomination process via presentations from **Mike Scarpino** of USDOT's Volpe Institute and **Heather Hildebrandt** from NCDOT. These corridors are designated by the Transportation Secretary to establish a national network of alternative fueling and charging infrastructure along national highway system corridors. Following on a [first round of designations made in late 2016](#), a second round is expected this Fall. CCFC stakeholders are encouraged to contact Carina Soriano (csoriano@centralina.org) or Jason Wager (jwager@centralina.org) to discuss submitting a corridor for nomination--please reference the FHWA website at the following link to view already designated corridors in our area (http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/). Following nomination, chosen corridors are assigned "signage-ready" or "signage-pending" status and work with state DOTs to plan for or install signage accordingly. For more information and links, please see <http://4cleanfuels.com/events/ccfc-core-stakeholder-group-meeting-webinar>.



Upcoming Events

[National Drive Electric Week Charlotte Event: September 15th](#)

[Autonomous Connected Vehicles Workshop 2, Discussing the Impacts: September 20th](#)

[Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference: October 11-13th](#)

[Autonomous Connected Vehicles Workshop 3, Developing an Action Plan: October 25th](#)

[Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition Core Stakeholder Meeting: November 15th](#)

Announcements



Welcome to our Fall Intern: Sean Hartung!

Sean has joined Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition's Clean Cities University Workforce Development Program as a Fall 2017 Intern. He is a senior undergraduate studying Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Work includes technical assistance to fueling station owners, grant writing and management, networking potential project partners together, input on local

government policy and processes, idle-reduction campaigns, and public outreach events. He is from Durham, NC and can be contacted at shartung@centralina.org.

National Drive Electric Week Charlotte Event

The Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition and the City of Charlotte are excited to partner again this year for National Drive Electric Week. On September 15th, at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center's Semi-Circle, an interactive event made up of electric vehicles, experienced Electric Vehicle owners and experts, and organizations that support transportation choices will be on hand. Thanks especially to our stakeholders and partners at the City of Charlotte, Nissan, Club Car, CPCC, Duke Energy, Mecklenburg County LUESA, NCSEA, BMW and UNC-Charlotte for helping to provide vehicles, volunteers, and behind-the-scenes guidance that make this event successful every year. For more information, please contact Carina Soriano (csoriano@centralina.org) or see <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1053>.



VW Settlement Information

On March 15, 2017, Wilmington Trust was officially appointed by the court as the Trustee of the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust which is expected to be followed by a Trust Effective Date anytime. Once this is set, states will have 60 days to submit their Certification for Beneficiary Status, essentially declaring an interest in receiving its portion of settlement funds. For additional information on the Volkswagen Settlement, please [see our 1-page overview and other resources](#) on the CCFC website, or contact Jason Wager (jwager@centralina.org or 704-348-2707).

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