

## CCFC Updates

Spring 2017

### Projects & Activities

#### The Greater Charlotte Regional Freight Mobility Plan

This plan is designed to identify methods of freight efficiency, which in effect will increase fuel efficiency. Over 77% of the region's freight tonnage is moved by truck. When we improve freight mobility and safety, it can reduce congestion and mitigate environmental impacts. The project team will present the Freight Mobility Plan at the region's transportation planning organization policy and program boards in the first quarter and then broader regional meetings with local government and economic development representatives in the spring. Please stay tuned for what's next by checking the [CCOG Freight webpage](#) for details on upcoming meetings and events.



#### March 2017 Core Stakeholder Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition Core Stakeholders Group meeting at CCOG offices Wednesday morning, 3/15/17. Whether you attended or were not able to make it this time, a recap of what was presented along with links to referenced websites and handouts can be found at [March 2017 Core Stakeholder Meeting Highlights](#). Mark your calendar now for our next Core Stakeholder meeting, scheduled for the morning of 5/17/2017.

#### Energy Independence Summit 2017

Representatives from the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition joined clean transportation leaders from across the nation in Washington, DC to educate federal policy makers about the need to expand America's use of alternative fuels, including biofuels, electricity, natural gas, and propane autogas. CCFC Chairman, Chris Facente, and Coordinator, Jason Wager, participated in Energy Independence Summit 2017, the nation's premier clean transportation policy event, on February 12-15.



## Upcoming Events

2017 CCOG Annual Conference: April 6<sup>th</sup>

UNC Charlotte Earth Day Festival: April 19<sup>th</sup>

NC Public Transportation Strategic Plan Technology Community Workshop: May 4<sup>th</sup>

2017 Community Asthma Walk: May 6<sup>th</sup>

Region of Excellence Awards: May 10<sup>th</sup>

Core Stakeholder Meeting: May 17<sup>th</sup>

## Announcements

### VW Settlement Information

On March 15, 2017, Wilmington Trust was officially appointed by the court as the Trustee of the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust. The [unopposed motion](#) was filed on February 23, 2017 and the [order of appointment](#) was filed on March 15, 2017. Once the court establishes the Trust Effective Date, states will have 60 days to submit their Certification for Beneficiary Status.



### Spring 2017 Plug-in Newsletter

The Spring 2017 Plug-in NC newsletter is here! Plug-in NC has been working since 2011 to establish North Carolina as a leader in electrified transportation. Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition staff and stakeholders participate actively in this state-wide program that promotes electric vehicles through education and outreach, consulting and resource development, striving to provide a collaborative opportunity to work together to ensure a seamless integration of plug-in electric vehicles into our local communities. Visit

<https://goo.gl/ph8kl6> to read the full newsletter.

### Fuels Fix Spring 2017

The stories in the recently published e-zine cover many coalitions as several are about partnerships like Midwest EVOLVE, Fleets for the Future and the SADI Project, as well as a cover story on one fleet's exemplary commitment to AFVs and alt fuels after the flooding in that state last year: "Come Hell or High Water." The Fuels Fix is available for download at <http://www.fuelsfix.com>.

### VW's Electrify America Releases ZEV Investment Plan

Volkswagen's new subsidiary, Electrify America, has released the public version of their [National Zero Emission Vehicle \(ZEV\) Investment Plan: Cycle 1](#), which outlines the company's spending priorities for the first 30-month investment cycle. Electrify America will invest \$1.2 billion over the next ten years in ZEV infrastructure, education, and access outside California to support the increased adoption of ZEV technology in the United States. The National ZEV Investment Plan, which was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in early April, describes the \$300 million in investments that will be made over the first 30-month cycle. The National ZEV Investment Plan: Cycle 1 [can be downloaded here](#).

For additional information on the Volkswagen Settlement, please visit CCFC website, or contact Jason Wager ([jwager@centralina.org](mailto:jwager@centralina.org)).