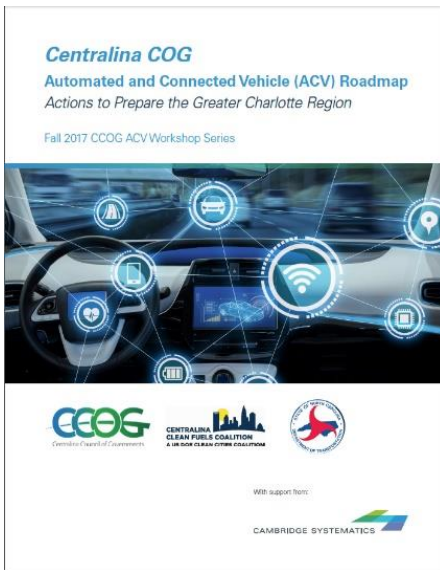


# CCFC Updates

Spring 2018

## Projects & Activities

### Autonomous Connected Vehicles Taskforce



At the end of January 2018, Centralina COG and the CCFC, in partnership with Cambridge Systematics, released a roadmap designed to prepare and navigate the change ACVs will cause in the region and to further the conversation started by the Centralina COG's three Fall 2017 ACV workshops. The results of the last workshop also determined that an ACV TaskForce should be developed to continue the conversation and sustain the progress that the Greater Charlotte region has made towards education of leaders and advancements in ACV policies. Because of this, the Greater Charlotte region is receiving recognition nationally as a leader in the ACV conversation and instruction. The Task Force met for the first time on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss what's been done so far and what the goals of the taskforce should be.

We got published! The Fuels Fix Ezine, published monthly and distributed to a

wide audience of those who use, deal and own alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure, including Clean Cities Coalitions around the country, featured Carina's article about Autonomous & Connected Vehicles and posted us as the cover story! The full article is available here:

[https://issuu.com/jgoverly/docs/fuelsfix\\_winter-2018](https://issuu.com/jgoverly/docs/fuelsfix_winter-2018). Cover image right.

In addition, Centralina COG is sponsoring several training sessions for regional planners throughout 2018 and the first session was on ACVs on 2/22/18. A session on ACVs will also be held at the annual CCOG conference on 4/12/18.

For more information on Autonomous Connected Vehicles, or any of the workshops or sessions, 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](mailto:jwager@centralina.org) or 704-372-2416.



### Annual Reporting for CCFC for Calendar Year 2017

Each year, all Clean Cities coalitions are required to submit to the DOE an annual report of its activities and accomplishments from the previous calendar year. Thank you to all who submitted information to help us achieve an estimated reduction of 4.9 million gallons of petroleum used in 2017! This is a new record for the CCFC! We will be sending out another email once the official DOE report is released with the results.

## Town of Matthews Aims to Educate with Their New Direct Current Fast Charger

If you've passed through the Town of Matthews recently, you may have spotted a new addition in the downtown area. A new electric vehicle (EV) Direct Current (DC) Fast Charger and education board now calls Matthews home. CCFC was proud to partner with the Town of Matthews, Nissan, the NC Clean Energy Technology Center, and Brightfield Transportation Systems to bring this project to fruition. The informational board, designed by former Clean Cities University Workforce Development Program intern, Brooke Keppy, draws Matthews' residents and visitors attention that they can now charge their electric vehicles while downtown and how this charging unit works. As you might imagine, this information provides important context and background to downtown visitors that come across the "white box" that is this DC Fast Charger! Assistant Town Manager Becky Hawke noted "The Town of Matthews is excited to share with its residents more information about this charging station through this infographic, made possible through our partnership with the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition".



## Upcoming Events

**State Energy Conference of North Carolina: April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**UNC-Charlotte Earth Day: April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**City of Charlotte Earth Day Event: April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**CCFC Core Stakeholder Meeting: May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference & Expo: August 22-23rd**

## Announcements

### Federal Highway Alternative Fuels Corridors

The second round of nominations has been finalized by the FHWA and include both EV and CNG corridors for North Carolina, including our region. For the full chart of corridor-ready and corridor-pending highways, please visit [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative\\_fuel\\_corridors/nominations/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/nominations/) and access state-by-state information via the menu on the left side of the screen. For the national map, please visit here: <https://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/fhwagis/ViewMap.aspx?map=Highway+Information%7CCompressed+Natural+Gas+%28CNG%29>. Contact Carina Soriano if you have ideas or questions at [csoriano@centralina.org](mailto:csoriano@centralina.org).

### VW Settlement Update

Following the October 4<sup>th</sup> TED, Governor Cooper officially appointed the Department of Environmental Quality (DAQ/DEQ) as the lead agency for NC in managing the \$92 million the state will receive. A website was launched in coordination with the appointment and can be found here:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/motor-vehicles-and-air-quality/volkswagen-settlement>. At the coalition level, including other coalitions in NC, there has been much discussion about eligibility criteria and how the funds might be deployed and providing specific project ideas. Five regional public input meetings are



underway, including the one for the Centralina Area. A draft Mitigation Plan has been released and the DEQ is seeking comments on it until May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The plan and link to send comments can be found here:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/motor-vehicles-and-air-quality/volkswagen-settlement>. For additional information on the Volkswagen Settlement, please visit the CCFC website, or contact Jason Wager ([jwager@centralina.org](mailto:jwager@centralina.org)).