



# CCFC Updates

# Winter 2017-2018

## Projects & Activities

### 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. CCFC needs your help as we prepare our 2017 report. These results help the US Department of Energy Clean Cities program track progress toward its petroleum saving goals and justifies to Congress why programs, alternative fuels, and advanced vehicle technologies that displace petroleum deserve continued funding. In turn, these accomplishments are cited to justify future federal opportunities, grants or otherwise, to assist stakeholders and other clean transportation leaders in our ongoing efforts to reduce our dependence on petroleum. We will seek in February your inputs on projects impacting our 9 county region ([see map here](#)) covering topics such as Fuel Stations, Vehicle & Fuel Inventory, Fuel Economy, and Idle Reduction. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Carina Soriano at [csoriano@centralina.org](mailto:csoriano@centralina.org) or Jason Wager at [jwager@centralina.org](mailto:jwager@centralina.org).

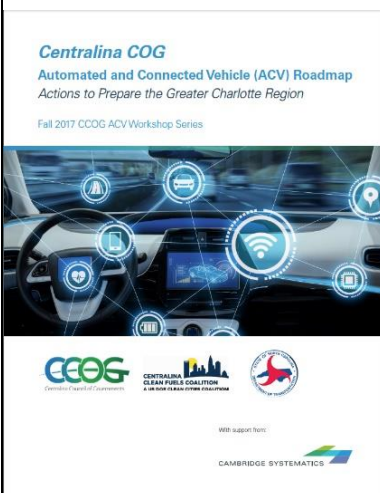
Thank you in advance for your help, as we strive to meet our submittal deadline for the region of March 15, 2018.

### Autonomous Connected Vehicles Workshops

In the Fall of 2017 Centralina COG and the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition hosted a 3-part workshop series related to autonomous and connected vehicles (ACVs). Workshops included information on what these technologies encompass and implications for local government and other stakeholders in the future. They also detailed the roles that different stakeholders will have in the introduction of ACV technologies. Lastly the sessions addressed plans for the greater Charlotte region to embrace the technologies. Our sustaining stakeholders, PSNC and UPS, provided tremendous support in making these events possible.

At the end of January 2018, Centralina COG and the CCFC will release a roadmap designed to prepare and navigate the future change ACVs will cause in the region. 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 ACV conversation and instruction. In addition, Centralina COG is sponsoring several training sessions for regional planners throughout 2018 and the first session will be 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-](http://www.centralina.org/regional-planning/transportation/autonomous-and-connectedvehicles/)

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## 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 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

**Renewable Diesel and Biodiesel Blends Webinar: February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Proterra Bus Plant Tour for Stakeholders, South Carolina: February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**National Energy Independence Summit: February 11-14<sup>th</sup>**

**First Responder Clean Transportation Demonstration Day: February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**CCFC Core Stakeholder Meeting: March 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Announcements

### Annual "Strategic Framework" in Progress

CCFC staff are hard at work developing an annual 'strategic framework' document that will be posted to the website and sent out with the stakeholder email in lieu of a meeting this month. This document is designed to replace the Annual Operating Plan which is no longer required by the National Clean Cities program. The concise report is based on input received from stakeholders at previous meetings and on examination of current best practices and topics that are working for the coalition to provide for our stakeholders.

### Jason Wager, CCFC Coordinator Recognized as Outstanding Steering Committee Member

At the Annual Plug-In NC Summit in December which promotes EVs through education and outreach, CCFC's Coordinator, Jason Wager, was recognized as the 2017 Plug-In Outstanding Steering Committee Member for his work supporting electric vehicles in NC.



### 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. In late November, 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. Public input was available until Dec. 31, 2017 and a website launched in coordination with the appointment 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 versus providing specific project ideas at this stage. For additional information on the Volkswagen Settlement, please visit the CCFC website, or contact Jason Wager ([jwager@centralina.org](mailto:jwager@centralina.org)).