



# STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

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## Dominion Energy Proposes Largest Electric School Bus Initiative in the Country



Dominion Energy is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and helping its customers do the same. As part of this commitment, the company plans to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050 and plans to have 3000 megawatts of solar and wind in operation or under development by 2022.

In the coming weeks, bus manufacturers will be able to submit bids through an RFP process and school districts can express their interest in participating in this groundbreaking program to receive the buses as soon as next year.

The initial phase of the electric school bus deployment aims to have 50 buses fully operational within Dominion Energy's Virginia service territory by the end of 2020 - all without any change in prices paid by customers. Phase two of the project, with state approval, would expand the program to bring 1,000 electric school buses online by 2025. Once phase two is fully implemented, the buses' batteries could provide enough energy to power more than 10,000 homes. Phase three would set the goal to have 50 percent of all diesel bus replacements be electric by 2025 and 100 percent by 2030. [more](#)

## UVA Electric Campus Work Electric Bike

## PLATINUM





University of Virginia (UVA) in August 2019 began a pilot for an electric bicycle for on campus activities. This vehicle replaces a diesel grounds vehicle for safer clean campus activities. Vehicle from [Coaster Cycles](#). Also show in this image are a plug-in Chrysler Pacifica and solar photovoltaic panels on UVA Facilities. UVA is a NAFA Sustainable Fleet accredited facility. [{more}](#)

## Virginia's DEQ and Department of Education Announce an Electric School and Propane Bus Grant



Governor Ralph Northam announced on September 24th that Virginia will dedicate \$20 million from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust (VW Trust) to fund a new initiative aimed at accelerating the deployment of electric and propane school buses across the Commonwealth. Governor Northam made the announcement during a Climate Week NYC event hosted by the United States Climate Alliance with the governors of California, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, and Washington. [{more}](#)

## "Electrify Your Ride VA" Campaign Celebrates Benefits of Electric Cars at Free Community Events Across Virginia



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## New Report Shows 73% of Virginians Surveyed Have Positive Views of Electric Cars, 45% Would Consider Buying or Leasing One Within Two Years

Generation180 and its partners hosted four, free community events showcasing electric cars in Richmond, Charlottesville, Fairfax, and Roanoke, Virginia this month. The events kick off Electrify Your Ride VA, a new statewide education campaign to accelerate the region's transition to electric transportation. Campaign partners include fellow nonprofits Green Energy Consumers Alliance and Virginia Clean Cities. [{more}](#)



## Virginia Clean Cities is Hiring!



VCC at JMU manages programs that advance vehicle technologies and to educate people, corporations, agencies, and others about problems related to excessive dependence on and use of imported petroleum and about near-, mid-, and long-term solutions to our transportation energy obstacles.

VCC is looking for qualified candidates for a Program Coordinator position at our Harrisonburg office. Please see the [job description](#) for more information and how to apply.

## CIT Announces FY 2020 Solicitation for Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund

The CRCF accelerates Virginia's economic growth by supporting high-potential technology commercialization projects at Virginia's public and private institutions of higher education, technology companies, and federal labs and nonprofit research organizations. A single solicitation for approximately \$2.5 million will be offered in FY2020, through five programs: Commercialization, SBIR Matching Funds, STTR Matching Funds, Eminent Researcher Recruitment, and Matching Funds. [{more}](#)

## Nissan and EVgo Expand Charging Network with 200 New Fast Chargers



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## Clean Special Fuel License Plates are NO Longer a Free Pass on Virginia's HOV Lanes

Clean Special Fuel plates no longer enable the driver of a hybrid the ability to drive solo on Virginia's HOV lanes. Starting September 30th, most of the 16,000 Virginians with CSF plates will no longer be exempt from HOV passenger requirements. However, some plugin-hybrid and all fully electric vehicles are still eligible, and you can check to see if your vehicle qualifies by visiting the Department of Energy's [website](#).

## Donate Your Vehicle to VCC and Earn a Tax Deduction!



Virginia Clean Cities is a certified motor vehicle charity consigner! If you have a vehicle rusting away in your parking lot that you need to be rid of, and want a tax-deduction for it, we'd love to take it off your hands! [{more}](#)

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We count on a growing membership base to support the organization and its activities, and you can help our operation by joining us as a stakeholder, sponsor, or partner.

For more information about Coalition Membership, please visit the Coalition's [Join Us](#) membership page.

You can now support Virginia Clean Cities with a recurring monthly donation of as little as \$10. Your generous support helps VCC deploy EV charging stations, propane schools buses, and CNG transit vehicles. [{more}](#)

**New and Returning Stakeholders**



## Upcoming Events

**November 12, 2019:** [Listening Session for Fleet Electric Vehicles](#) - Chesterfield, VA

**November 19, 2019:** [Listening Session for Fleet Propane Vehicles](#) - Chesapeake, VA

For a full list of upcoming events, please visit  
<http://www.vacleancities.org/events>

Thank you for your support of our organization, and we hope you enjoy this newsletter!

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