



## December 2020 Stakeholder Newsletter

### **DEQ Announces the Clean Air Communities Program Grants Awards for the Replacement and Repower of Class 4-8 Diesel Vehicles**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is now accepting applications to fund all-electric projects to reduce air pollution and mitigate climate change through the new Clean Air Communities Program. Through this competitive grant process, DEQ will award \$20 million to government entities from its share of the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust.

[\[read more\]](#)



### **Support DOE's EV Data Collection Through EV WATTS!**

VCC is recruiting public and private partners to contribute plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) and charging data. We will facilitate your anonymized data contribution by the installation of a telematics device (device and installation provided by the project) or data transfer from your existing EV information platform.

For more information contact VCC's **Marc Lemmond** or visit the **EV Watts website**.

### **Virginia Drives Electric Virtual Town Hall**



### **Mid-Atlantic Propane School Bus Story and Virtual Facilities Tour**

On December 8th, Mid Atlantic Clean Cities Coalitions hosted an informative propane school bus and facilities webinar, in support of the Propane Education and Research Council and Roush CleanTech. The webinar showcased clean-burning, cost-reducing technology and successful case studies in the region.

VCC's Alleyn Harned discussed funding opportunities available in Virginia, such as



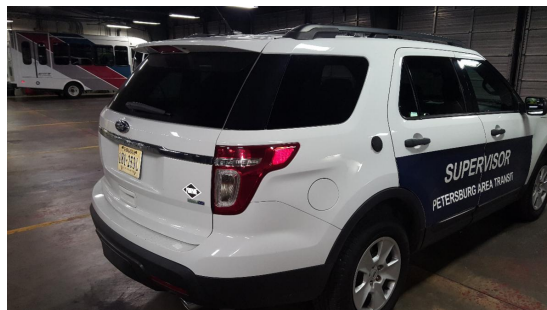
Please join Virginia General Assembly members for a virtual town hall focused on transportation electrification on **December 15th at 7 p.m.** As we prepare for the 2021 General Assembly, elected officials need to hear from Virginians that transportation electrification should be a top priority. Let your voice be heard on how and why Virginia should accelerate its progress into an electric mobility future.

#### Panelists:

Senator Ghazala Hashmi (10th District)  
 Delegate Kenneth Plum (36th District)  
 Delegate David Reid (32nd District)  
 Delegate David Bulova (37th District)  
 Delegate Sam Rasoul (11th District)  
 Delegate Alfonso Lopez (49th District)  
 Delegate Lamont Bagby (74th District)

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\$1.5 million available in 2021 for LP school bus diesel replacements. These funds will be available in two rounds and can cover the costs for nearly 100 propane school buses.



#### Government Alternative Fuel Vehicle Incentive is now accepting applications!

State agencies and local governments in current or former specific air quality non-attainment, ozone attainment and/or maintenance areas may be reimbursed for incremental costs to transition to alternative fuels such as propane autogas. Agencies are encouraged to apply. Reimbursements are up to an average of \$10,000 for the incremental cost of new vehicles or reasonable aftermarket conversions.

#### CMAQ Alternative Fuels Program

#### VCC welcomes new staff members

Sarah Stalcup and Bruce Vlk recently joined VCC as new program coordinators in November.



Sarah comes to VCC with experience in a variety of environmental fields from museum curation to environmental and social



#### Electric Transit Buses in Virginia

On December 9th, VCC will conduct a virtual site visit with Alexandria DASH to learn about their new electric buses and the benefits of public transit. Speakers include Josh Baker of the Alexandria Transit Company, Angela Conroy of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Clinton

Edwards of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and Alleyn Harned of VCC.

research. She has a master's degree in Environmental Policy and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Sustainability from Drexel University.

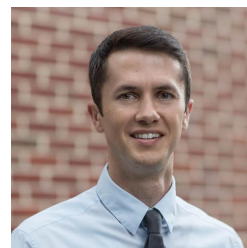
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[Watch the site visit video here.](#)

**Happy Holidays!**

**VCC offices will be closed beginning December 22, 2020 and reopen on January 4, 2021.**



Bruce has two decades of project management and communications experience in state government and higher education. He earned his MPA from James Madison University and his bachelor's degree in Political Science from George Mason University.

Sarah and Bruce are both excited to join VCC and contribute to upcoming projects. Please welcome **Sarah** and **Bruce**!

### New and Returning Stakeholders



### Upcoming Events

- **Electric Transit Buses in Virginia - Virtual Site Visit** - Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.
- **Virginia Drives Electric Virtual Town Hall** - Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

## VCC Calendar of Events

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