



# February 2022 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- [Electric Vehicle Luv Fest, 2/13 from 12 to 2 p.m. EST](#)
- [Drive Clean Rural VA: Clean Fuels Serving Law Enforcement, 2/15 from 2 to 3 p.m. EST](#)
- [Technology Happy Hour: Cummins, 2/17 from 4 to 5 p.m. EST](#)
- [Energy Independence Summit 2022: Roundtables with Top Policy Leaders, 2/23-2/25](#)
- [Energy Independence Summit 2022: Capitol Hill Week Meetings with Congressional Offices, 2/28-3/4](#)
- [Work Truck Week, 3/8-3/11](#)

*Click the events for more info!*

## JMU Issues Rideable Contracts for EV Chargers



In a pioneering effort for the Commonwealth of Virginia, James Madison University has issued contracts for electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE). Five state contracts are now live on JMU's **contract management system**. These contracts allow other public universities, state agencies and local governments to purchase

EVSE through the rideable (or cooperative) contracts.

The five contracts with pricing and technical specifications can be viewed online [here](#). Both Level 2 charging and direct current fast charging (DCFC) options are available in the contracts.

Several of the vendors on contract are either small businesses or minority-owned. The selected vendor contracts can be viewed below.

- [Autoflex, Inc. \(contract # UCPJMU6203\)](#)
- [Bethel Electric Construction Company \(contract # UCPJMU6204\)](#)
- [Independent Lighting \(contract # UCPJMU6206\)](#)
- [NovaCHARGE, Inc. \(contract # UCPJMU6205\)](#)
- [OpConnect, Inc. \(contract # UCPJMU6207\)](#)

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## Virginia Alternative Transportation Fuels Report 2021

VCC connects with voluntary fleet leaders, biofuel producers and station operators to present this status of fleets, fuel production, and stations in the transition to cleaner, domestic and/or renewable fuels. Data was collected by VCC staff through infrastructure development, emails and phone calls from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

For the year ending December 31, 2021, the Commonwealth of Virginia saw an increase in the number of tracked alternative fuel fleet vehicles by 4.6%. At 28,889 vehicles in 101 green fleets, the current percentage of alternative fuel vehicles used in tracked clean fuel Virginia fleets is 44.3 percent of their vehicles.

Ethanol, biodiesel, electric, hybrid electric and propane vehicles made minor net gains in the past year, while the only decrease was seen was compressed natural gas vehicles. The vehicles reported are in service with clean fleets, designated by operating five or more clean fuel vehicles, and include business fleets and local, state and federal



This month's Technology Happy Hour will feature Ryan Sookhoo from the **Cummins New Power team!** Join us on February 17th at 4 p.m. EST to learn about the work Cummins is doing with battery-electric, fuel cell and hydrogen-production Technologies!

Interested in becoming a featured stakeholder at our next Technology Happy Hour? Technology Happy Hour is a VCC special event where we provide a platform for stakeholders to share their newest technologies with the public.

Email VCC Program Coordinator, **Sarah Stalcup-Jones**, for more information about being a featured stakeholder.

If you want to check out our past

government fleets.

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## Energy Independence Summit 2022



Energy Independence Summit 2022 is shaping up to be a great event featuring key policy makers as well as leaders from all parts of the clean transportation industry.

**LEARN** the latest information about the tens of billions of dollars the federal government will invest in clean transportation technologies over the next five years.

**HEAR** from the leaders of the EPA Clean School Bus Program, the DOT Fueling Infrastructure Program, and the DOE Clean Hydrogen Program about how they plan to roll out funding later this spring.

**MEET** with your House and Senate offices to make sure they know how important it is to continue to invest in clean transportation programs and technologies that benefit all communities.

Roundtables with Top Policy Leaders, Feb. 23 - 25: **Virtual** discussions with leaders from the Biden Administration's clean transportation team, key Congressional committees, federal agencies, and the electric vehicle, natural gas, propane, biofuels and hydrogen industries.

Capitol Hill Week Meetings with Congressional Offices, Feb. 28 - Mar. 4: More than 300 **virtual** meetings with House and Senate offices. This will be a great opportunity to showcase how your fuels, technologies, and projects are reducing emissions and creating thousands of clean energy jobs in communities across America.

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**Drive Clean Rural VA:  
Clean Fuels Serving Law**

**Electric Vehicles  
Should Not Be Delayed**



## Enforcement



Webinar and Discussion:  
Tuesday, February 15th@  
2 pm EST

Calling all rural Virginia law enforcement! Are you interested in learning more about how electric or propane vehicles can serve your fleets? Join us on February 15th at 2:00 PM EST for a free webinar, to hear from experts and law enforcement fleets with experience.

Joining us will be Major Wells from Spottsylvania County, VA, and Chief Koskinas from Westport, CT. Major Well's be sharing their experience with propane vehicles in their fleet and Chief Koskinas will do the same for electric. We will also be joined by propane and electric vehicle experts, so please bring your questions!

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## in Virginia

*Editorial by VCC's Executive Director,  
Alleyn Harned*

In this General Assembly, Delegate Tony Wilt has introduced new legislation which seeks to increase consumers' transportation costs and to maintain our dependence on foreign oil, both of which are unacceptable in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia that produces no oil and can benefit so greatly from access to these technologies.

On Friday, January 21st, Delegate Wilt sent his constituents an email mentioning his 2022 legislation where he emphasized "clean and affordable energy" emphasizing an all of the above energy approach, then posted **House Bill 1267** which is a serious efforts to increase costs for clean energy to long-halt Virginia's clean car emissions standards.

The delegate's attempt to delay Virginia's modest goals for access to electric vehicles at dealerships will send consumers to neighboring states for the rest of the decade for access to many of these electric cars. This benefits Maryland and North Carolina's economies, limits our residents' choices, and puts Virginia at a competitive disadvantage.

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## Clean School Bus Program DEADLINE EXTENDED: Applications now due Feb. 15

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Clean School Bus Program application deadline has been extended to Feb. 15. Diesel-powered Type C and Type D (transit-style) school buses are eligible for funding to replace them with electric or propane-powered buses.

The Request for Applications provides an overview of the application timeline and process, information on applicant and project eligibility, available funding, reimbursement requirements, scoring and selection criteria and award process. More information is available on DEQ's [Volkswagen webpage](#).

[Volkswagen Settlement Agreement Page](#)

## New and Returning Members!



**Renewed Platinum Level Member!**



**Renewed Gold Level Member!**



**New Diamond Level Member!**



**Renewed Coalition Level Member!**



**Renewed Coalition Level Member!**



**Renewed Gold Level Member!**

Interested in becoming a Virginia Clean Cities Member? Check out our membership page [here](#) or [contact us](#) with any questions!

Already a VCC member? Send us an [email](#) with any late breaking news or announcements that you want featured in next months newsletter!

