

EV COUNCIL

INTERAGENCY ELECTRIC VEHICLE
COORDINATING COUNCIL

EV Coordinating Council

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Interagency Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council “EV Council”

- Created in 2022 as part of 16-year, \$17 billion Move Ahead Washington transportation package
- Set strategy and improve state agency collaboration
 - Efforts to accelerate electric vehicle adoption
 - Reduce transportation-sector greenhouse gas emissions
- Co-chairs
 - Tonia Buell, Washington Department of Transportation
 - Deborah Reynolds, Washington Department of Commerce
- EV Coordinating Council public website
 - [EV Coordinating Council- Washington State Department of Commerce](#)
 - www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/clean-transportation/ev-coordinating-council/

EV Council Members

Representatives from 10 state agencies

1. Department of Commerce
2. Department of Transportation
3. State Efficiency and Environmental Performance Office
4. Office of Financial Management
5. Utilities and Transportation Commission
6. Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction
7. Department of Agriculture
8. Department of Ecology
9. Department of Enterprise Services
10. Department of Health

EV Council Tasks

- Develop a statewide Transportation Electrification Strategy
- Analyze how to reach the state's target of 100% electric passenger and light-duty new vehicle sales starting in model year 2030
- Identify and coordinate all state and federal electric vehicle-related funding
- Engage with local governments, communities, and the Environmental Justice Council to ensure the statewide transportation electrification strategy, grant distribution, programs, and activities associated with advancing transportation electrification benefit vulnerable and overburdened communities

EV Council Timeline

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| March 2022 | Council Created by statute |
| July 2022 | First EV Council meeting, Adopted EV Infrastructure Plan |
| November 2022 | RFP for Consultant published |
| November 2022 | Nominations for Advisory Committee |
| January 2023 | Advisory Committee selected |
| February 2023 | Consultant team under contract |
| February 2023 | Launch Transportation Electrification Strategy (TES) |
| February 2023 | First Advisory Committee meeting |
| December 2023 | TES report delivered to Washington Legislature |

Advisory Committee

25-Member Advisory Committee to:

- Help EV Council members, staff and consultants gather information and develop recommendations in the statewide transportation electrification strategy.
- Provide feedback on draft versions of the statewide transportation electrification strategy during each stage of development.
- Hear updates and provide feedback on agencies' programs, rulemakings, and other policy development.
- Serve as a partner with EV Council staff and consultants on public engagement strategies and provide support in communicating EV Council efforts to the public.
- Provide additional feedback and assistance as determined by the Executive Committee or full EV Council.

EV Council Activities

Contracted with RMI to:

- Complete a statewide transportation electrification strategy that can be delivered by the EV Council to the Washington State Legislature by December 31, 2023.
- Ensure the statewide transportation electrification strategy benefits vulnerable and overburdened communities.
- Plan a detailed implementation roadmap through 2035 within the statewide transportation electrification strategy including a scoping plan benchmarked to the state's 2030 target.
- Create an engagement plan for effective public engagement through 2035 consistent with the Washington HEAL Act.
- Provide an education plan detailing needed actions by the state to provide clear information and education about electric vehicles to ensure adoption in rapidly changing electric vehicle markets.

EV Council Support

Executive Committee

- Commerce, WSDOT, Ecology, DES, UTC
- Provide direction and administration for EV Council

Advisory Committee

- Support EV Council, provide perspectives and recommendations through subcommittees

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Work Group

- Coordination among state agencies on charging infrastructure grants and projects

Electric Vehicle Adoption Work Group

- Coordination among state agencies to advance electric vehicle adoption

EV Program Design Information

Recent RFI on EV program design

- 150 responses, lots of great information and suggestions

Key Messages:

- Local implementers cannot do this alone
- Implementation will need to overcome supply constraints
- Program design must help local implementers build up and work around grid capacity
- Projects should include community engagement and reflect community needs
- Funding should not be limited to projects focused on just charging light -duty vehicles
- Need data and replicable models

Thank you!

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