

Southeastern Corridors Council – Webinar Notes

First webinar – 3/26/19

Notes taken by Stephanie Stuckey – GA, and Overly.

Attendees (15):

AL = P. Wiedmeyer

LA = A. Vail, T. Herrmann

TN = J. Overly, S. Basques

FL = W. Forrest

NC = C. Dobbins, B. Eaker, C.

VA = A. Harned

GA = D. Francis, S. Stuckey

Soriano

KY = E. Carpenter

SC = L. Masters, Ben Kessler

1. Roll call
2. Jonathan asked for help taking notes: Stephanie spoke up that she would do so.
3. Review of the agenda that was presented in the group email:

With Alabama having shared progress on the first call, let's plan on having **Louisiana** and **Tennessee** share their story and progress on tomorrow's call!

Other items for discussion/review:

- ✓ SharePoint site for our group has been created
- ✓ More on the equipment failures side? (e.g., Signet, Blink)
- ✓ Has ANYONE done work on biofuels availability in their state?
- ✓ Decide if we want to ask a ChargePoint or EVgo person to come on a call and discuss their equipment, plans for expansion, costs, etc.?
- ✓ Need note takers for each call

A Zoom webinar was used so items were shown/reviewed on screen that may be referred to below.

4. Reviewed the SharePoint page. Consensus is for photos of EV signage to be shared via a Flickr album that Jonathan will create, and will be made a link by clicking onto the title.
See here: <https://members.cleancitiessharepoint.org/Wiki/Southeast%20Corridors.aspx>
Bitly shortened link: <http://bit.ly/secorridor>
5. Mentioned that perhaps we should focus on corridor **identification** signage for all our state discussions to begin, then we can go back and discuss corridor **directional** signage.
6. Discussion about the signage photos that were being shown, and signage issues:
 - ✓ Don has new photo of GA sign that GA DOT installed. GA sign is located 53 miles from the state border, plus it doesn't meet the federal highway signage recommendations – CC-GA will reach out to GA DOT to get more information.
 - ✓ Landon – some of SC signs are a little ways from the border crossing but not 53 miles
 - ✓ Ann shared a signage photo from LA; it was on [the LCF Facebook account](#). The signs have been fabricated but not installed yet. She noted how they have good relationship with the necessary related state departments but that it is not uncommon for those departments to not

call/email/contact them before or even once they make decisions to get LCF's input, opinions, etc. In this case, they developed the signage and didn't tell LCF until after the fact (and also, they were nearby when the signage photo was taken and someone pulled just those department folks together and didn't think to invite Ann, Tyler or any other Clean Cities staff).

- ✓ Alleyn noted that in VA, it looks like the powers that be may decide that they *won't install "Alternative Fuel Corridor" signage but "Electric Vehicle Corridor" signage*; Emily chimed in and said the same kind of thinking is going on in Kentucky – they may end up with EV corridor signage as well.
- ✓ Alleyn also noted that in VA DEQ took the lead on signage, and that it took some nagging to get them going.
- ✓ Ann noted that in LA the DOTD (Dept. of Transportation and Development) paid for them, but she's not sure of the cost *or what the source of the funding was*. (Phillip noted that we should definitely be tracking the source of funding, and if we see CMAQ funds being used, let that set a precedence that we can use in other states.)
- ✓ We delved into the topic of the "End" and "Start" parts of the signage.
 - There was some agreement that we didn't think that FHWA had thought this through completely when the recommended to states to include End and Begin pieces on state signage.
 - Phillip mentioned that this should be an output of our work – let's discuss how we think this should be handled and then make recommendations to FHWA on possible changes.
 - Jonathan mentioned that not only is there the end or beginning of the corridor in the state for which the posted "end" or "begin" could refer, but there is also the beginning or ending OR NOT of the corridor for EV, CNG, etc. specifically. In some cases the EV corridor might continue into another state while the CNG corridor does not.
 - **This will be added to the agenda for the next call – 30 minutes will be devoted to this.**

Jonathan talked briefly about progress in Tennessee for signage. Ann talked more about the process and what's taken place in LA, with signage now being developed... the conversation meandered some on the call.

7. Discussed that **North Carolina** and **Kentucky** will discuss their states progress on signage on the next call.
8. **NEXT PLANNED CALLS: April 30, May 28.** We will decide on the May call if we want to continue with monthly calls or make it once every two months.