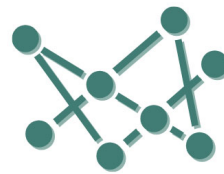


Southeastern Corridor Council – Zoom Webinar Notes

27th webinar – 5/20/21



SOUTHEASTERN CORRIDOR COUNCIL

Notes taken by Soriano; attendance by Vail; chat by Overly.
Call started at 2:00pm ET.

Attendees (21):

CLEAN CITIES COALITIONS & FHWA/DOE-CC REPS

AL = **Mark Bentley**, Michael Staley,

Phillip Wiedmeyer

AR = Patti Springs

FL = Doug Kettles, Alexander Kolpakov,

Marci Larson

GA = Frank Morris, Stu Lipkin

KY = Emily Carpenter

LA = Tyler Herrmann, Ann Vail

NC = Sara Nichols, Caitlin Rose, Carina

Soriano

SC = Ben Kessler, Claire Windsor

TN = **Jonathan Overly**

VA = Alleyn Harned

DOT/FHWA = Mike Scarpino, Diane

Turchetta

(Bold = co-chairs)

AGENDA

1. GOOD NEWS: A quick review of submitted comments, searching out key terms (“Gas to Fuel”), indicates that our talking points and draft letter impacted a significant number of comments that were ultimately submitted. Ask which states or coalitions submitted comments.
 - a) *Many entities supported our suggestions! Hard to search (easily) for our related comments but THANK YOU to everyone!*
2. FHWA PROCESS: FHWA is now busy analyzing comments and the process will take some time for them to complete. As such, now is a great time to be engaging policymakers interested in advancing alternative fuels in transportation sector.
 - a) *12-24 months before we might see outputs... final decisions*
 - b) *Staley talked to the House Transportation Committee*
 - c) *Planning additional outreach to the MUTCD*
3. POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS:
 - a) Over the next week or two, a thorough summary of comments submitted will be prepared by ACFC.
 - b) A call with staff on House T&I is in the works. We may also target Senate EPW. It is very possible that language related to the MUTCD will be included in legislation that both committees are working on currently.
 - c) FHWA Acting Administrator’s office will be approached and provided with a summary of all the concerns raised related to alternative fuels and, especially, the comments that point out how the proposed changes are inconsistent with the goals of the Biden administration.

Alleyn = Knows of good comments from VA... Michael showed a bunch of comments. HOW PULL OUT ALL THE COALITION AND STATE DOT NOTES??

- Everyone grab comments from their state! Plan to send to Emily.

NOTES

It will take the FHWA 12-24 months to review all the comments received.

Some coalitions aren't sure how to move forward while FHWA reviews these changes to avoid getting stuck waiting on them. Seems like next steps are to speak with state elected officials in regards to support for alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure in some of the next big spending bills.

Send all state comments to Emily's colleague in Kentucky so that they can compile all the states comments to show support for alt fuels and EVs from the Coalitions/state DOTs.

Each coalition will look for their own state's comments, summarize and send to Emily in KY, TN and AL.

There was a short discussion about inviting other state's coalitions and DOTs to join the SCC and just drop the "S" from our name.

CHAT

From Alleyn Harned to Everyone: 02:21 PM --- Alex: VCC is going to be in touch w/ u about your resiliency study / fuel diversification

From Michael Staley to Everyone: 02:22 PM --- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FHWA-2020-0001/document>

From Benjamin Kessler to Everyone: 02:27 PM --- Comments from SCDOT do not include a focus on alt fuels, many, if not all, of the other 8 comments are focused on bike and ped changes

From Frank Morris to Everyone: 02:34 PM --- Looking at GDOT comments and they did not mention alt fuels or signage.

From Benjamin Kessler to Everyone: 02:36 PM --- Might be interesting to look at " search Interstate Logos LLC" and look at attachment <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/FHWA-2020-0001-8023>

Interstate Logos, L.L.C., through its' subsidiaries, Colorado Logos, Inc., Delaware Logos, L.L.C., Florida Logos, L.L.C., Georgia Logos L.L.C., Kansas Logos, Inc., Kentucky Logos, L.L.C., Louisiana Interstate Logos, L.L.C., Michigan Logos, Inc., Minnesota Logos, Inc., Mississippi Logos, L.L.C., Missouri Logos, Montana Logos, Nebraska Logos, Inc., Nevada Logos, Inc., New Hampshire Logos, L.L.C., New Jersey Logos, L.L.C., New Mexico Logos, Inc., Ohio Logos, Inc., Oklahoma Logos, L.L.C., South Carolina Logos, Inc., Tennessee Logos, Inc., Utah, Logos, Inc., Virginia Logos, Inc., and Wisconsin Logos, L.L.C., all signed on to a letter about specific service signs including alt fuels

From Doug Kettles to Everyone: 02:37 PM --- That's the way to do it.

From Ann Vail to Everyone: 02:40 PM --- Assuming you all saw NASEO's comments about alt fuels

From Michael Staley to Everyone: 02:41 PM --- yes, ann vail, thanks

From Frank Morris to Everyone: 02:56 PM --- Michael, great work as Champion. I have a 3pm call I need to attend.

From Doug Kettles to Everyone: 02:59 PM --- FDOT has publicly committed to developing alt fuel signage.