

Re: The Power Outlet- November 2021 DEWA newsletter

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THE POWER OUTLET

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER of DRIVE ELECTRIC WASHINGTON



A monthly update about electric vehicle activities around the State of Washington

Drive Electric Washington is a collaboration of groups throughout the State of Washington working together to accelerate the adoption of plug-in electric vehicles. The all-volunteer non-profit was founded by electric vehicle advocates in 2017 and now is focusing on outreach to volunteer electric transportation advocates across the state to coordinate and share efforts among groups. We would like to invite you to join this effort and keep informed by contributing to and sharing this free monthly newsletter.

DEWA has a [Facebook](#) page, too! Please like and follow us for up-to-the-minute updates.

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BOARD UPDATE

Advisory Council - DEWA's 20-member [Advisory Council](#), representing EV interest groups and organizations around the State of Washington, met in an online format on Oct. 22 and discussed policy issues and ideas for DEWA initiatives. Members were interested in adding representatives of state agencies such as Transportation, Commerce, Health and Economic Development. Members would like to see DEWA present events with speakers and presentations about various EV issues. Fundraising efforts may be needed to support outreach activities. A survey of priorities for policy work in the next legislative session showed top issues of concern are incentives for EV purchases and the proposed Road Usage Charge, as well as the Clean Cars 2030 bill. Members also are interested in supporting Chargeway, a new EV educational tool for auto dealerships about charging electric vehicles. The next Advisory Council meeting will be in January.

NEWS

What an EV road trip says about Washington's readiness, by state Sen. Mona Das, 47th District, Seattle Times guest opinion, Nov. 12, 2021 - "This past August, I took a road trip to visit colleagues in their districts and experience firsthand the electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure needs and opportunities across Washington. Creating a convenient and accessible charging system for EV drivers is a priority for me and my colleagues in the Legislature, and this trip was about understanding what EV drivers are facing and what's needed." [Read more.](#)

POLICY UPDATES

Vehicle Tabs Workgroup - DEWA has been invited to participate in a statewide policy work group to make recommendations on new ways to pay vehicle registration fees - your annual car tabs. In early 2021, the Washington State Legislature directed the Joint Transportation Committee to convene a vehicle registration payment workgroup to recommend options for payment of vehicle fees or taxes due at the time of application for vehicle registration. Washington drivers currently make vehicle registration payments annually, but there has been growing interest in payment options at more regular intervals (quarterly or monthly). The main reason for considering a payment plan is the growing cost of vehicle registration as fees for transportation benefit districts, motor vehicle excise taxes, weight fees, EV fees and service fees have resulted in escalating annual bills for many drivers. DEWA Board Vice President

Grace Reamer will be representing EV drivers in policy meetings. The work group anticipates soliciting public comment in the spring, with a report and recommendations due in mid-2022.

Charging mapping and forecasting tool - Washington state wants to hear from EV advocates about mapping and forecasting our shared transportation future. The Washington State Departments of Transportation, Ecology, and Commerce and the Washington State Office of Equity are working together to develop and maintain a publicly available mapping and forecasting tool that provides locations and essential information of charging and refueling infrastructure to support forecasted levels of electric vehicle adoption, travel, and usage across Washington state (E2SHB 1287). If you want to give your initial input on the zero-emission vehicle Infrastructure mapping and forecasting tool, please register for an online public meeting at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/412102874632375567>. Meetings are scheduled for Dec. 1, 6 and 13. Learn more and submit written comments [here](#).

Washington Department of Ecology Rulemaking - Clean Vehicles Program: Ecology plans to adopt the Zero Emission Vehicle standard and Advanced Clean Truck rule by Nov. 29-30, 2021 ([rulemaking information](#)). Stakeholder comments can be found [here](#).

CHARGING NEWS

Mount Vernon Library Commons Project - Planning and fundraising for the Mount Vernon Library Commons project is underway and expects to incorporate a new EV charging hub with 75 EV charging stations into the new library and community center project. The site is located right across the street from the Skagit Transit center, which already has a couple of charging stations. [Here](#) is a great video about the project.

CLUB NEWS



The Nobe GT100

Seattle Electric Vehicle Association - SEVA is reviving its Annual Holiday Party! The event is open to all EV advocates on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at The Vine Baptist Church, 7750 21st Ave. NW in Seattle. This is a potluck gathering for networking and sharing food and drink and celebrating our EV successes of the year. Special guests will present information about the new Nobe three-wheeled, retro-styled efficient EV made in Estonia and getting ready to launch in the U.S., with the assistance of Sandy Munro & Associates. Find event updates and details at SeattleEVA.org and on the Facebook page.

Please share your club news as well as your personal journey into the world of electric driving, along with photos. DEWA would like to spotlight profiles of EV pioneers on our website and social media, as well as sharing in our newsletter. Please send your stories and photos to greamer@driveelectricwa.org.

DONATE

Thank you! - This Thanksgiving, DEWA is very thankful for the generous anonymous donor who donated \$500 to DEWA through Schwab Charitable! Please support DEWA and its outreach activities with a donation. DEWA has very few expenses, but web hosting and e-mail services do require a small budget. Although the organization is not set up to take cash donations yet, you can support the work of Drive Electric Washington with an in-kind donation or with your purchases through Amazon Smile. Just go to smile.amazon.com, log into your Amazon account and choose Drive Electric Washington as your charity. When you order online, 0.5 percent of the purchase price will go to Drive Electric Washington! And all of your donations are tax deductible. DEWA is a non-profit organization under 501(c)3.

RESOURCES

DEWA aims to maintain a comprehensive list of the EV advocacy efforts ongoing in Washington, so we count on you to keep our lists and our website updated with the most current information. Following are the organizations and efforts we have compiled so far in Washington that have a presence online and on social media:

Websites:

- Seattle Electric Vehicle Association - SeattleEVA.org
- Plug-In America - PlugInAmerica.org
- Electric Auto Association - ElectricAuto.org
- Forth - ForthMobility.org
- Plugshare - Plugshare.com
- National Drive Electric Week - DriveElectricWeek.org
- Drive Electric Earth Day - DriveElectricEarthDay.org
- Plug In North Central Washington - PlugInNCW.com
- Coltura – Coltura.org
- Thurston Climate Action Team - ThurstonClimateAction.org
- Tesla Owners of Washington - TeslaOwnersWA.org

Social Media:

- [Northwest Tesla Owners](#)
- [Seattle Nissan Leaf Owners](#)
- [Seattle Tesla Model 3 Owners](#)
- [Seattle Electric Vehicle Association](#)
- [Seattle Tesla Model Y Owners](#)
- [Pierce County Electric Vehicle Information Exchange](#)
- [Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Tesla Club](#)

- [Inland NW Tesla Owners Group](#)
- [PNW Tesla](#)
- [Central Washington University EV Club](#)
- [Seattle Chevy Bolt/Bolt EUV Owners](#)
- [San Juan Islands Electric Vehicles](#)
- [Mid-Columbia Electric Vehicle Association](#)

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