



## Intermountain West Electric Freight Symposium

**April 9, 2026**

**National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR), Golden, CO**

**Meeting Agenda**

*All times mountain daylight time (MDT)*

8:00am-8:30am

**Check-in**

Transportation will be provided from the nearby Marriott Denver West hotel to NLR.

8:30am-8:50am

**Welcome and Event Objectives**

***Speakers:***

- *Mike Salisbury, Director of Transportation, Colorado Energy Office (CEO)*
- *Jessie Lund, Senior Program Director, Transportation, National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)*
- *Chris Gearhart, Director of the Center for Integrated Mobility Sciences, National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR)*

8:50am-9:35am

**The State of Electric Freight Movement - Technologies, Trends, and Industry Evolution**

Hear directly from major industry players - including truck manufacturers, charging providers, fleets, shippers, and utilities - about the current state of technology, developing trends, innovative strategies, emerging business models, and anticipated industry evolution.

**Moderator:** *Jessie Lund, Senior Program Director, Transportation, National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)*

**Speakers:**

- *Stephane Fosso, Director, Fleet Technology & Electrification, Sysco*
- *Aravind Kailas, Advanced Technology Policy Director, Volvo Trucks North America*
- *Paul Gioupis, Founder and CEO, Zeem Solutions*
- *Francesca Wahl, Senior Charging Policy Manager, Tesla*

9:35am-9:50am

**Understanding Who's in the Room**

Quickly get to know your fellow Symposium participants via a facilitated networking exercise

**Moderator:** *Jessie Lund, Senior Program Director, Transportation, National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)*

9:50am-10:35am

**The Role of States and Utilities - Electric Freight Planning, Programs, & Policy**

Hear from industry experts about how states and utilities are planning for and removing barriers to freight electrification, as well as what additional actions and alignment might be helpful.

**Moderator:** *Christian Williss, Managing Director, Programs, Colorado Energy Office (CEO)*

**Speakers:**

- *Alissa Burger, Regional Policy Director, CALSTART*
- *Matt Wiggins, Policy Manager, Greenlane and Powering America's Commercial Transportation (PACT)*
- *Charles Satterfield, Senior Manager of Electric Transportation, Edison Electric Institute (EEI)*
- *Josh Ingalls, Advanced Grid, Clean Energy, and EV Product Innovation, Xcel Energy*

10:35am-10:45am

**Break**

10:45am-11:15am

**Pain Points: Shared Challenges**

Discuss and prioritize the top challenges being faced by the industry and categorize key market barriers based on actionable opportunities.

***Moderator:** Michael King, Assistant Director of Electrification and Energy, Office of Innovative Mobility, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)*

11:15am-12:00pm

**What Does Collaboration Look Like: Examples from Across America**

Hear how other regions are approaching collaboration on freight electrification and charging investment. Learn from what's working from partnerships like the Clean Corridor Coalition (C3) in the Northeast, REV Midwest, and the West Coast Truck Charging and Fueling Corridor Project.

***Moderator:** Wesley A. Maurer, Chief Transportation Strategist, Center for Integrated Mobility Sciences, National Laboratory of the Rockies*

**Speakers:**

- *Claire Sugihara, Senior Transportation Policy Advisor, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP)*
- *Jacob Atkins, Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinator, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)*
- *Tonia Buell, Alternative Fuels Program Manager, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)*
- *Katelyn Bocklund, Senior Program Manager, Great Plains Institute (GPI)*

12:00pm-1:00pm

**Working Lunch – The Charging Planning Toolbox You Didn't Know You Had**

Be one of the first to view the results of Colorado's Medium- and Heavy-Duty Charging Hub Network Siting Analysis. Learn more about how the analysis came together, the resulting deliverables, and how additional states might replicate this work. Attendees will also learn about available data and tools to support state, utility, developer, and fleet planning efforts, including relevant tools and models developed by ElectroTempo, the National Laboratory of the Rockies (formerly known as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory), and others.

***Moderator:** Matt Lerman, Senior Infrastructure Program Manager, Transportation, Colorado Energy Office (CEO)*

**Speakers:**

- *Ann Xu, Co-Founder and CEO, ElectroTempo*
- *Katherine Stainken, Electric Transportation Technical Leader, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)*
- *Jesse Bennett, Team Lead, National Laboratory of the Rockies*

1:00pm –1:45pm

**Demand Aggregation: Lessons from I-10 and I-45 + Scaling Corridor Coalitions**

Hear how shippers, carriers, charging providers, states, and additional stakeholders are collaborating along the I-10 and I-45 corridors to support electrified routes from California to Texas. Then, participate in a facilitated discussion regarding innovative strategies and opportunities to scale corridor coalitions by aligning fleet demand with access to charging.

**Moderator:** *Clayton Gerber, Program Manager, Center for Green Market Activation (GMA)*

**Speakers:**

- *John Verdon, Co-founder, Nevoya*
- *Jeff Simon, Transportation Procurement & Sustainability Associate Manager, PepsiCo*
- *April Naranjo, Special Projects Program Director, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)*
- *Jasna Tomić, Vice President, CALSTART*

1:45pm-2:00pm

**Break**

2:00pm-2:20pm

**From Talk to Action: Bottom-Up Solutions**

Discuss low-hanging fruit, such as what participants can do without more resources or authority. Where do each of us have the discretion to act?

**Moderator:** *Bonnie Trowbridge, Executive Director, Drive Clean Colorado (DCC)*

2:20pm-2:50pm

### **Opportunities for Collaboration**

Participants will discuss additional opportunities for collaboration. Where can we accomplish more as the sum of our parts?

***Moderator:** Tammie Bostick, Executive Director, Utah Clean Cities and Communities (UCCC)*

2:50pm-3:45pm

### **Continuing Momentum: Takeaways and Next Steps**

Align on priority action items, including who needs to be involved and proposed timelines. Discuss key takeaways from the Symposium, as well as potential next steps.

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- *Tammie Bostick, Executive Director, Utah Clean Cities and Communities (UCCC)*
- *Alicia Cox, Executive Director, Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities (YTCC)*

3:45pm-5:45pm

### **NLR Flatirons Megawatt-scale Charging Testbed Tour (Optional)**

Tour the in-process commissioning of a new state-of-the-art, megawatt-scale charging R&D testbed - the facility will include 10 MW of charging, a 10 MW microgrid, 1.25 MW electrolyzer, 400 kW of solar, and full-scale fleet cycle, grid integration, and resilience scenario capabilities built to enable future public-private partnership access.

*For those that prefer, transportation will be provided between NLR's Golden and Flatirons campuses.*

***Speaker:** Andrew Meintz, Chief Research Engineer, EV Charging and Grid integration, National Laboratory of the Rockies*

5:45pm-7:00pm

### **Networking Happy Hour (Optional)**

Connect with fellow symposium participants over a beverage of your choosing at the no-host happy hour at the nearby Golden Mill (1012 Ford St, Golden, CO 80401). Food and beverages not included.