



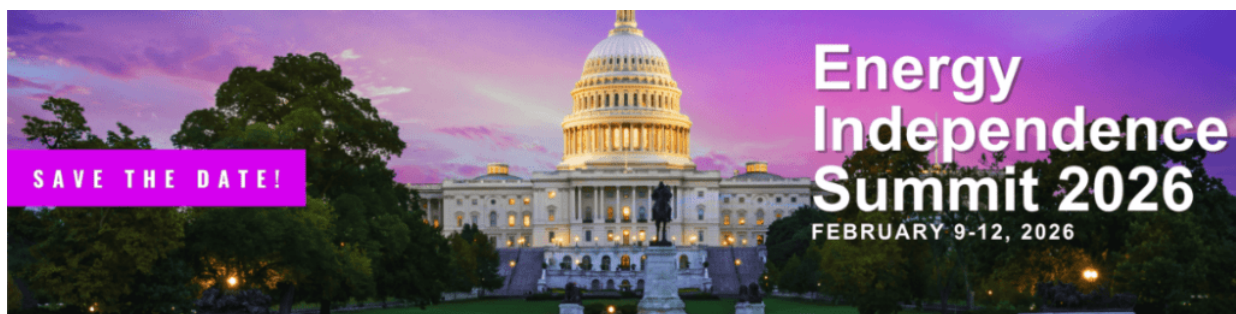
January 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- [RVCA Working Group: Saving Miles with Drones](#), Virtual, Jan. 21
- [D.C. Auto Show Public Policy Day](#), Washington, D.C., Jan. 22
- [SHEA: Hydrogen Powers Public Transit](#), Virtual, Jan. 22
- [E-Mobility Day at the Capitol](#), Richmond, VA, Jan. 26
- [2026 Transit + Rail Advocacy Day](#), Richmond, VA, Jan. 26
- [VCC Annual Program Update Webinar](#), Virtual, Jan. 29
- [Energy Independence Summit](#), Washington, DC, Feb. 10-11
- [2026 Rally in Richmond](#), Richmond, VA, Apr. 2
- [Mid-Atlantic Advanced Transportation Summit & Expo](#), Harrisonburg, VA July 22-23

Click the events for more info.

Energy Independence Summit



Fuel progress, connect leaders, and drive the clean transportation future.

The Energy Independence Summit (EIS26), hosted by Transportation Energy Partners on February 10-11, is the premier national forum where clean transportation leaders, industry innovators, and federal policymakers come together to advance the future of clean fuels, advanced vehicles, and domestic energy independence.

This in-person Summit creates unparalleled opportunities to:

- Connect with more than 100 Clean Cities & Communities coalition staff and leaders from across the country.

- Engage directly with federal and congressional policymakers shaping transportation and energy policy.
- Network with industry partners, technology innovators, and public sector allies driving real-world clean transportation solutions.

Early bird prices end after January 9th!

[Register Today](#)

Virginia Energy seeks Proposals for Energy Resilience



The Virginia Department of Energy announced the opening of applications for the new Community-Oriented Resilient Energy (CORE) Subaward Program, which will fund local projects that strengthen community energy resilience while advancing the Commonwealth's clean energy goals. The CORE Subaward Program supports community-based energy resilience projects that can keep critical facilities and services operating during grid disruptions.

Proposals are due February 17th.

[Learn More](#)

Hydrogen Awards Announced in Southwest Virginia



The Virginia Department of Energy announced awardees for the Southwest Virginia Hydrogen Hub Planning Grants to three projects that will advance clean hydrogen production, storage, and end-use applications while supporting economic revitalization in coalfield communities.

[Learn More](#)

VCC's Annual Program Update Webinar

Join us virtually for our annual program update webinar, and hear from our staff members about VCC's ongoing grants and programs, what's next, and how you can get involved with our projects. Join us on January 29th at 3 PM EST.

[RSVP](#)



TECH HAPPY HOUR

January 29, 2026, 3-4 p.m.

Virginia Clean Cities Annual Program Update

Talking:
Program Updates Heading
into the New Year and beyond



Alley Harned
Executive Director



Matthew Wade
Deputy Director



Gregory Brennan
Sustainable
Transportation &
Infrastructure Manager



Russell Presnell
Clean Fleets
Engagement
Manager

Propane Bus Success Story



This partner press release from Roush CleanTech describes how a transit organization in West Chester, Pennsylvania is displacing diesel with new propane vehicles, and how the move aligns with key priorities in the County's Climate Action Plan and Strategic Plan.

[Learn More](#)

Join us for the Rally In Richmond



Join us at our annual Rally in Richmond, coming April 2, 2026! This event is VCC's annual fundraiser to advance clean alternative fuel programs in Virginia and beyond. We're looking for organizations who would like to sponsor or exhibit a vehicle or table.

Registration is FREE for Fleets and VCC Stakeholders.

[Sponsor, Exhibit, or Attend](#)

Advanced Transportation Summit & Expo

The website and registration is live for the inaugural Mid-Atlantic Advanced Transportation Summit & Expo! Join Virginia Clean Cities and our partner Coalitions on July 21-23 in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia for three dynamic days of innovation, collaboration, and insight into the future of transportation.

[Visit the Conference Site](#)

New and Returning Members



Returning Platinum Level Member!

Interested in becoming a VCC Member? Check out our [membership page](#) or [contact us](#) with any questions.

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