

Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinating Council

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

EVICC Members Present (All Members Participated Virtually):

- Assistant Secretary Joshua Ryor, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), EVICC Chairperson
- Commissioner David Rodrigues, Division of Standards
- Aurora Edington, Department of Energy Resources
- Hank Webster, Department of Environmental Protection
- Audrey Horst, Research Director, Office of State Senator Michael Barrett (participating on behalf of Senator Barrett)
- Kat Eshel, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
- Chris Aiello, Department of Transportation
- Eric Bourassa, Metropolitan Area Planning Council
- Helena Fruscio-Altman, Executive Office of Economic Development
- Andrea Bolduc, Research Analyst, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy
- Rhys Webb, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (participating on behalf of Rachel Ackerman)
- Katie Weber, Department of Public Utilities (participating on behalf of Commissioner Staci Rubin)

- **EVICC members absent:**

- Executive Office of Administration and Finance (seat currently vacant)

- **Additional attendees and presenters:**

- Adele Andrews, EEA
- Elisa Guerrero, Planning Communities
- Nicole Voudren, Better Together Brain Trust
- Nicole Lepre, Department of Energy Resources
- Eric Friedman, Department of Energy Resources
- Rosa Davies, Veloz
- Margaret Mohr, Veloz

Agenda and Minutes

1) Call to Order

Assistant Secretary Ryor called the meeting to order at 1:04pm and took roll call of EVICC members present.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

Webster (DEP) moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting as presented. Rodriguez (DOS) seconded. All present members voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

3) Administrative Updates

a. Second Assessment

Ryor noted that the **Second Assessment** will be filed on Monday, August 11.

4) Presentations

a. Veloz campaign

Presenters: Rosa Davies and Margaret Mohr, Veloz

- Veloz is a nonprofit organization advancing a zero-emission vehicle future through consumer education and industry collaboration.
- Activities include public education campaigns, events, state and private sector engagement, and development of media resources.
- Massachusetts is a Tier 1 state in Veloz's national campaign, meaning that the Commonwealth will be part of targeted promotional efforts through 2026
- Veloz is looking for state partners to pay into the effort and help shape the direction of future promotional campaigns beyond 2026.

Discussion:

Sarah Simon asked whether the campaign will include used vehicle incentives and address challenges with dealerships.

Mohr confirmed that used vehicle incentives are included and that Veloz is also developing messaging for consumers about engaging with dealerships.

b. Section 103

Ryor presented an overview of the requirements of Section 103 of An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind, which outlines the process for identifying future EV charging loads and integrating them in the electric distribution company's (EDCs) grid planning processes. Steps include:

1. Identifying grid-constrained feeders and substations based on the 10-year forecast of EV charging load included in the Second EVICC Assessment (EVICC to develop an initial list and to iterate with the EDCs to refine the list based on non-EV factors)
2. Defining solutions to address grid constraints and identifying solutions that are already under development that would address identified grid constraints (EDC responsibility)
3. Identifying fast charging hub locations along transportation corridors and EV charging at medium- and heavy-duty fleet hubs. (EVICC responsibility)
4. Summarizing and presenting findings (See Appendix 8 of the Second Assessment)

Discussion:

Aiello (MassDOT) emphasized that grid upgrade should support transportation electrification projects that will support the most EVs.

Ryor agreed, noting the importance of prioritizing key transportation corridors such as service plazas and ensuring interconnection timelines are reasonable.

5) Second Assessment Presentations

a. Public Comment Summary

Elisa Guerrero, from Planning Communities, presented and summarized the public comments received on the draft Second Assessment.

b. Second Assessment Recommendations

Ryor shared that the Second Assessment identified 32 actions primarily directed at state agencies and frequent EVICC collaborators. He stressed that not all recommendations will be implemented within two years, but the framework sets a foundation for future assessments.

- Webster commended the team's efforts and stakeholder engagement.
- Horst also commended the work and conveyed comments from Senator Barrett, including the need to distinguish between prioritizing value versus prioritizing impact within recommendations.
- Weber shared comments from Commissioner Rubin, expressing appreciation for the collaborative process and constructive stakeholder dialogue.
- Edington highlighted the Council's growth and improved engagement since the first assessment.

Public Questions:

Seth Cadbois (Conservation Law Foundation) expressed appreciation for the emphasis on medium- and heavy-duty electrification, environmental justice communities, and managed charging. He recommended explicitly integrating the EJ siting guide into the recommendations.

Webster moved to approve the recommendations with explicit mention of the EJ siting guide to be incorporated into the recommendations at the discretion of EEA Staff. Aiello seconded.

Voted in favor: Ryor, Fruscio-Altman, Rodrigues, Webster, Weber, Edington, Aiello, Bourassa, Eshel, Webb.

The motion was carried unanimously.

6) Public Comment

No additional public comments were made.

7) Adjournment

Weber moved to adjourn the meeting. Edington seconded. All members present voted in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43pm.

Documents and Exhibits Presented at the Meeting

- [Meeting Slides](#)
- [July Meeting Minutes](#)

