



2024 Annual Partners Meeting  
September 17-19, 2024

Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**It Takes a Village: Meaningful Community Engagement Strategies**

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Registration</b>
1:30 PM – 1:55 PM	<b>Welcome/Opening Remarks</b>  <b>TBD</b>
1:55 PM – 2:55 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Forging Relationships with Community-Based Organizations</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator – <b>Sunday Gotvald, EPA Region 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Best Practices when Forging Relationships with the Community</b> <i>Elizabeth Sanford, Atlanta Regional Commission</i></li> <li>• <b>Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers</b> <i>Kyle Bryant, EPA Region 4</i></li> <li>• <b>Building Support for Electrification</b> <i>Anne Blair, Electrification Coalition</i></li> </ul>

<p>2:55 PM – 3:55 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Facilitating Community Conversations</b>  Moderator – <a href="#">Shauna Basques</a>, Milepost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Crafting Durable Solutions to Complex Problems</b>  <a href="#">Jonathan Geurts</a>, <i>Keystone Policy Center</i></li> <li>• <b>City Perspective</b>  <a href="#">Chris Sigman</a>, <i>City of Brookhaven</i></li> <li>• <b>Co-creating Community-Driven Clean Transportation Plans</b>  <a href="#">Sumner Pomeroy</a>, <i>Clean Cities GA</i></li> </ul>
<p>3:55 PM – 4:05 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p>
<p>4:05 PM – 4:55 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Successful Electrification Projects with Community Implementation</b>  Moderator – <a href="#">Ben Hosansky</a>, <i>World Resources Institute</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community involvement in electric school bus projects</b>  <a href="#">Tanya Coventry-Strader</a>, <i>Mothers and Others for Clean Air</i></li> <li>• <b>Electric Buses in North Carolina</b>  <a href="#">Sheila Blanchard</a>, <i>North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality</i></li> <li>• <b>Funding School Bus Projects in Florida</b>  <a href="#">Bill Wen</a>, <i>Orange County Public Schools</i></li> </ul>
<p>4:55 PM – 5:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>
<p>5:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adjourn</b></p>



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### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Coffee and Tea</b>
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<p><b>Welcome/Opening Remarks</b></p> <p style="color: #00AEEF;"><i>Donnette Sturdivant, EPA Region 4</i></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker</b></p> <p style="color: #00AEEF;"><b>Neha Pathak, MD, FACP, DipABLM</b> <i>Mothers and Others for Clean Air: Climate Champion</i></p> <p><b>Recognition of STRIDE Sponsors-</b> Presented by <b>Heidi LeSane, EPA Region 4</b></p>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<p><b>Fleet and Greet: Public Fleet Approaches to Alternative Fuels</b></p> <p>Moderator – <b>Alan Powell, EPA Region 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RNG-ANG Truck and Van</b> <span style="color: #00AEEF;"><i>Christopher Marques, Cobb County</i></span></li> <li>• <b>Propane School Buses</b> <span style="color: #00AEEF;"><i>Trey Stow, Fulton County Schools</i></span></li> <li>• <b>Electric and Hybrid Transit Buses</b> <span style="color: #00AEEF;"><i>PJ McKenzie, Charlotte Area Transit System</i></span></li> </ul>

	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	<p><b>Alternative Fuel Vehicle Demonstration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia Tech ECO Car: Eric Gustafson and students</li> </ul>
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:00 PM – 4:30PM	<p><b>Building the Workforce of Tomorrow</b></p> <p>Moderator – <b>Beth Jones</b>, <i>Technical College System of Georgia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Building an EV Workforce</b> <i>Trey Gowdy, Duke University</i></li> <li>• <b>Partnership for Inclusive Innovation</b> <i>Clarence Anthony, Georgia Tech</i></li> </ul>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>Evening Activity (Optional)</b>



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### Thursday, September 19, 2024

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	<b>Coffee and Tea</b>
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Charging into the Future of Battery Technology</b> Moderator – <a href="#">Dale Aspy</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Best Practices for Batteries and Fire Safety</b> <a href="#">David Jaskolski, Peach State Truck Centers</a></li> <li>• <b>Battery Technology</b> <a href="#">Hinton Harrison, Blue Bird</a></li> <li>• <b>EV School Bus Products</b> <a href="#">Brad Beauchamp, Blue Bird</a></li> <li>• <b>Georgia Network for Electric Mobility</b> <a href="#">Dr. Bjorn Birgisson, University of Georgia</a></li> </ul>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>Break</b>
11:00AM – 12:30PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Environmental Justice &amp; Public Health</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator – <a href="#">Benjamin McKenzie, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Using Satellite Data to Support Underserved Communities</b> <a href="#">Dr. Yun Hang, University of Texas Health Science Center</a></li> <li>• <b>Reports on children/respiratory health (State of the Air Report)</b> <a href="#">Ashley Lyerly, American Lung Association</a></li> <li>• <b>EPA Environmental Justice and Community Grants</b></li> </ul>

	<b>Ntale Kajumba, EPA Region 4</b>
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ports and Freight Movement: Cleaner Deliveries from Ports to your Door</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator – <b>Gretchen Barrera, Alabama Port Authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overview of Ports</b> <b>Beatriz Canamary, PortXchange</b></li> <li>• <b>Port to Store</b> <b>Scott Skinner, MAERSK</b></li> <li>• <b>Electric Yard Dogs</b> <b>Jason Dake, Orange EV</b></li> <li>• <b>Jacksonville Port: Project Highlights</b> <b>Nick Primrose, JAXPORT</b></li> </ul>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:30 PM – 4:45 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saving Green by Going Green: Grant Funding and Project Spotlights</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator – <b>Shelby Zangari, PhD, EPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ocala Refuse Haulers</b> <b>John King, City of Ocala</b></li> <li>• <b>DERA/CSB- Electric School Buses-Building out the fleet</b> <b>Katie Tiger, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians</b></li> <li>• <b>MARAD PIDP Funding Opportunities</b> <b>Branden Villalona, U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD)</b></li> </ul>
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	<p><b>Conclusion and Wrap-up</b></p> <p><b>Alan Powell, EPA Region 4</b></p>