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# **EV Business Models Study Overview**

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Joint Transportation Committee Meeting









- Independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization
- Working to advance strong policy and action to address the twin challenges of energy and climate change
- Founded in 1998 as the Pew Center on Global Climate Change
- Became C2ES in 2011

# **Business Environmental Leadership Council (BELC)**





## **C2ES's Relevant Experience**



#### • Plug-in Electric Vehicle Dialogue Initiative (2011-present)

- Goal: Bring together automakers, electric utilities, policymakers, and environmental groups to develop and implement consensus approaches to accelerate electric vehicle deployment nationwide
- 2012: Published report *An Action Plan to Integrate Plug-in Electric Vehicles with the U.S. Electrical Grid*, provides a roadmap to enabling a national EV market
- 2013: Created PEV Action Tool to help state transportation departments determine goals for EV deployment and chart out path for reaching goals
- 2014: Published report, A Guide to the Lessons Learned from the Clean Cities Community Electric Vehicle Readiness Projects, summarizes lessons learned from 16 groups that received Energy Department grants to advance the deployment of electric vehicles

#### Alternative Fuel Vehicle Finance Initiative (2013-present)

- Goal: Develop pilot project strategies to demonstrate new business models for alternative fuel vehicles and fueling infrastructure
- 2013: Published report, Alternative Fuel Vehicle & Fueling Infrastructure Deployment Barriers & the Potential Role of Private Sector Financial Solutions, a seminal report on role of private finance in accelerating EV deployment

## **Importance of Business Model Assessment**



- Deployment of clean transportation technology requires significant capital investments
  - Governments actively seeking ways to multiply the impact of public dollars and unlock greater private investment
- EV infrastructure gap (public, workplaces, and multi-unit dwellings) must be bridged for robust EV market
- Barriers to bridging infrastructure gap
  - Residential electricity competition
  - A small market
  - Cost of charging stations
  - High cost of capital

#### Business models can capture value of EV charging networks

- Public-private finance programs, including public-private partnerships
- New business arrangements

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- Private finance can leverage small public investments and overcome market deficiencies
- Existing financial mechanisms have helped accelerate deployment of cleantech in other sectors
  - Energy service providers have accelerated deployment of energy efficiency technologies in buildings
  - Public-private finance programs have leveraged public dollars to attract private investment
- Washington can be first to use innovative finance to advance EV charging networks

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## Market Barriers

## Low near-term demand for EV charging infrastructure

- Market Effects: Limited private investment in charging projects, depresses demand for EVs, etc.
- Solutions: Longer loan terms, delayed loan repayment

(short to medium term)

### **Financial Barriers**

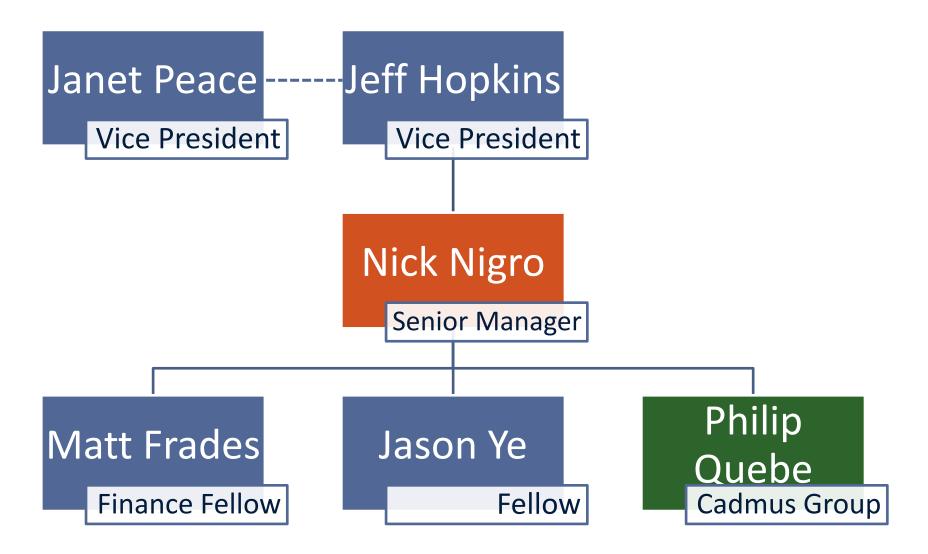
#### Loans cannot be easily resold

- Market Effects: Projects appear too risky, thus increasing cost of capital
- Solutions: Standardized loan structures, public buying and holding of loans

(medium to long term)

#### **Project Team**





#### **Project Timeline**





#### Evaluate Current Status of EV Charging in Washington

Establish a stakeholder network

Construct Public Charging Network Database

Create interactive maps for charging suitability assessment

Provide insights into role of public charging networks in encouraging EVs

Summarize findings

May – August



Leverage C2ES's AFV Finance Initiative

Conduct Business Model Workshop

Create 2-3 Business Model Summaries

July – November



#### Identify Public & Private Roles

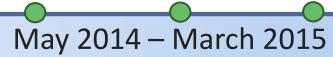
Execute financial analysis on business model viability

Identify public sector role in addressing barriers to private investment

October – December

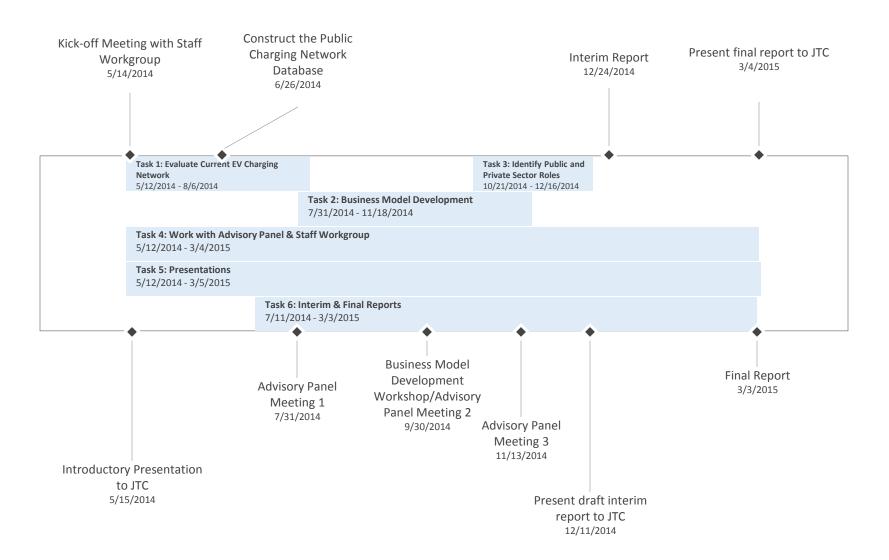
Advisory Group Meeting

JTC Presentation



## **Detailed Project Timeline**







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