

Mobility Innovation Working Group

EC4 Meeting

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Elements of the Mobility Strategy

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- ▶ Responsible for advising the Governor, her staff and EC4 member agencies regarding mobility and clean transportation strategies
- ▶ Partnering with Terry Gray, DEM, and Katja Hamler, Governor's Office
- ▶ Facilitating Mobility Innovation Group and final report

Mobility Innovation Working Group: To inform the design of a statewide mobility strategy that will promote accessible mobility options for all Rhode Islanders and simultaneously reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The strategy will build on the portfolio of clean transportation policies, regulations and initiatives that have already been implemented statewide.

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- By December of this year, the Working Group will provide the Governor with a specific action plan, which shall include recommended programmatic, legislative and/or regulatory initiatives to reduce GHG emissions and maximize clean mobility options for all Rhode Islanders.
- The Working Group will be comprised of state agency representatives and local stakeholders that have a deep understanding of the transportation needs of Rhode Islanders.
- Stakeholder engagement is fundamental to the success of this strategy. The meetings will be held publicly and will present opportunities for public comment.

Transportation, Mobility and COVID

Why is transportation the focus of the Mobility Innovation Working Group?

Reimagining Rhode Island's transportation system is critical to meeting mobility needs, supporting economic development and achieving sustainability objectives. Transportation accounts for 40% of greenhouse gas emissions statewide. In order to meet the state's long-term goals such as an 80% reduction by 2050 will require large investments to eliminate fossil fuel from the transportation sector.

How is the Mobility Innovation Working Group related to COVID?

The COVID pandemic has reiterated the need for a statewide mobility strategy that serves to reduce emissions and promote public health and economic growth, especially in overburdened and underserved communities. Specifically, the pandemic is highlighting the connections between air pollution and respiratory disease, especially in communities disproportionately burdened by pollution.

Investing in clean transportation can support short-term recovery and long-term prosperity.

What is our working definition of "Mobility"?

Mobility can be defined as an individual's access to reliable, affordable, and safe transportation options.

How is the Mobility Innovation Working Group related to TCI?

The Mobility Innovation Working Group will focus on policy development to address the appropriate pathways that are unique to Rhode Island to support a clean transportation and green economy.

The goal of this work is to move from concepts and messages to concrete policies and investments that will reduce transportation emissions and improve the lives of Rhode Islanders; while balancing what is practical, scalable and complementary to the region.

Topics For Working Group Discussion

Specifically, the Working Group will discuss the following topics:

- Transportation electrification
- Autonomous and connected vehicles
- Transit and mobility services
- Economic development and innovation
- Environmental justice and equitable policies