



## Energy Independence Summit 2025 Agenda

### Monday, February 10, 2025

- 3:00 **Hotel Check-In Opens**  
The Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Cir NW, Washington, DC 20005
- 3:30 - 7:30 **Summit Registration**

### Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- 7:30 - 8:30 **Summit Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 - 9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Speaker: **Steven Montoya**, TEP  
Key Themes:
  - Welcome attendees and acknowledge key stakeholders
  - Outline the objectives of the summit and the importance of collaboration
  - Reaffirming our commitment to energy independence
- 9:00 - 9:30 **Keynote: The Future of Clean Cities & Communities**  
Speaker: **Alleyn Harned**, Virginia Clean Cities  
Key Themes:
  - The evolution of the Clean Cities & Communities program and its impact
  - Federal and state-level policy directions shaping clean transportation
  - The role of CCC in advancing alternative fuels, EVs, hydrogen, and sustainable mobility
- 9:30 - 10:30 **Panel: The Economic Power of Alternative Fuels**  
Facilitator: **Antoine Thompson**, Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition  
Speakers:
  - **Joe Annotti**, TRC | Clean Transportation Solutions
  - **Josh Cohen**, SWITCH
  - **Matthew Chen**, Blink Charging Co.
  - **Marcy Rood**, Argonne National Laboratory
  - **David Cobb**, Clean Fuels Alliance AmericaKey Discussion Areas:



- How alternative fuels reduce costs and improve efficiency for businesses and fleets
- The role of public-private partnerships in fueling economic success
- Real-world examples of companies seeing strong ROI from clean fuel adoption

10:30 - 11:30

### **Fireside Chat: Federal & State Policy Perspectives**

Facilitator: **Trisha Dellolacono**, CALSTART

Speakers:

- **Randy Hayden**, Louisiana Propane Gas Association
- **Michael Parr**, NAFA Fleet Management Association

Key Discussion Areas:

- The Trump administration's policies on clean transportation
- Updates on federal funding programs, grants, and tax incentives
- Legislative and regulatory actions impacting alternative fuels, EVs, hydrogen, and biofuels

11:30 - 12:30

### **NETWORKING LUNCH**

1:00 - 1:45

### **Panel: Alternative Fuels in Focus**

Facilitator: **Matt Wade**, Virginia Clean Cities

Speakers:

- **Randy Hayden**, CCI Louisiana (propane)
- **Anurag Mandalika**, Assistant Professor - Research, Center for Energy Studies, Louisiana State University (hydrogen & biofuels)
- **Steven Levy**, Sprague Energy (renewable and biodiesel)
- **Richard Biedenharn**, Cleco (EV)

Key Discussion Areas:

- Benefits of propane as a cost-effective and low-emission fuel
- Hydrogen's growing role in decarbonizing transportation
- Advances in biofuels as a scalable solution for diverse fleet applications
- LNG's role in heavy-duty freight and maritime applications
- The economic and environmental benefits of renewable diesel and biodiesel

1:45 - 2:30

### **Panel: Alternative Fuels Infrastructure**

Facilitator: **Richard Battersby**, East Bay Clean Cities Coalition

Speakers:



- **Greg Brennan**, Virginia Clean Cities
- **Ed Gilliland**, IREC - Charging Smart Certification
- **Ann Vail**, Louisiana Clean Fuels, Executive Director

Key Discussion Areas:

- Overview of existing alternative fuel corridors and networks
- Identification of critical gaps and barriers to expansion
- Updates on federal funding programs supporting infrastructure growth

2:30 - 2:45

**NETWORKING BREAK**

2:45 - 3:45

**Panel: Industry Partnerships Driving Alternative Fuels Forward**

Facilitator: **Barry Carr**, Clean Communities of Central NY

Speakers:

- **Mike Britt**, MG Britt, Inc.
- **Joy Gardner**, Empire Clean Cities
- **Lisa Thurstin**, Minnesota Clean Cities
- **Carl Lisek**, Indiana Clean Cities

Key Discussion Areas:

- The importance of industry collaboration in accelerating alternative fuel adoption
- Economic benefits of transitioning to alternative fuels
- Future opportunities for cross-sector collaboration and investment

3:45 - 4:30

**Keynote: Communicating Across Political Perspectives**

Speaker: **Michael Staley**, Alabama Clean Fuels

Key Themes:

- Importance of bipartisan communication in clean transportation policy
- Overview of political attitudes toward clean energy and alternative fuels
- Framing clean transportation as an economic, energy security and job creation issue

4:30 - 5:00

**Closing Reflections & Call to Action**

Speaker: **Steven Montoya**, TEP

Key Themes:

- Reflections on key themes and insights from sessions



- How coalitions and industry partners can continue working together post-summit
- How individuals and organizations can sustain momentum beyond the summit
- Parting message: stay engaged, stay connected, and keep pushing forward

5:30 - 7:00            **EIS 2025 Summit Day Reception**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

7:30 - 8:30            **BREAKFAST**

*Choose your own adventure*

9:00 - 5:00            **Congressional Office Meetings**

*Summit participants will participate in a full day of meetings with Congressional offices*

5:00 - 6:30            **Capitol Hill Energy Independence Reception - Sponsored by UPS**

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**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

7:30 - 8:30            **Breakfast and Debrief of Capitol Hill Day Meetings**

8:30 - 9:00            **Welcome & Context Setting**

Speaker: **Steven Montoya**, TEP

Key Topics:

- The administration's stance on clean transportation policies
- The 119th Congress' priorities and expected legislative battles
- Opportunities for influence and collaboration

9:00 - 9:30            **Clean Cities & Communities in the New Policy Environment**

Facilitator: **Alleyn Harned**, Virginia Clean Cities

Key Discussion Areas:

- Adapting coalition strategies to shifting federal priorities
- Strengthening local and state partnerships to fill federal gaps
- Tactics for engaging with new leadership at DOE, EPA, and DOT

9:30 - 10:00            **Industry & Innovation: Making the Economic Case for Clean Transportation**

Moderator: **Mike Britt**, MG Britt, Inc.

Topics Covered:



- Industry-driven clean transportation solutions and job creation
- Aligning business priorities with policy advocacy
- Building bipartisan economic arguments for alternative fuels

10:00 - 10:15

### **Break & Networking**

10:15 - 10:45

### **Power in Partnerships: Advocating with a Unified Voice**

Facilitator: **Michael Staley**, Alabama Clean Fuels

Key Discussion Areas:

- Coordinating grassroots advocacy efforts
- Messaging that resonates with the new administration and Congress
- Strengthening alignment between coalitions, businesses, and community organizations

10:45 - 11:15

### **Action Planning: Next Steps for the Road Ahead**

Facilitator: **Antoine Thompson**, Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition

Objectives:

- Identify key action items for state and local coalitions
- Assign follow-ups for engaging federal policymakers
- Develop a shared roadmap for 2025 policy engagement

11:15 - 11:45

### **Closing Remarks & Call to Action**

Speaker: **Steven Montoya**, TEP

Takeaways:

- Key themes from the discussions
- The path forward for Clean Cities, industry, and community partners
- Immediate actions to take post-summit