Engaging Communities to Inform Electric Truck Infrastructure Decisions: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy Issues Toolkit



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The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy ("ACEEE") issued a report/toolkit titled:

Engaging Communities to Inform Electric Truck Infrastructure Decisions ("Report").

The stated purpose of the Report is to:

… guide local, regional, and state government agencies, freight hubs, charging hub developers, and electric truck fleets in the important work of partnering with communities as they plan for and invest in electric truck charging infrastructure.

The authors of the Report include:

- Christi Nakajima.
- Maggie Kelley Riggins.
- Jasmine Mah.

Research is stated to have been undertaken by interviewing members of six community-focused organizations and representatives from:

- a state agency;
- a port; and,
- a charging hub developer.

The Report groups strategies into what are described as four key steps in the community engagement timeline:

1. Preparing for engagement.
2. Early contact and planning.
3. Communicating and making decisions with the community.
4. Post-project follow-through.

The authors conclude that the community engagement described in the Report is critical because:

… it helps maximize the benefits derived from electric truck deployment and supports the communities most impacted by diesel truck pollution.

ACEEE believes such engagement can:

- Build support for projects.
- Mitigate delays due to opposition.
- Ensure the development of long-lasting solutions by incorporating transparency and investment from the outset.

ACEEE describes its organization as an independent nonprofit that works across buildings, transportation, and industry to bring together rigorous research, policy expertise, and technical assistance to deliver real savings for households and businesses.

A copy of the Report can be found here.