

Are new connector types (other than CCS, J1772, and J3400) likely to enter the market?

d. What is the anticipated useful life of the CCS, J1772, and J3400 connectors and cables that are currently in use (or that will be installed in the near future)?

e. What is the expected impact of the TIR to the market for vehicle models that were manufactured to utilize CCS/J1772 connectors?

5. Performance-Based Standards⁴

a. If there is a need to include J3400 connectors on chargers, what are the advantages and disadvantages of the following design-based approaches?

Approach 1: Include both J3400 and CCS Type 1/J1772 connectors on each port.

Approach 2: Include a specified number of each type of connector (J3400 and CCS Type 1/J1772) at each charging station.

Under Approach 2, what is the optimal ratio of J3400 connectors to CCS/J1772 connectors? Why?

If there is not a need to include J3400 connectors on chargers, what are the advantages and disadvantages of the following design-based approaches to including J3400, CCS/J1772, or other connectors alongside cables?

Approach 1: Provide at least one adapter for J3400 connectors at each charging station.

Approach 2: Customers must provide their own adapters for use.

Are there alternative design-based approaches to accommodate J3400 and CCS/J1772 equipped vehicles?

b. Are there performance-based alternatives to specifying charging standards and communication standards (such as J3400, J1772, or ISO 15118) by reference that would support a convenient, affordable, reliable, and equitable EV charging network while reducing the need for future refinement to federal regulations?

c. Which performance-based alternative (*i.e.*, standards that specify a level of service and types of vehicles a charger must support without specifying specific connectors) would best facilitate competition and innovation in EV markets? Which performance-based alternatives have the potential to harm competition, create consumer lock in, or otherwise erect or increase entry barriers?

d. Should performance-based standards include requirements for achieving Key Performance Indicators

most important to EV customers? If so, what should those Key Performance Indicators be?

6. Other Considerations

a. Is there anything additionally that should be considered related to EV charging connector standards and technologies that is not covered in the above questions?

b. Are there any supply chain issues for EVs and EVSEs related to support for 800V architectures?

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[DOT-OST-2024-0030]

Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity (ACTE); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: DOT OST announces a virtual meeting of ACTE's Power of Community Subcommittee, which will take place via Zoom Webinar.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Requests for accommodations because of a disability must be received by Tuesday, March 19. Requests to submit questions must be received no later than Tuesday, March 19. The registration form will close on Monday, March 25.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom webinar. Those members of the public who would like to participate virtually should go to <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/civil-rights/advisory-committee-transportation-equity-meetings-materials> to access the meeting, a detailed agenda for the entire meeting, meeting minutes, and additional information on ACTE and its activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra D. Norman, Senior Advisor and Designated Federal Officer, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (804) 836-2893, ACTE@dot.gov. Any ACTE-related request or submissions should be sent via email to the point of contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Purpose of the Committee

ACTE was established to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation about comprehensive, interdisciplinary issues related to civil rights and transportation equity in the planning, design, research, policy, and advocacy contexts from a variety of transportation equity practitioners and community leaders. Specifically, the Committee will provide advice and recommendations to inform the Department's efforts to:

Implement the Agency's Equity Action Plan and Strategic Plan, helping to institutionalize equity into Agency programs, policies, regulations, and activities;

Strengthen and establish partnerships with overburdened and underserved communities who have been historically underrepresented in the Department's outreach and engagement, including those in rural and urban areas;

Empower communities to have a meaningful voice in local and regional transportation decisions; and

Ensure the compliance of Federal funding recipients with civil rights laws and nondiscrimination programs, policies, regulations, and activities.

Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the meeting will consist of:

Welcome and Introductions

History of ACTE

Scope of Power of Community Subcommittee

Review of existing recommendations

Public engagement open discussion

Next steps and closing remarks

Meeting Participation

Advance registration is required.

Please register at https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_7LmQxZZGmQCmO3V9UQpL-WQ by the deadline referenced in the **DATES** section. The meeting will be open to the public for its entirety. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the point of contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Questions from the public will be answered during the public comment period only at the discretion of the ACTE Wealth Creation subcommittee co-chairs and designated Federal officer. Members of the public may submit written comments and

⁴ As noted above, the term "performance-based standards" in this context refers to standards that specify a level of service and types of vehicles a charger must support without specifying specific connectors.

questions to the point of contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section on the topics to be considered during the meeting by the deadline referenced in the **DATES** section.

Dated: February 29, 2024.

Irene Marion,

Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[DOT-OST-2024-0029]

Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity (ACTE); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: DOT OST announces a virtual meeting of ACTE's Expanding Access Subcommittee, which will take place via Zoom Webinar.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Requests for accommodations because of a disability must be received by Thursday, March 14. Requests to submit questions must be received no later than Thursday, March 14. The registration form will close on Wednesday, March 20.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar. Those members of the public who would like to participate virtually should go to <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/civil-rights/advisory-committee-transportation-equity-meetings-materials> to access the meeting, a detailed agenda for the entire meeting, meeting minutes, and additional information on ACTE and its activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[DOT-OST-2024-0031]

Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity (ACTE); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: DOT OST announces a virtual meeting of ACTE's Interventions Subcommittee, which will take place via Zoom Webinar.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 12 to 2 p.m. eastern time. Requests for accommodations because of a disability must be received by Wednesday, March 20. Requests to submit questions must be received no later than Wednesday, March 20. The registration form will close on Tuesday, March 26.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar. Those members of the public who would like to participate virtually should go to <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/civil-rights/advisory-committee-transportation-equity-meetings-materials> to access the meeting, a detailed agenda for the entire meeting, meeting minutes, and additional information on ACTE and its activities.

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