



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
JULY 2026

Welcome to KCFC July 2026 Newsletter

This month marks a massive milestone for our coalition as we supercharge our mission across Kentucky. We are thrilled to officially announce our **brand-new board of directors** to steer our collective future. On top of that, we successfully logged **state fuel prices, accelerated sustainable transit by tracking Kentucky EV school program, and incredible community momentum toward our clean city initiative.**

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Program Director's Message

Dear KCFC Members, Partners, and Stakeholders,

Welcome to another edition of the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition (KCFC) Newsletter!

This month marks an important milestone as we establish our Board of Directors and governance structure, strengthen our leadership and advisory network, and set the strategic priorities that will guide KCFC in the coming year. These efforts will enhance our ability to serve stakeholders and expand partnerships with industry, government, universities, utilities, fleet operators, and local communities.

Our mission remains clear: to accelerate the adoption of clean transportation technologies and alternative fuels that strengthen Kentucky's energy security, improve air quality, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce transportation emissions. Through education, technical assistance, workforce development, and stakeholder engagement, KCFC will continue serving as Kentucky's trusted resource for clean transportation.

In the coming months, you can expect expanded outreach, technical workshops, fleet engagement programs, educational resources, and new collaboration opportunities across the Commonwealth. With the guidance of our new Board of Directors and the continued growth of our membership, we will further strengthen strategic partnerships and provide timely information on emerging transportation technologies.

The Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition sincerely thanks its former Board of Directors for their dedicated volunteer service, leadership, and lasting contributions to advancing clean transportation throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Our progress would not be possible without the dedication and support of our members, partners, sponsors, and stakeholders. Thank you for being part of KCFC's journey. We invite you to stay engaged, participate in our upcoming activities, and work with us as we build a cleaner, stronger, and more sustainable transportation future for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sincerely,
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Announcement: Our New Board of Directors

Please join us in welcoming our outstanding new board members who will guide KCFC's vision. Brief introductions are available here, for detailed bios please click here: [KCFC Board Members](#)

1. President: Dr. Scott Williams, Owensboro Community and Technical College



A native of Lakeland, Florida, Dr. Williams earned bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in Animal Science, specializing in Meat Science and Muscle Biology, from Colorado State University. In 1999, he joined Owensboro Community and Technical College (OCTC) as a faculty member and later launched the biotechnology program. He became Chief Academic Officer in 2008, was appointed President in 2015, and currently serving as chancellor of OCTC. An active community leader, Dr. Williams serves on several education, workforce, and economic development organizations and is passionate about expanding opportunities for students and strengthening the region's workforce. He and his wife, Donna, proudly call Owensboro home.
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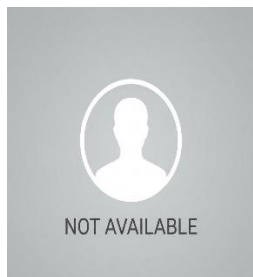
2. Treasurer: Wayne Martin, BioProducts LLC

Wayne Martin earned a B.A. in Ancient History with a minor in Political Science from the University of New Hampshire and an M.B.A. in Finance and Management from the University of Louisville. He applied his business expertise as an entrepreneur and founding partner of BioProducts, LLC, managing operations and financial strategies. Additionally, Martin pioneered local patio home real estate developments in Louisville, and managing major commercial and residential projects. Martin served as President of the Louisville Jaycees, receiving the Outstanding Young Man of America Award in 1980, and has held multiple leadership roles with the University of Louisville School of Business Alumni Association



KCFC Board of Directors

3. Adam Andrews, Kentucky Corn Growers Association

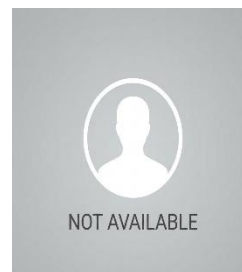


Adam Andrews is the Programs Director for the Kentucky Corn Growers Association (KYCGA) in Louisville. Raised on a family farm in Tennessee, he has dedicated his career to agricultural advocacy, farmer engagement, and policy education. Previously, he served as Director of National Affairs for the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. At KYCGA, he leads membership growth, market development, leadership programs, and legislative advocacy, including efforts to expand year-round E15 fuel availability, representing Kentucky's corn growers at the local, state, and federal levels.

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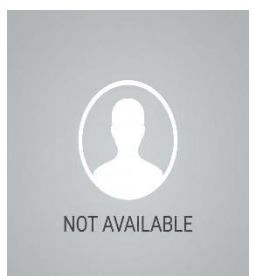
4. Harry Chase, GE Appliances

Harry Chase earned his university degree at the University of Tennessee, establishing a heavy foundation in automotive and global manufacturing logistics. Currently, Chase serves as senior director of central materials at GE Appliances in Louisville. In this role, he champions supply chain modernization by deploying advanced automation, artificial intelligence, fixed robotics, and pioneer autonomous electric freight trucks.



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5. Pete McDonald, Division of Fleet Management

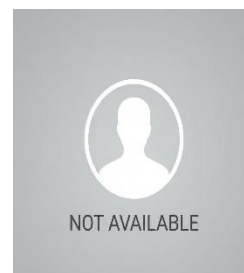


Pete McDonald is Director of the Division of Fleet Management within the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet. He oversees the acquisition, maintenance, utilization, and modernization of Kentucky's state vehicle fleet, including fuel management, fleet data systems, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. His leadership ensures efficient, cost-effective, and compliant fleet operations across state agencies.

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6. Jacob Medley, Louisville Metro Government

Jacob Medley is the Executive Director of the Louisville Mayor's Office of Sustainability, leading the city's efforts to achieve 100% clean energy and net-zero emissions by 2040. A graduate of Centre College, he joined the Office of Sustainability in 2024 after supporting major capital projects with the Cabinet for Economic Development. Under his leadership, the office has advanced renewable energy, weatherization, and green economic development initiatives, including Solarize Louisville, EPAD, and the Cool Roof program.



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7. Kyle J. Olinick, Mercer Transportation



As Assistant Safety Director at Mercer Transportation, Kyle promotes safety, regulatory compliance, and operational excellence by supporting drivers, implementing safe driving practices, and advancing company safety initiatives. He also supports Mercer Transportation's commitment to a modern, fuel-efficient fleet that delivers reliable transportation services while reducing environmental impact.

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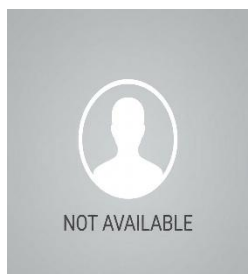
8. Amy Sohner, Bluegrass Greensource

Amy Sohner earned her degree in natural resource conservation and management from the University of Kentucky, later becoming a certified environmental educator. She joined Bluegrass Greensource at its inception and became executive director in 2006, leading regional outreach to empower sustainable communities. Under her leadership, the nonprofit took over management of Buckley Wildlife Sanctuary in 2024 to expand its educational facilities. Sohner supports regional green initiatives through leadership roles on multiple environmental boards, including the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition and the Lexington Stormwater Stakeholder Advisory Committee.



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9. B. Zoeller, FBT Gibbons



Brian D. Zoeller is a partner at FBT Gibbons in Louisville, Kentucky, where he leads the firm's Renewable Energy Industry Team. He holds a B.S. in Mathematics from Bellarmine College and both a J.D. and M.B.A. from the University of Louisville. His practice focuses on utility-scale renewable energy projects, including solar, landfill gas-to-energy, and anaerobic digesters, as well as commercial real estate development. He also serves on the board of the Louisville Sustainability Council.

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Major Accomplishments in July 2026

Inaugural Board Meeting

On July 7, 2026, the newly appointed KCFC Board of Directors officially convened for its highly anticipated inaugural meeting.

“... actually, I'm excited about the opportunities (for KCFC!). We kind of have a clean slate. We can build what we want to build. So, I think that's a wonderful opportunity for

us. And I'm excited to be working with each and every one of you as we move this forward."

--- Dr. Scott Williams, President, Board of Directors

This energetic session was more than just an introduction; it served as a powerful collaborative launchpad to set our coalition's core strategic priorities. By uniting diverse industry leaders, we successfully mapped out high-impact initiatives for the coming year, laid the groundwork for robust regional partnerships, and solidified our commitment to driving sustainable transportation alternatives forward across the Commonwealth.

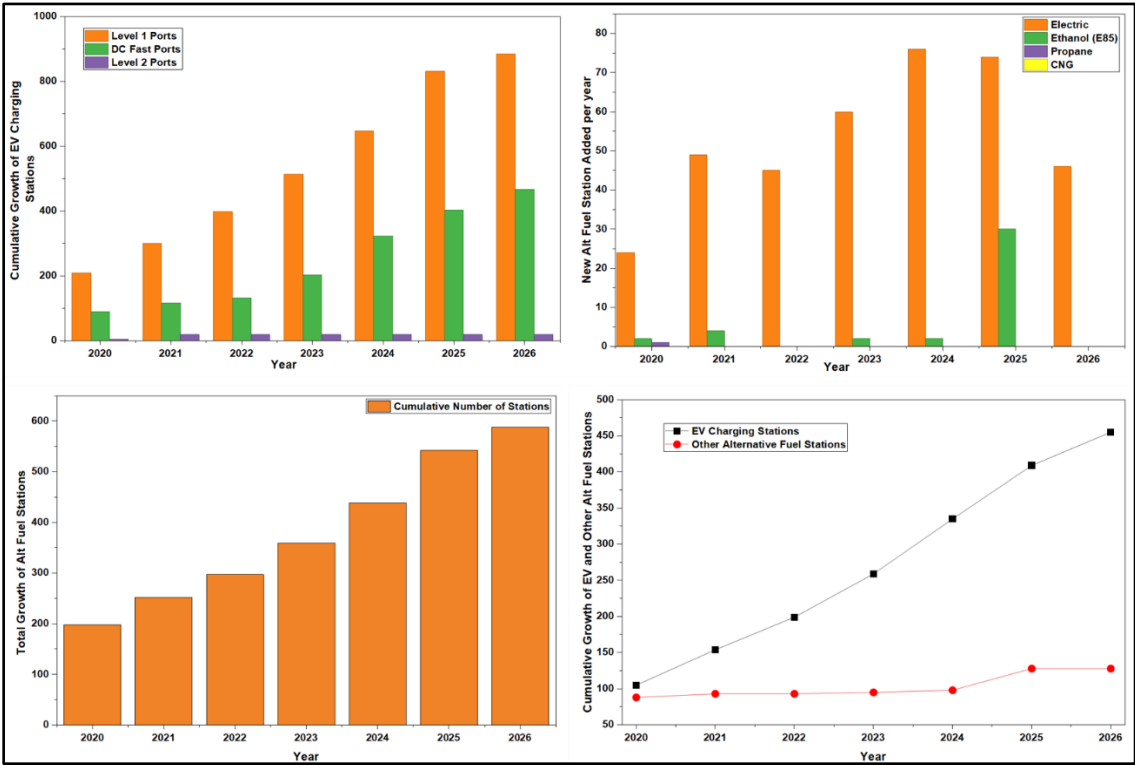
The future of Kentucky's clean energy sector is bright, and the momentum starts right here!

Fueling the Future: Kentucky Clean Energy Growth

Over the last five years, Kentucky has undergone a massive, historic transformation in alternative fueling infrastructure and clean energy transportation!

KCFC is incredibly proud to track, drive, and support this unprecedented momentum.

Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Growth in Kentucky



EV Charging Port Surge (Top Left):

- **Level 1 Ports** climbed from just over 200 in 2020 to nearly **880 ports** in 2026.
- **DC Fast Ports** achieved remarkable acceleration, expanding from roughly 90 to over **460 high-speed ports** across the state.
- **Level 2 Ports** maintain a steady baseline niche presence with a cumulative total of **20 ports**.

Annual Infrastructure Growth Trends (Top Right):

- Electric infrastructure additions peaked sharply between 2023 and 2025, adding **60 to 76 new locations annually**.
- Alternative fuel options are diversifying: Ethanol (E85) experienced a massive deployment boom in 2025 with **30 new locations** added to the state network in that single year.

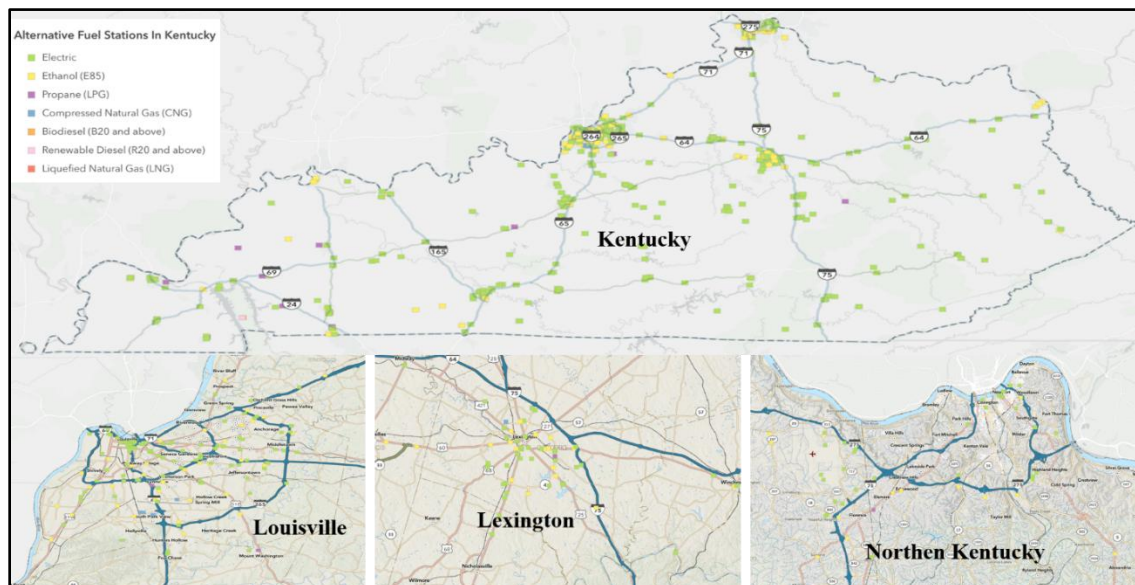
Total Fuel Station Footprint (Bottom Left):

- The cumulative footprint of alternative fuel stations across the Commonwealth has nearly tripled, skyrocketing from **198 stations in 2020 to approximately 590 stations by mid-2026**.

EV vs. Other Alternative Fuel Growth (Bottom Right):

- While non-electric alternative fueling stations (Propane, CNG, Ethanol) maintain an essential, steady growth line rising to **128 locations**, dedicated EV Charging Stations are driving the macro-trend—scaling aggressively from **105 locations in 2020 to over 450 locations in 2026**.

Here is the map to track these station sites and find the address:



National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program

Federal approval of Kentucky's latest EV plan secured \$17.8 million in previously pledged funds to support Phase 2 and Phase 3. These phases will expand charging infrastructure along other priority corridors, in communities, and at destination sites statewide. We continue moving forward with awarded fast charging stations with obligated funds totaling \$31.6 million for construction. Click here for program details: [NEVI Program guidance](#)

The Program provides \$5 billion of funding to States to deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. Initially,

funding under the Program is directed to infrastructure acquired or installed along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). When a State determines and the Secretary certifies that AFCs in a State are fully built out, funding may be used for EV charging infrastructure on any public road or in other publicly accessible locations.

This extraordinary growth is expected to continue, with the EV share of the market predicted to reach 20% by the end of the decade. This means that in less than 10 years, 1 out of every 5 vehicles purchased in Kentucky will be electric.

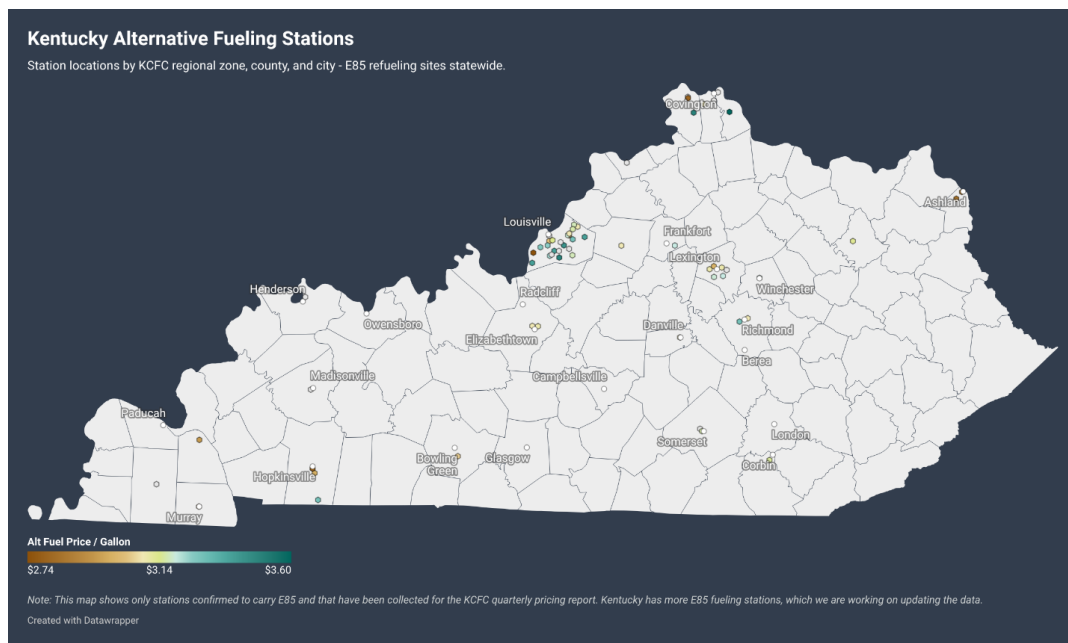
To explore specific DC fast charging sites or track operational highway chargers

(see the above map), explore the interactive dashboard directly on the [Team Kentucky EV Charging Portal](#)



Mapping the Data: Alternative Fuel Price tracking across Kentucky

The following map displays the statewide sites that offer E85 refueling. It tracks regional fuel prices across five distinct zones, comparing the average cost per gallon for regular gasoline, diesel, and ethanol (shown in the regional list).

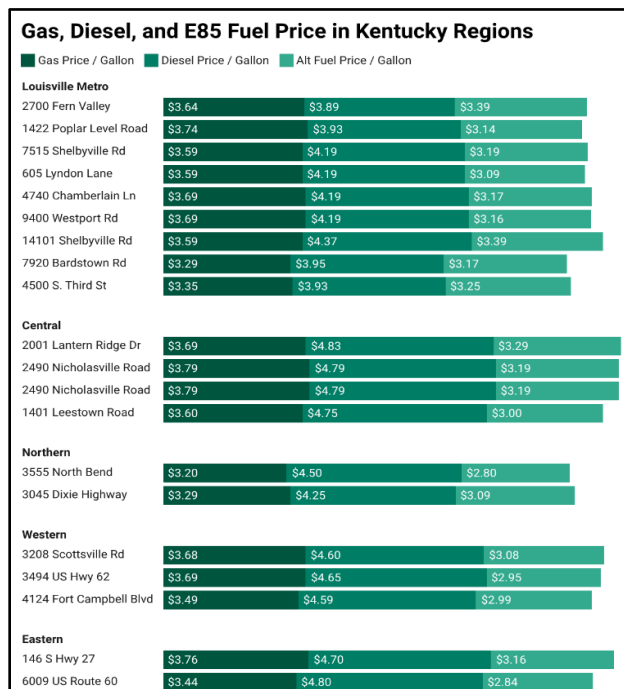


Data Source: Pricing data was aggregated directly from the stations and the official websites of local utility providers.

Based on the KCFC study, the clearest trend is that **Ethanol (E85) is significantly cheaper than both regular gasoline and diesel** across all five tracked regional zones in Kentucky. On average, drivers save roughly 50 to 70 cents per gallon by choosing E85 over regular gasoline, and over \$1.00 per gallon compared to diesel.

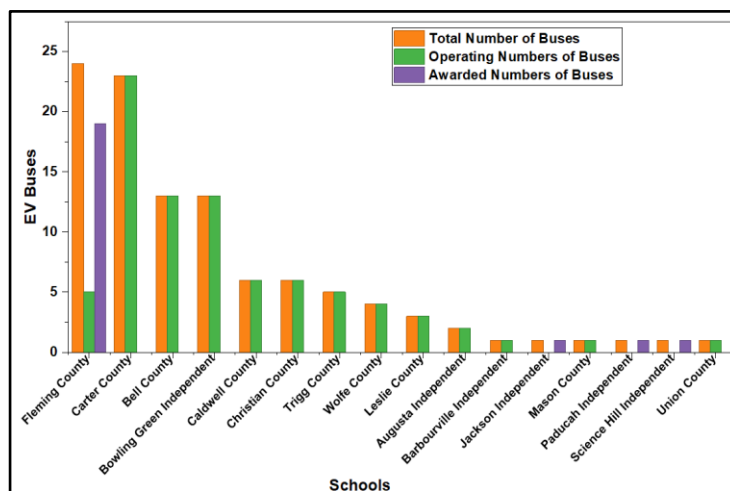
Additionally, looking across the different territories reveals these specific regional insights:

- **Lowest Prices:** Western Kentucky boasting the lowest averages for regular gasoline, boasting the lowest averages for regular gasoline (\$3.50), diesel (\$4.57), and E85 (\$3.01).
- **Highest Prices:** Central Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky tie for the most expensive E85 prices at \$3.13 and \$3.02, while Zone 5 also features the state's highest diesel prices at \$4.70.



Electric School Bus Momentum in Kentucky

Student health and emissions reduction have taken center stage. Fueled by multiple rounds of the EPA Clean School Bus Program, millions in grant and rebate funding have poured into the Commonwealth. Pioneer districts like Wolfe County and Fleming County paved the way, followed by massive rollouts in Carter County and Bowling Green Independent Schools. Most recently, Bell County Schools secured nearly \$4.5 million to deploy an additional 13 emission-free buses



EV school bus running in Kentucky district schools

To monitor fleet deployment timelines, tracker maps, and clean student transit progress across school districts, access the interactive Electric School Bus Data Dashboard: [Electric School Bus Data Dashboard](#)

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Upcoming KCFC Board of Directors Meeting

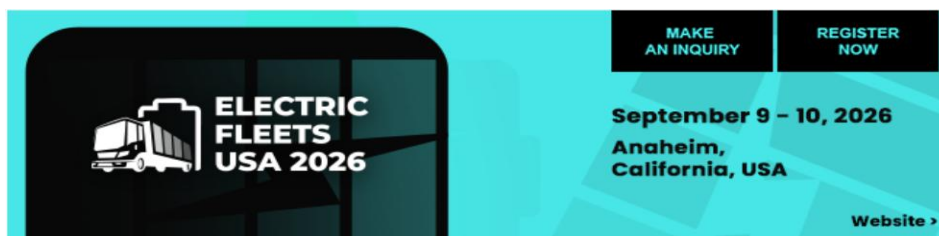
When: August 6, 2026

What: The next scheduled session for our board members to review upcoming milestones, progress reports, and strategic coalition initiatives.

Stay Tuned: Look out for post-meeting briefs and actionable community updates in our next issue!

Other Items of Interest

Electric Fleets USA 2026



The Premier Forum for Advancing Fleet Electrification and E-Mobility

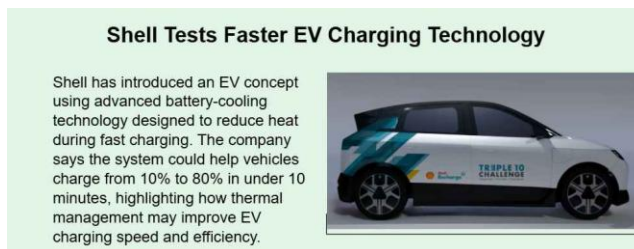
Join leading industry experts, utility providers, and fleet operators at this premier conference. Discover high-impact commercial EV adoption logistics, explore cutting-edge heavy-duty zero-emission trucks, and learn practical strategies for scaling charging infrastructure.

Link to make an inquiry and register: [Electric Fleets USA 2026 Conference Info Portal](#)

Clean Energy Innovations: Under-10-Minute EV Charging

Shell has introduced an innovative EV concept vehicle featuring advanced fluid-immersion battery-cooling technology designed to minimize heat during ultra-fast charging cycles.

Click here for details: [Shell Global Official Website](#)



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