

# MOUNTAIN STATE ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION COALITION NEWSLETTER

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Ethanol

Hydrogen

Natural Gas

Propane

Renewable

## Welcome to MSATC

We're excited to kick off 2026 with a new name that better reflects our mission and regional impact: Mountain State Advanced Transportation Coalition (MSATC). While our name has evolved, our commitment remains the same—supporting cleaner, more efficient transportation solutions across West Virginia and the broader Appalachian region.

As a U.S. DOE-designated coalition, MSATC continues to connect communities, fleets, businesses, and partners with resources that reduce petroleum use, promote alternative fuels, and advance innovative transportation technologies.

## Meet the Co-Directors

### Amy Parsons, Co-Director

Amy White brings extensive leadership experience in sustainability initiatives and coalition-building across West Virginia. With a focus on strategic partnerships and program development, Amy works to expand access to alternative fuels, strengthen regional collaborations, and align transportation initiatives with economic development opportunities.

### Carrie Nilles, Co-Director

Carrie Nilles serves as Resiliency Coordinator at Marshall University and brings a strong background in program management, outreach, and community engagement. Carrie leads efforts to connect local partners with funding opportunities, coordinates educational programming, and supports hands-on implementation of clean transportation projects across the region.

Together, Amy and Carrie are guiding MSATC into its next chapter—prioritizing innovation, accessibility, and practical solutions for Appalachian communities.

## Q1 Highlights & Coalition Updates

- Continued outreach to municipal and university fleets exploring alternative fuel adoption
- Ongoing collaboration with state and regional partners on transportation infrastructure planning
- Engagement with national Clean Cities and Communities initiatives

## Looking Ahead

- Expand partnerships with fleets and local governments
- Promote alternative fuel adoption (EVs, propane, natural gas, hydrogen)
- Support funding and technical assistance opportunities
- Provide education and outreach across the state

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## Alternative Fuel & Transportation News in Appalachia

### Hydrogen Hub Moves Forward in Appalachia

The Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub (ARCH2)—a major multi-state project including West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania—remains active following federal review. The project is expected to receive up to \$750-\$925 million in federal funding to support hydrogen production and infrastructure development. While long-term market demand is still developing, the project represents a significant investment in low-emission fuel development and could play a key role in decarbonizing heavy industry and transportation sectors in the region.

### Rising Energy Demand Driving Transition Conversations

Across Appalachia, energy demand is increasing due to population needs, electrification, and emerging industries such as data centers. This growth is accelerating discussions around grid modernization, alternative fuels, and clean transportation solutions, reinforcing the need for a diversified energy and transportation strategy in the region.



### Stay Connected

For updates, resources, or partnership opportunities, please reach out or follow MSATC online. We look forward to working together to advance transportation solutions across the Mountain State.



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