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**Date:** July 7, 2022

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Richard Whitman, Director

**Subject:** Item B: DEQ Climate and Transportation Programs Overview (Informational)  
July 21-22, 2022, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** DEQ will present an overview of the multiple programs underway to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, and the ways in which these programs are mutually reinforcing both to reduce the demand for fossil fuels and to increase the supply/availability of cleaner alternatives (including electricity). This item will provide the framework for two informational items that follow in the commission's agenda (Advanced Clean Cars II, and the expansion of the Employee Commute Options program). Following the presentation of these items, the commission will provide an opportunity for public comment on these programs and their interplay (including the Clean Fuels rulemaking that will come to the commission in September).

**Background** DEQ's climate-related work spans many specific programs, and also integrates with programs and initiatives that have been developed by others. Understanding the ways these programs work together for a cleaner and safer environment, more equitable public health outcomes, and the opportunity for all people in Oregon to live well is important as we all work to implement both regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to address climate change.

The two informational presentations to follow are:

- Advanced Clean Cars II – A proposed rulemaking for Oregon's low- and zero-emission vehicle regulations. Oregon, along with 12 other states and Washington D.C., follow California's vehicle emission standards. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is expected to adopt an extension of its Clean Car Standards later this summer. Other states, including Oregon, have followed California's vehicle standards for many years, and DEQ will propose to the commission that Oregon continue to do so.
- Employee Commute Options – A rulemaking to update and expand the program, in operation since the 1990s, to address ways people can reduce their individual vehicle travel associated with commuting. The program requires employers of certain sizes and in certain geographic parts of the state to provide transportation options and emissions mitigation programs for their employees.

**EQC  
involvement**

DEQ will bring informational updates on a variety of climate- and transportation-related programs and proposed rules in development through 2022, including requests for EQC action on several related rulemakings.

*Report compiled from program information*