



**CBO Informational Webinars – Summary of Feedback**

The following insights were shared in discussions with participants in the Informational Webinars conducted for Community Based Organizations by ERG and Hummingbird in June and July. They are provided here as representative of the types of clean transportation issues faced by disadvantaged communities that are the focus of the NY Clean Transportation Prizes.

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<b>CBO (Community Focus)</b>	<b>Transportation Challenges</b>	<b>Potential Solutions</b>	<b>Factors for Success</b>
Sustainable Westchester (Westchester County)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited access to charging stations and garages</li> <li>High demand charges and limited supply of EVs and electric buses due to affordability for low-income communities</li> </ul>	Example programs that worked include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean Field Bus Program</li> <li>Clean Commute Program</li> <li>Bike share programs</li> <li>Last mile EV solutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate resources</li> <li>Consistency in program support and implementation</li> <li>Rebates are considered more effective than tax credits for making EVs more affordable for low-income communities</li> </ul>
Energy Circuit Rider (North Country Area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Country area has more rural areas, requiring longer distances to travel to connect communities and school systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrified school buses that support rural school districts</li> <li>Clean transportation solutions that cover long distances</li> <li>Continued EV advancements</li> </ul>	
350 NYC (New York, NY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many of the routes that buses travel and release emissions are in low-income, disadvantaged communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrified school buses are essential</li> </ul>	
Empire Clean Cities (New York, NY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local air quality from transportation/traffic in EJ communities creates long-term health impacts (e.g., asthma)</li> <li>Affordability of medium and large EV options</li> <li>Not enough charging infrastructure available for a region their size</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City bikes and scooters providing last mile to transit options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Important to prepare community for behavior changes to accept proposed solutions (e.g., bike shares that may use public parking spaces)</li> </ul>



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Bike Walk Tompkins (Ithaca, NY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transporting people from low-income areas to the downtown area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved connections between the outlier neighborhoods close to downtown that are serviceable yet disconnected due to bridges, highways, or geography.</li> </ul>	
Arbor Hill Development (Albany, NY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health concerns related to air quality exposure from vehicles in EJ communities</li> <li>Organization conducting research on public health and environmental hazards from transportation in community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric bus solutions – particularly those that make transportation more accessible.</li> <li>Electric transportation options for children that also address safety (e.g., protected structures at bus stops)</li> </ul>	
Affordable Housing Partnership (Albany, NY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping low-income communities get to areas of employment</li> <li>Avoiding travel to downtown for employment</li> <li>Affordability of EVs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved access to bike share programs</li> <li>Additional charging stations</li> <li>Improved access through bike paths and pedestrian routes to transportation centers and grocery stores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding other market options that may be more attractive alternatives. For example, a ride-share program failed because Uber and Lyft were more accessible.</li> </ul>