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Mitigation fund allocations

I am positively impressed by the proposed allocation of mitigation funds, and am very supportive of the electrification of transit buses and ferries. I feel we should also commit some funds to siting of more EV charging stations for the public. Having just purchased a Chevy Bolt EV this year, we installed our own EV charging station in our garage. However, we are somewhat anxious about traveling farther than the 240 mile capacity of our battery, and Washington is a big state. We will not drive to locations without such facilities, and those places will miss out on our touring \$. Talking to friends about our new vehicle, it is the uncertainty of being able to recharge an EV vehicle (aka "recharge anxiety") that is preventing them from purchasing an EV of their own. While it sometimes seems that few people are using the EV stations that do exist, we are finding that another vehicle is often using one we need, and we need to wait for a few hours. Since we plan for this, it is not a big inconvenience, but tells us that these EV stations are, indeed, being used.

Disproportionately impacted communities

I agree that low income communities and communities of color are more likely to bear the healths cost of air pollution.