This month, EM focuses on the dynamic between light-duty vehicles and issues around emission standards, and the increasing acceptance, quality, and place of electric vehicles. The surge of technology, infrastructure, and the public’s acceptance of electric vehicles signals the next quantum leap for transportation. We are moving from depending on the use of carbon-based resources to the direct use of the sun’s energy. Clearly, as with any major change, not everyone will embrace this shift, but enough people are moving in that direction that we can anticipate a meaningful reduction in future fossil fuel use. To learn more, read the feature articles in this issue that focus on the emissions trajectory of the light-duty vehicle sector.

Looking ahead to A&WMA’s Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE; www.awma.org/ace2020) in San Francisco later this summer, one of the conference highlights includes a Keynote plenary session on “Environmental Challenges for Transportation” featuring leading industry executives who will share their perspective and solutions during an interactive panel discussion. Featured speakers include: Severin Borenstein of the Haas School of Business, whose current research projects include the economics of renewable energy, economic policies for reducing greenhouse gases, alternative models of retail electricity pricing, and competitive dynamics in the airline industry; Delphine Hou, who develops regulatory strategy for the California Independent System Operator (CAISO); and Laurie Shelby, who leads worldwide environment, health, and safety operations for Tesla, Inc.

It is not too late to start planning to attend ACE. Other conference highlights include the 50th Annual A&WMA Critical Review on “Wildfire and Prescribed Burning Impacts on Air Quality in the United States” by Dr. Daniel A. Jaffe; a mini symposium on “Embracing Innovation”; and over 300 platform, panel, and poster presentations. Add to that the many professional development and networking opportunities, as well as a truly beautiful venue, and you have all the makings for a great conference. Hope to see you there! em