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### **Upcoming Events**

## Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Webinars, Trainings, and Events

- **May 15** - Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC)/Protec Fuel Workshop: Grant Funding and Fuel Cost Savings Luncheon, 11 am - 2 pm at Southlake Town Hall, 1400 Main Street, Southlake, Register [here](#). Will include presentations on the latest fleet offerings from Ford, how to leverage fueling contracts for lower fleet operating costs, and feature information on incentives available for biofuel infrastructure.
- **May 23** - NCTCOG Public Works Roundup, 9 am - 4 pm at Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine. Event will feature and alternative fuel vehicle and equipment display outside over the lunch hour, approximately 11 am - 1 pm.
- **May 31** - Fleets for the Future Webinar: Best Practices for EV Charging Infrastructure, 12:30 -1:30 pm ET, Register [here](#). Webinar will discuss the basics of electric vehicle supply equipment, telematics for infrastructure planning, and best practices.

## Regional News

### Sustainable Landscaping News

NCTCOG and the DFWCC Coalition hosted a workshop titled Sustainable Landscaping Solutions on March 27 at the Plano Environmental Education Center. Speakers discussed native plants for reduced maintenance, no-mow initiatives around delicate local wetlands, use of alternative fuel landscaping equipment in city and ISD fleets, and funding opportunities for alternative fuel equipment. The workshop ended with a tour of the Texas SmartScape garden at the Plano Environmental Education Center. The garden is full of native and adaptive plants, water capturing and saving devices, and even an earthworm farm! Cities throughout DFW are clearly interested in maintaining public green spaces in a sustainable, affordable fashion and alternative fuel landscaping equipment, policies emphasizing sustainability, and native plants are a great place to start! Some North Texas cities and ISDs have already integrated alternative fuel landscaping equipment, including the cities of Coppell,

Lewisville, and Benbrook, and Granbury ISD. For those who missed it or would like to revisit, all presentations are available on the [DFWCC website](#).

## Industry Updates

### What You've All Been Waiting For -- Electric Pickups!

Pickup lovers, you will soon get your chance to go EV! As the EV market matures, electric pickups will soon be coming to a dealership near you. Ohio-based Workhorse Group has been selling its Workhorse W15 since last year, mostly to city fleets and utilities. Built in Union City, Indiana, the W15 has an 80 mile range and a price tag of \$52,500. The company emphasizes that going electric does not mean sacrificing performance. The Workhorse W15 boasts a 460 hp, 60kWh battery capable of accelerating from 0 to 60 in 5.5 seconds. Two other small companies, Bolinger and Havelaar, are also currently manufacturing electric pickups. Tesla is also planning an all-electric pickup in the next two years, and with some impressive specs: 0-60 in five seconds, 400 mile range, 10,000 pounds towing capacity, an auxiliary battery for an extra 100 miles of range, and in wheel motors to facilitate a deeper truck bed. The MSRP is currently anticipated to be \$60,000-\$70,000. Truck giant Ford Motors recently announced its plan to have a hybrid version of the bestselling F150 on the market by 2020. You can read more about current EV pickup options on [FleetCarma](#) and more about Ford's plans [here](#).

### 10 Fuel Saving Tips Every Driver Should Know

The kind folks at CarNinja put together a great [infographic](#) full of fuel saving tips!

### Improved User Interface for Alternative Fueling Station Locator

The US Department of Energy's [Alternative Fueling Station Locator](#) has gotten a make-over! The newly upgraded interface was designed to be as user friendly as possible, with easily selectable features including EV charger/connector types, fill pressures, owner information, public/private access, and payment

types. Same as before, the "map my route" feature continues to allow users to create specific routes to show where the nearest alternative fueling stations are on the way.

## Funding and Incentives News

### Clean Fleets North Texas 2018 Call for Projects -- Apply by May 25!

NCTCOG is offering grant funding for the replacement of heavy-duty diesel vehicles or equipment. Electric qualifies for a 45 percent funding level and natural gas and propane may qualify for a 35 percent funding level depending on the emissions rate of the new engine. Diesel qualifies for a 25 percent funding level. Applications received in April applied for more than half of the **\$1.5 million** in available funding! **Apply by May 25 to be considered for this opportunity!** For more information, go to [www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding) or email [AQgrants@nctcog.org](mailto:AQgrants@nctcog.org).

### Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP) is Open

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program has approximately **\$15.4 million** available to replace or repower gasoline or diesel vehicles with **Compressed Natural Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas**. Applications will be accepted and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until May 31, 2019, or until all grant funds have been awarded. To learn more, go to [www.terpgrants.org](http://www.terpgrants.org).

### Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program 2018 (DERA) is Open

The Environmental Protection Agency anticipates awarding approximately **\$40 million for diesel emissions reduction projects** such as replacements, engine repower, upgrade, or conversion, idle reduction and more. Regional, state, and local agencies, including school districts, are eligible to apply. The deadline for proposals is June 12, 2018. **NCTCOG usually submits an application**

on behalf of projects in the region - if you have a project idea you would like to staff to consider, contact us at [AQgrants@nctcog.org](mailto:AQgrants@nctcog.org). To learn more, go to <https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-national-grants>.

### **Transition Your Transit Vehicles to Zero or Low Emission!**

The Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Grant Program has approximately **\$84 million** in funds available for the purchase or lease of **zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities**. State and local governments are eligible to apply. The application deadline is June 18, 2018. To learn more, go to <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/applying/notices-funding/low-or-no-emission-program-low-no-program-2018-notice-funding>.

### **Fleet Incentive to Switch to Propane Still Available -- But Not For Long!**

If you are looking to tap into the Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT)'s fleet incentive, you better act fast! With only \$20,000 left, this incentive to help fleets switch to cleaner-burning propane has been quite a success! This first-come, first-serve funding provides up to \$7,500 per propane vehicle or conversion to propane, and has a \$20,000 lifetime cap per fleet. For more information, call 1-800-325-7427 or go to <http://www.propanecounciloftexas.org/fleet-incentives>.

### **TCEQ Now Accepting Manufacturer Information Request Forms for LDPLIP**

The Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program (LDPLIP) is part of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) and provides rebates for the purchase of light-duty motor vehicles powered by compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), or electricity. Vehicles or conversion systems must be purchased in the State of Texas and must appear on the list of eligible vehicles and systems. As part of this program, TCEQ is now accepting Manufacturer Information Request Forms from light-duty vehicle manufacturers, as well as intermediate or final state manufacturers, and manufacturers of compressed natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas systems. The downloadable form and instructions can be found [here](#).

## Clean Cities Sponsorship

DFW Clean Cities (DFWCC) relies on sponsor support to fund its initiatives, including education and outreach to municipalities, community groups, and citizens, as well as advocating for alternative fuels vehicles and infrastructure in the North Texas region. To read more about becoming a sponsor or proposing a Clean Cities project please visit the [DFWCC website](#).

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