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DFW Clean Cities is here for all your alternative fuel and technology needs. Reach out to us for any technical assistance or general inquiries related to Clean Cities.

Upcoming Events

August 29: Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program Webinar
On Thursday, August 29, The Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will be hosting an informative webinar on the Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program. The program is for the purchase or leasing of a new light-duty motor vehicle powered by CNG, LPG, or hydrogen fuel cell or plug-in hybrid.

The webinar will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

RSVP to terp@tceq.texas.gov.

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**September 04: Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program Workshop**

On Wednesday, September 04, TCEQ will be holding a workshop covering the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program. The program allows for the replacement or repowering of a heavy or medium-duty motor vehicle with a CNG, LNG or LPG engine or vehicle. The workshop will be held at the Fort Worth TCEQ Regional Office at 2309 Gravel Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76118, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

View a full regional workshop schedule here.

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**September 12: Refuse Hauler Webinar**

Join us on Thursday, September 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a webinar on the latest technologies offered for refuse haulers. Topics will include electric, hybrid and natural gas technologies. This information will be presented in anticipation of the next Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP) funding round coming up this Fall, which will focus on refuse haulers. Register here

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**September 21: National Drive Electric Week**

Experience what it means to drive electric at this year’s National Drive Electric Week 2019! NDEW 2019 will be held at the Dallas Area Rapid
Transit (DART) North Irving Transit Center on Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring the whole family out to learn about electric vehicles from real North Texas EV owners and enthusiasts and be part of the rEVolution!

Did we mention prizes? We’ll have those too!

For details, visit @nctcogtrans, as well as our website, www.driveelectricdfw.org.

See you on September 21st!

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**September 27: Texas Environmental Excellence Awards Open Now**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is now accepting applications for the 2020 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards. The awards honor achievements in environmental preservation and protection. The deadline to apply is September 27, 2019.

Read [here](#) for more details and for information about the separate Environmental Educator of the Year Award.

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**Regional News**

**TEXRail Honored with NCTCOG CLIDE Award**

Congratulations to TEXRail for earning an NCTCOG CLIDE (Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence) Award! The CLIDE Awards recognize innovative development programs that plan for the region’s future growth and seek to support a sustainable North Texas. This year’s competition featured 41 nominees, with 17 winners earning awards in the categories of New Development, Redevelopment, Special...
TEXRail was recognized in the category of Special Development. Read more about TEXRail's achievement [here](#).

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**Via's On-Demand Rideshare Program Expanding Access in Arlington**

Arlington-based rideshare program Via will now take passengers to even more destinations around town. In June, the City of Arlington and Via expanded the on-demand, rideshare service area. The area now includes a portion of the city east of Highway 360 between Division Street and Arkansas Lane, and will include additional employment centers and residential neighborhoods. Over 175,000 trips have been taken with Via since the city's pilot program rolled out in December 2017. Arlington is one of the first cities in the U.S. to offer on-demand ridesharing as a public transportation solution.

Read more about Via's expansion [here](#).

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**Denton Municipal Electric Offering EV Incentives**

Denton Municipal Electric has released its 2019 GreenSense Incentive Program manual, and electric vehicles are just one way that customers can save money while going green. The City of Denton, through DME, is offering a rebate of $300 for the purchase of a plug-in electric vehicle. Customers looking to take advantage of the program must submit an application with proof of purchase, proof of registration and a registration address that is within the City’s electric utility service territory.

Read the manual and access the EV rebate application [here](#).

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**High-Capacity Wind Farm Coming to Central Texas**
Construction of a large wind farm called Maverick Creek is set to begin in September, 2 miles northwest of Eden, TX. Although Texas already produces the most wind power of any U.S. state (accounting for a quarter of wind energy produced in the United States), the project will put annual wind energy production on track to surpass coal energy for the first time in Texas. Maverick Creek’s 119 turbines can generate a combined 480 megawatts of power – enough to power 168,000 homes a year. The Maverick Creek plant is expected to begin operation in 2020.

Read more about Maverick Creek here.

Industry Updates

Municipalities Commit to Purchasing Over 2,000 EVs by 2020

Leaders from 127 cities and 15 counties across 38 states have committed to purchasing more than 2,100 electric vehicles by the end of 2020 as part of the Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative. The collaborative has also announced plans to place a competitive bid on electric school buses by the end of the year, which will enable electric school bus manufacturers to offer any public-school system access to equal, competitive prices. Climate Mayors procurement partner Sourcewell will be releasing a new national solicitation for electric school buses by the end of the year.

Read more about the EV commitments here and how your fleet can get involved.

EVs With The Lowest Cost of Ownership: Ranked

When considering buying an electric vehicle, consumers often worry about range, charging infrastructure and initial costs – and fleets worry about these issues plus depreciation. Luckily, GreenFleet executive
editor Chris Brown, in collaboration with Vincentric, put together a handy guide ranking electric vehicles by total cost of ownership. The guide covers 2019 models over a 36-month period and 15,000 miles a year, and calculates depreciation, financing, fees and taxes, fuel, insurance, maintenance, opportunity costs and repairs.

You can view the guide here.

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**Seattle Lowers Emissions with Renewable Gasoline Blend**

The City of Seattle has completed a project in which four standard city fleet vehicles used isobutanol blended with unleaded gasoline – a project that yielded a 33 percent reduction in carbon emissions. The city used a blend of 20 percent Gevo renewable isobutanol with 80 percent gasoline to reduce carbon intensity levels. The blend costs about $1.50 more per gallon than conventional gasoline. For the second phase of the program, set to begin in two months, the same vehicles will be using 50% renewable content to further reduce carbon levels, although not all of the content will be isobutanol.

Read more about Seattle's gasoline blend pilot here.

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**Nissan and EVgo to Install 200 DC Fast Chargers Across U.S.**

Nissan and EV charging network EVgo are installing 200 direct current fast chargers across the United States to support a growing demand for electric vehicle charging stations. Each of the new fast chargers is capable of delivering 100kW and have both CHAdeMO and CCS connectors so more EV drivers are benefitted, according to a release from Nissan. The joint investment expands on a six-year partnership between the organizations. Since 2010, Nissan has installed more than 2,000 quick charge connectors across the country.

Read more about these chargers here.
Clean Fleets North Texas 2019 Call for Projects

The North Central Texas Council of Governments has approximately $2 million in grant funding available through the Clean Fleets North Texas 2019 Call for Projects! Eligible applicants include local governments and private companies that contract with local governments. Eligible activities include the replacement of on-road diesel vehicles and of non-road diesel equipment. Funding levels are as follows:

- 45% if New Vehicle/Equipment is Electric
- 35% if New Vehicle/Equipment is Powered by Engine Certified to California Air Resource Board Optional Low-NOx Standards
- 25% Cost for All Others

The deadline to apply is September 06, 2019.

For more information and to apply: www.nctcog.org/aqfunding

Upcoming: October 01 TCEQ Workshop (TxVEMP)

Watch your inbox for more details on an upcoming October 01 workshop to be hosted by TCEQ in relation to the next round of funding for the Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP).

Subscribe to Air Quality Funding Updates here to receive real-time information on funding and incentives related to clean vehicle technologies and other air-quality improvement measures.

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