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**Upcoming Events**

**May 23: Energy Management for Local Governments Workshop**

Public entities in North Central Texas spend large portions of their budgets on power for city facilities and services. The power generation associated with this energy use also impacts air quality at a regional level. This workshop provides information on how governments can manage these assets in order to reduce energy and water expenses as well as associated air quality impacts. This workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on May 23, 2019, at NCTCOG in Centerpoint III. Click [here](#) to register.

**July 2: 2019 Green Fleet Awards**

100 Best Fleets has opened applications to enter the 12th annual Green Fleet Awards. The contest is free to enter and is open to both governmental and commercial fleets anywhere in North America. Results will be announced at a pre-conference for the Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference on August 6 in Durham, North Carolina, and are then published in the NAFA publication “Fleet Solutions.” The deadline to enter is July 2, 2019. Read more [here](#), and register at [this link](#).
Regional News

Denton, Fort Worth and Irving Top List of 50 Leading Fleets for 2019

Congratulations to the City of Denton, City of Fort Worth, and City of Irving for being listed among the best fleets in the industry for 2019 by Government Fleet magazine! The awards are based on leadership performance, efficiency, future planning, and overcoming challenges. More Texas cities rounded out an additional list of notable fleets. Take a look at the full listing here.

Irving Pilots Connected Refuse Vehicles

The City of Irving, Texas is piloting connected refuse vehicles as part of a smart city pilot program to improve residential waste and recycling services. The pilot includes 40 collection vehicles equipped with technology from Rubicon Global that will collect vehicle and service data for route optimization, management of waste, recycling and brush vehicles, and documentation of the volume of material picked up for every route. The Rubicon SmartCity platform includes a smartphone loaded with the Rubicon application as well as an on-board computer plug-in device - both of which are placed on the collection vehicles. A manager portal will collect all of the data and analytics and showcase to the city real time route updates, daily reporting and other operational insights. Read more about this program here.

Industry Updates

Portland-Area Fleet Welcomes Electric Bus Charged by Wind

The Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) will be incorporating a battery-electric Xcelsius CHARGE transit bus - charged using wind-generated electricity from utility Portland General Electric (PGE). TriMet is operating the Xcelsius CHARGE bus on Line 62-Murray Blvd. in the Portland metro area. The route covers 13 miles and an elevation change of 700 feet. The pilot bus will be joined by four additional Xcelsius CHARGE buses this summer for an all-electric bus route. The vehicles will operate between the
Sunset Transit Center and Washington Square Transit Center, with chargers installed at TriMet's Merlo Operating Facility and one on-route charger installed at the Sunset Transit Center to rapidly recharge batteries each trip. Learn more here.

**Rivian Announces $500 Million Investment from Ford; Partnership to Deliver All-New Ford Battery Electric Vehicle**

Electric automaker Rivian announced late last month an equity investment of $500 million from Ford Motor Company. In addition to the investment, the companies have agreed to partner together to develop an all-new, next-generation battery electric vehicle for Ford's Growing EV portfolio using Rivian's signature "skateboard" chassis. Rivian remains an independent company, and the investment is subject to customary regulatory approval. Following Ford's Investment, Joe Hinrichs, Ford's president of Automotive, will join Rivian's seven-member board. Read more about Ford's investment in Rivian and the companies' upcoming partnership here.

**Congressman Proposes Cleaner Postal Fleet**

In observance of Earth Day, Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) introduced the Federal Leadership in Energy Efficient Transportation (FLEET) Act of 2019 - a proposal to transform the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) fleet with modern, efficient vehicles that use less oil, produce less emissions and save taxpayer money. A press release from Rep. Huffman notes that the USPS fleet includes more than 141,000 Grumman LLVs. These delivery vehicles first entered service in 1987, and most have reached the end of their 24-year operational lifespan. The FLEET Act of 2019 aims to require USPS to reduce petroleum consumption, set minimum fuel efficiency and tailpipe emission standards for all new fleet vehicles, and require USPS to replace old vehicles, as well as other items. Read more about the proposed bill here.

**Clean Energy Signs Natural Gas Contracts Nationwide as Part of Zero Now Program**

Clean Energy Fuel Corp. has announced a number of new contracts across the country, including with trucking firms to lease or purchase more than 250 heavy-duty trucks fueled by Redeem renewable natural gas (RNG) as part of its Zero Now program. Clean Energy says that its Zero Now program makes the cost of leasing or purchasing a new natural-gas heavy-duty truck equal to the price or even lower than that of the same truck equipped with a diesel engine. To read more about the contracts signed, click here.
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**Volkswagen Funding Open NOW**

The TxVEMP has opened the first round of funding for projects to replace or repower old diesel school, transit, and shuttle buses. $11,684,806 in funding is available to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, including the counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Click here for more information about TxVEMP and grants available.

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