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**Who We Are:** Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) is a program of the [North Central Texas Council of Governments](#) (NCTCOG) and the [Regional Transportation Council](#). DFWCC's goal is to advance economic, environmental, and energy security through increasing efficiency and reducing emissions from transportation.

Get Recognized! Stakeholders and Sponsors are invited to submit any updates/success stories/info about new projects or initiatives to be added to future Newsflashes upon review.

DFWCC is here for all your alternative fuel and technology needs. Reach out to us for any technical assistance or general inquiries at [cleancities@nctcog.org](mailto:cleancities@nctcog.org).

### Clean Cities Sponsorship

DFW Clean Cities relies on sponsor support to fund certain initiatives, including hosting workshops, trainings, developing educational materials, or providing non-federal matching funds on grant proposals. Please go to [DFW Clean Cities Sponsorships](#) for details on how to sponsor us!

## Events

[City Efficiency Leadership Council and the North Central Texas Council of Governments Roundtable](#)

Join the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the South-Central

Partnership for Energy Efficiency (SPEER) for peer-to-peer collaboration on city energy efficiency and resilience!

SPEER and NCTCOG will be hosting this roundtable. The City Efficiency Leadership Council (CELC) is a collaborative of cities, school districts, and other public entities across the state, engaged in sharing opportunities for partnership and resource exchange to expand the adoption of energy management best practices.

**Topics discussed will include:**

- Efforts to Assist Entities in Updating Building Codes
- Regional Code Advisory Boards
- Efforts to increase awareness and understanding of Solar-Ready code provisions through the development of a Solar-Ready Opinion Statement
- International Code Council (ICC) EV-Ready Building Code Guidance Document

**Hosts:** Shaun Auckland, Local Government Program Manager, SPEER and NCTCOG

**Who:** Representatives of public agencies, including cities, counties, school districts, higher education, and Councils of Governments.

*This meeting is closed to vendors or service providers. All registrations will be reviewed before providing the meeting link. Please feel free to reach out with any questions at [cities@eepartnership.org](mailto:cities@eepartnership.org).*

**Date:** Wednesday, March 30

**Time:** 10:00am- 11:00am (CT)

To register go [here](#).

### Webinar: World Resource Institute Electric School Buses: Stories from the Field

Join the [Alliance for Electric School Buses](#) and [World Resource Institute's \(WRI\) Electric School Bus Initiative](#) for the first in a series of webinars to explore electric school bus adoption process and how attendees can help bring electric school buses to their communities.

Throughout 2022, WRI will address topics such as the electric school bus roadmap, funding and financing, charging, vehicle-to-grid technologies, and state and local policy – **all centered on an equitable approach to the electric school bus transition**. WRI will share helpful resources and tools for school district staff, advocates, parents, caregivers, students, and other members of the community – as well as information about training and technical assistance available. See additional details below:

**Date:** Wednesday, March 30

**Time:** 12:00 PM CT

To register go [here](#).

### Webinar: Electrifying Long-Haul Trucking

Join Forth Empowering Mobility to discuss the electrification of trucks in the last mile and long-haul delivery industry. See details below:

**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022

**Time:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM CT

To register go [here](#).

### Zero-Emission Vehicle Workshop

Join the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)/Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities and the Environmental Defense Fund for a Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Workshop on **Monday, April 25, 2022!** This workshop encompasses both battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell electric technologies. The event will:

- Showcase the state of ZEV fueling infrastructure, including recommendations on ZEV infrastructure development from the NCTCOG-led [I-45 Zero Emission Vehicle Corridor Plan](#)
- Educate attendees about medium- and heavy-duty vehicles
- Discuss funding for ZEV projects, including highlights from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Host a vendor display of medium- and heavy-duty ZEV vehicles and infrastructure technologies

See additional details below:

**Date:** Monday, April 25

**Time:** 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (Lunch will be provided, vehicle display, and ride and drives are from 3:00 to 5:00 PM)

**Location:** The Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 South Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

**Who Should Attend:** Stakeholders representing public and private fleets, infrastructure developers, fuel providers, and government agencies interested in the deployment of ZEV.

Go [here](#) to register. To ensure social distancing, space is limited so attendees are encouraged to register as soon as possible. NCTCOG will confirm attendance with all registrants before the event.

Registration will close on **Friday, April 8!**

## Regional News

### 2021 Annual Fleet Survey - Due NOW

The DFWCC Annual Fleet Survey is back! Through filling out DFWCC's annual fleet survey, fleets are made eligible for [Fleet Recognition](#) and help reach our regional transportation energy reduction goal. This year, our goal is to beat last year's reduction of 24 million gasoline gallon equivalents. Additionally, through filling out the annual survey, fleets help get North Texas recognized on a national level!

Find instructions and begin your survey [here](#).

### DFWCC Completes Multifamily Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Analysis for City of Dallas

Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) completed a GIS analysis for the city of Dallas to evaluate the accessibility of existing public electric vehicle (EV) chargers within city limits. The analysis focused specifically on multifamily buildings and underserved communities. DFWCC hopes this analysis will be useful in guiding investments to fill EV charging gaps for residents throughout Dallas. More information can be found at <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/multifamily>.

### January Fleet Manager Roundtable – Supply Chain, Staffing, and Budget Issues

On January 26, 2022, DFWCC hosted their first Fleet Manager Roundtable of 2022. These meetings give fleet managers the opportunity to discuss topics and troubleshoot issues through peer-to-peer exchange. For this meeting, the topics discussed were supply chain, staffing, and budget issues. Fleet managers noted delays and increased costs for both vehicles and parts. Staffing issues were also discussed, with fleets having difficulty finding applicants for open positions. Another topic of concern was the [Entry-Level Driver Training](#) (ELDT) rule which went into effect Monday, February 7, 2022, establishing new minimum training standards for individuals applying for a Commercial Driver License

If you would like to attend a future fleet manager roundtable or have ideas for future fleet manager roundtables, please contact us at [cleancities@nctcog.org](mailto:cleancities@nctcog.org).

## 2021 Holiday Grease Roundup Recap

The 8th Annual Holiday Grease Roundup by [Defend Your Drains North Texas](#) has ended! The Holiday Grease Roundup was made possible through a partnership between the NCTCOG, the Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable, and American BioSource. During the 2021 Holiday Grease Roundup, 41 participants collected 8,445 gallons of fats, oils, and grease. This exceeds the amount collected in the 2020 Roundup (6,692 gallons) and brings the total amount of fats, oils, and grease collected since the inception of the Roundup in 2014 to over 35,000 gallons.

The collected cooking oil and grease will be recycled into biodiesel or biogas, which reduces landfill waste and produces a cleaner burning alternative fuel. This event is for **used cooking oil and grease collection only**; used motor oil should be brought to [a household hazardous waste location or an automotive supply store](#).

Thank you to everyone who participated!

## Industry News We're Reading

*Inclusion does not imply an endorsement or promotion by NCTCOG*

[USPS Plans to Purchase 5,000 Electric Vehicles](#)

[Engineering Firm Ranks DC Charging Networks in their Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Benchmark](#)

[Environmental Protection Agency Expected to Release Clean School Bus Program Funding in April 2022](#)

[Propane Use Surges in Texas One Year After Texas Storm and Grid Failure](#)

[Youngs Commercial Transfer Converting Heavy-Duty Truck Fleet to Renewable Natural Gas](#)

## Funding Hot Topics

### NCTCOG Electric Vehicle Charging Station Call for Projects Now Open!

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is accepting applications for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Call for Projects. Funding is available for public entities (such as local governments and school districts) to install publicly accessible Level 2 chargers and Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC). **NCTCOG will cover 100 percent of eligible costs of installing the chargers.**

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated on a competitive basis. Applications are due on **April 22, 2022**.

**Program requirements have been clarified and the guidelines and FAQs have been updated as of March 25 accordingly.** Find the application, guidelines, FAQs and more at <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/cfps/electric-vehicle-charging-station-cfp>.

### Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program (SPRY) Now Open

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) is now accepting applications for the Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program (SPRY). Applicants may be eligible for funding for up to 80 percent of the cost to replace or repower eligible equipment. Applications will be accepted and considered on a first-come, first-served basis until **5:00 PM on November 22, 2022**.

Visit the SPRY website for more information and the application form:

## Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program (LDPLIP) Rebates Still Available!

The TCEQ's TERP is still accepting applications for the Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program (LDPLIP). Rebates of up to \$5,000 are available for compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquified petroleum gas (LPG or propane) vehicles. Rebates of up to \$2,500 are available for electric drive (plug-in or plug-in hybrid) or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Applications will be accepted and considered on a first-come, first-served basis until **5:00 PM on January 7, 2023**.

Visit the LDPLIP website for more information and the application form:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/ld.html>.

## Texas Clean School Bus Program Accepting Applications

The TCEQ is now accepting applications for the TERP's Texas Clean School Bus Program! Grants are available statewide for school districts, charter schools, and transportation systems provided by countywide school districts, to replace or retrofit school buses operating on a regular daily route to and from school. Grants are available for up to 80 percent of the cost to replace a 2006 or older diesel school bus with a newer, cleaner model, or up to 100 percent of the cost to retrofit a school bus.

Applications will be accepted on a **first-come, first-served basis** until 5:00 PM on October 20, 2022, or until all available funding is awarded.

For more information go to <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/school-buses.html> or email [terp@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:terp@tceq.texas.gov).

## Training & Resources

### Texas Department of Transportation Releases New Alternative Fuel and Electric Vehicles Resources

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has developed several new resources related to electric vehicles (EVs) and alternative fuels. Congratulations to TxDOT for integrating this information into its resources!

1. New layers for alternative fuels are now available in the "Overlays" section of the [TxDOT Statewide Planning Map](#). Each fuel type layer includes current Federal Highway Administration corridor designations, as well as existing refueling or recharging stations.
2. A dashboard for [EV Charging in Texas](#) is available and updated weekly based on the Alternative Fuels Data Center Station Locator.
3. A new webpage provides "[Tips for EV Drivers in Texas](#)."

### New Joint Department of Energy and Department of Transportation Electric Vehicle Website

The US Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) have released a joint "Drive Electric" website with all the DOE's and DOT's resources to help consumers and fleets electrify. Check out the new website [here](#).

### Clean Cities' Electric School Bus Technical Assistance Series

Clean Cities launched a new technical assistance series, "[Flipping the Switch on Electric School Buses](#)," with resources for school bus fleets interested in adopting electric school buses. The full eight-part series will include video modules and educational handouts covering topics ranging from vehicle and charging basics, to training, to cost considerations.

### Department of Transportation Releases Rural Electric Vehicle Toolkit

The US Department of Transportation released a toolkit to help rural communities build out electric vehicle charging infrastructure! The toolkit can be found on the [Department of Transportation's website](#).

### DFWCC First Responder Safety Training for Electric Vehicles

The National Alternative Fuels Consortium (NAFTC) and Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) held a First Responder Safety Training for Electric Vehicles in June 2021. This webinar recording can be viewed [here](#).

## Resources

[Air North Texas](#) | [Air Quality Funding](#) | [Electric Vehicles North Texas](#)

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