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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

### Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference and Expo

Fleet managers are invited to attend the [Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference and Expo](#) in Durham, NC to discover the latest and greatest in sustainable fleet technology, operations, and

implementation. This full two-day event includes keynote presentations, 50+ panelists, 16 breakout sessions, and an expo hall. See event details and registration below:

**Date:** Tuesday, August 30 - Thursday, September 1, 2022

To register go [here](#).

### Fleet Forward: The Tour

The all-new [Fleet Forward: The Tour event](#) is coming to DFW! This event will give fleet operators the opportunity to network, participate in ride and drives, and attend educational sessions. The Fleet Forward: The Tour event will be in Irving and is free for qualified fleet operators. See event details and registration below.

**Date:** Thursday, September 15, 2022

To register go [here](#).

## Regional News

### NCTCOG Hosts Webinar on Preparing for Federal Funding

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, the NCTCOG Transportation and Environment and Development Departments co-hosted a webinar to assist local governments with preparing for federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Over 115 attendees from 38 different local governments attended to learn about System for Award Management (SAM) registration and obtaining a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), navigating Grants.gov and searching for grants, what to look for in a funding opportunity, and more. The presentation and the recording can be viewed on the [Conserve North Texas website](#).

### North Texas Nonprofit Works to Increase EV Adoption

[Texas Electric Transportation Resources Alliance Education Fund](#), a nonprofit based in Austin, announced the formation of the [North Texas Electric Transportation Compact](#), a nonprofit devoted to assisting in the transition to clean transportation in DFW to help improve air quality. The North Texas Electric Transportation Compact will work to increase the number of electric vehicle chargers and work with fleets in the region to electrify their fleet. Quarterly meetings will provide a roundtable of fleet managers from cities, ISDs and large companies who are interested in going electric, along with those who have successfully made the transition. The next meeting of the North Texas Electric Transportation Compact is August 24, 2022. Interested fleet managers can contact Brandy O'Quinn at [brandyquinn.txetra@gmail.com](mailto:brandyquinn.txetra@gmail.com) for details. Read more at [Green Source DFW](#).

### NCTCOG Approves Funding for 19 Publicly Accessible Electric Vehicle Chargers

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has approved awards for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Call for Projects. After reviewing 11 applications requesting over \$3 million in funds, NCTCOG awarded \$1 million available in funding to six applicants across nine different locations, for a total of 19 electric vehicle charging stations. These stations will be publicly accessible Level 2 or DCFC stations and must be operational by July 31, 2023. Find more details in the [June NCTCOG Regional Transportation Council agenda and presentation](#).

### FHWA Announced the Round 6 Designated Alternative Fuels Corridors for 2022

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [announced](#) the new 2022 Round 6 designated

alternative fuel corridors for EV charging, hydrogen (H2), propane, and natural gas fueling. NCTCOG/DFWCC has been involved in corridor designation efforts in Texas since the initial nomination cycle in 2016, and these corridors will be eligible to apply for the \$2.5 billion grants program created in Section 11401 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for alternative fueling infrastructure. Of note in north Texas, pending hydrogen corridors added in Round 6 include: IH 10, IH 20, IH 30, IH 35, IH 35E, IH 35W, IH 37, and US 75. The noticeable progression of highways being designated between Round 5 and Round 6 can be viewed on the interactive GIS maps found [here](#).

### DFWCC Hosts Webinar on Analyzing Access to Multifamily Charging

Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) presented a GIS analysis to local governments that evaluates the accessibility of public electric vehicle charging stations to multifamily properties. DFWCC guided local governments through the analysis and highlighted how the City of Dallas and the City of Denton are utilizing their results to improve access. To learn more about multifamily charging and how to increase access, visit the [DFWCC multifamily charging webpage](#) and watch the recording of the presentation [here](#).

## Industry News We're Reading

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

[Tesla Model 3 Police Car Pays off Three Years Later for Indiana PD](#)

[How GM, Ford and Tesla are Tackling the National EV Charging Challenge](#)

[U.S. Department of Agriculture Investing in Domestic Biofuels](#)

[New Study Compares Propane and Diesel Generator Emissions](#)

## Funding Hot Topics

### EPA Clean School Bus Program Accepting Applications!

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications for the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Program! Authorized by the recently signed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA's Clean School Bus Rebate Program provides \$5 billion over the next five years to replace school buses with low- and zero-emission school buses. The first funding opportunity under this program will be the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates. The EPA will offer \$250 million for zero-emission school bus rebates and \$250 million for clean school bus rebates. **The application deadline is August 19, 2022.**

The EPA will host several webinars and live Q/A sessions to assist and inform potential applicants. The next webinar is:

- US Department of Agriculture: Rural Electric Cooperatives Infrastructure Funding
- Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 12:00 PM CT. Go [here](#) to register.

Go to the [EPA's CSB Webpage](#) for additional information and to apply!

### Texas Clean School Bus Program Accepting Applications

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is now accepting applications for the Texas Emission Reduction Plan'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).

### Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP) Now Open!

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) is now accepting applications for the Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP). \$16 million is available for eligible applicants with a fleet of 75 or more to replace 10 or more diesel-powered vehicles with alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles. **For this TCFP funding round, TCEQ has set aside 50 percent of the available funds for zero-emission vehicle projects.** Additionally, TCEQ may waive one or more of the ownership, registration, or operation requirements. Applicants may request up to 80 percent of the incremental cost associated with the purchase of the grant-funded vehicle. Applications will be accepted and awarded on a competitive basis. Applications must be received by **5:00 PM on September 16, 2022.**

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

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

### 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:

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

### Light-Duty CNG and Propane Vehicle 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 liquefied petroleum gas (propane) vehicles. TCEQ has suspended acceptance of applications for hydrogen fuel cell or other electric-drive (plug-in or plug-in hybrid) vehicles under the LDPLIP. The current number of applications and reservations received by TCEQ for these vehicles exceeds the 2,000 rebate grants available for this funding period. 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>

## Training & Resources

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

Clean Cities has 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 includes video modules and educational handouts covering topics

ranging from vehicle and charging basics, to training, to cost considerations.

## 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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