



Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Newsletter

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U.K. Government Encouraged to Invest in Hybrid, EV Training

November 21, 2016

The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) in the U.K. is calling on its government to make a \$37 million investment in specialist hybrid vehicle and electric vehicle (EV) training for thousands of maintenance and repair technicians in the independent [\[Read More\]](#)

Two of Oregon's biggest business associations are merging

Associated Oregon Industries and the Oregon Business Association - two of the state's biggest business advocacy groups - on Thursday announced plans to merge next year.

In a news release, the organizations said the existence of multiple statewide business associations has created confusion both for the business community and Oregon policymakers. As AOI and OBA have worked more closely in recent years, the organizations began to engage in discussions over a merger, which they say will result in larger organization that will benefit from each other's shared expertise to provide a more unified voice before policymakers. [\[Read more\]](#)

New Alternative Fuel Corridors

As stated in the webinar announcement above, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [recently announced 55 routes](#) that will serve as the basis for a national network of "alternative fuel" corridors spanning 35 states. Though the network is nearly 85,000 miles long, more miles will be added in the future to accommodate electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles as additional fueling and charging stations are built.



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Today!**

Find updated AFDC Laws & Incentives content on the [National Alternative Fuels Corridors page](#) and the [Recent Federal Actions page](#).

Uber and Anheuser-Busch Make First Autonomous Trucking Beer Delivery

In the first real-world commercial use of autonomous trucking, some 45,000 cans of Budweiser beer arrived late last week to a warehouse after traveling over 120 highway miles in a self-driving truck with no driver at the wheel, executives from Uber and Anheuser-Busch said. [\[Read more\]](#)

COP22: Nations Pledge EV Rollout for Government Fleets

November 16, 2016, NGT News

Eight major nations signed an agreement to increase the share of EVs in their government fleets and encourage a global shift toward low-emission [\[Read More\]](#)

U.S. Charter School Deploys All-Propane School Bus Fleet

November 15, 2016, NGT News

KIPP Jacksonville Schools, located in Jacksonville, Fla., has deployed an all-propane fleet of Blue Bird Vision school buses to transport students to and from the area campus. According to Blue Bird, this deployment marks the first-ever 100% propane-fueled school bus fleet for [\[Read More\]](#)

Clean Energy Fuels Wins Multiyear Nat-Gas Contract for City Vehicles

November 16, 2016, NGT News

The City of Torrance, Calif., has awarded Clean Energy Fuels Corp. a new six-year compressed natural gas (CNG) contract to fuel its fleet of vehicles. Clean Energy says the deal, which calls for 550,000 gasoline gallon equivalents (GGEs), will enable the city to [\[Read More\]](#)

CARB Funds Electric Bus Deployment in San Joaquin Valley

November 16, 2016

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has awarded funding to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to deploy 15 Proterra Catalyst buses, 11 Proterra depot-chargers and four Proterra fast-chargers in order to improve local air quality and

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Upcoming Webinars

Natural Gas Trucking Engine & Funding Update

Dec 7, @ 11am-12pm PST

Join California Trucking Association and SoCalGas to learn how trucks with ultra-low NOx engines fueled with renewable natural gas (RNG) can immediately and economically begin to transform heavy-duty transportation, lessen petroleum dependency, mitigate smog and toxic air contaminants, and address climate change.

[Click here to register!](#)

Upcoming Events

[FTA to Offer Transportation Conformity Training](#)

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Lincoln Tech Adds CNG Classes to Career Training Program

November 15, 2016

Lincoln Educational Services Corp., a specialized technical training provider, will begin offering training in compressed natural gas (CNG) systems as part of an expanded diesel career training program at its campus in Denver. According to Lincoln Educational Services, the enhanced [\[Read More\]](#)

Federal Workplace Charging Efforts

Last month the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the Workplace Charging Challenge joined forces to launch a new effort to support electric vehicle charging at federal workplaces. Eighteen federal organizations have partnered with the Challenge, and new White House federal charging guidance will help more agencies increase the convenience of driving electric for their employees. A new [blog and video](#) from EERE—Electric Vehicle Charging: Coming to a Federal Workplace Near You—explains some of the recent actions.

Biodiesel Handling and Use Guide, (Fifth Edition)

This [newly revised document](#) is a guide for those who blend, distribute, and use biodiesel and biodiesel blends. It provides basic information on the proper and safe use of biodiesel and biodiesel blends in engines and boilers, and is intended to help fleets, individual users, blenders, distributors, and those involved in related activities understand procedures for handling and using biodiesel fuels.

December 6-8th, 2016
Chicago, IL

[National Biodiesel Conference & Expo](#)

January 16-19, 2017
San Diego, CA

[Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition - Annual Stakeholder Workshop and Awards Banquet](#)

January 26th, 2017
Portland International Auto Show, OR

[Green Transportation Summit & Expo](#)

April 11-12, 2017
Portland Expo Center & Portland International Raceway, OR

Question of the Month:

Question: What does my fuel economy label really mean? We have the answer! [\[Check the Answer!\]](#)

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