



Industry News Update

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Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition wishes everyone a happy new year!

2017 CWCCC Annual Workshop & Awards Banquet

At the Portland International Auto Show

Thursday January 26, 2017

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM PST

"New Opportunities for Alternative Fuels"

Opportunity can have different meanings for fleet managers. What are the most important issues at the local, state and regional levels? How do peers in fleet management perceive the advantages and challenges associated with alternative fuels and propulsion technologies? Where are the best opportunities, and how does a fleet take advantage of them? These are the types of critical inquiries that comprise the foundation of our Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition Annual Stakeholders Meeting and Awards Banquet.

PGE, Pacific Power EV plans: Electric buses and more charging

Dec 28, 2016, 6:52am PST

Oregon's two biggest utilities on Tuesday filed plans they say will help grow the adoption of electric vehicles in the state, an often-forgotten element of the historic energy legislation adopted earlier this year.

Portland General Electric's plan includes a partnership with TriMet to provide charging infrastructure the transit agency can use to run five electric buses — up from the previously planned four — and a proposal to build six quick-charging areas like the “Electric Avenue” setup the utility has in front of its downtown Portland headquarters. [\[Read More\]](#)

FY17 Vehicle Technologies FOA Released

A new funding opportunity announcement (FOA) has been issued by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2017 Vehicle Technologies Program-Wide Funding](#). In addition, a [notice of intent](#) (NOI) has been released for an FY 2017 Vehicle Technologies Deployment Funding Opportunity Announcement.

Be sure to check regularly for [funding opportunities for Clean Cities projects](#), which are available from many sources inside and outside the DOE.

Consumer Views on Plug-in Electric Vehicles—National Benchmark Report (Second Ed.)

This [report](#) details broad American public sentiments toward issues that surround plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs). Understanding consumer sentiments can influence the prioritization of development efforts by identifying barriers to, and opportunities for, the broad acceptance of new technologies. The data detailed in this report represents the first two years of similar studies that are planned to be completed annually, allowing for tracking of public perception associated with PEV deployment efforts. This report, an update of the version published in January 2016, is intended to support the evaluation of whether advancing vehicle technologies and changing vehicle availability align with evolving consumer expectations and interests over time.

CMAQ Webinar

January 18, 2017; 1:00 p.m. EST

Many types of projects are eligible for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program funding. During this webinar, you'll hear from two metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) about using CMAQ funding for alternative fuel vehicle projects. Jim Stack from Genesee Transportation Council will describe how partnering with a Clean Cities Coalition provided knowledge from a fuel-neutral organization about new technologies and relationships with the private sector and supported the deployment of nearly 150 propane, compressed natural gas (CNG), and electric drive vehicles. Jeff Sheffield from North Florida Transportation Planning Organization will talk how, by utilizing CMAQ funding, they installed electric vehicle charging stations, helped convert a county fleet to CNG, and purchased CNG conversion kits for sanitation trucks through hosting the North Florida Clean Fuels Coalition and learning

about the importance of alternative fuel vehicles in their region.

This webinar is open to stakeholders, especially contacts in MPO or state Department of Transportation (DOT) offices.

[Register now.](#)

Clean Cities: AFLEET Measures Impacts of Vehicles and Fuels

AFLEET, the DOE Clean Cities tool that quantifies the environmental and economic impacts of new fuels and vehicles technologies, is explained in a new DOE EERE [fact sheet](#) geared toward fleet managers. The publication is available on the [Alternative Fuels Data Center website](#).

The Alternative Fuel Life-Cycle Environmental and Economic Transportation or [AFLEET](#) tool examines both the environmental and economic costs and benefits of alternative fuel and advanced vehicles using simple spreadsheet inputs. The fact sheet explains to fleet managers the benefits of using the tool to make informed vehicle acquisition decisions that help them to meet a variety of organizational goals and legal requirements. Quantities of the fact sheet may be ordered for events using the [Publication and Promotional Material Order Form](#). If you have questions about ordering documents, send an email to [Judi Deitchel](#).

Dieselgate: Clean Air Violations Settled for 3.0-Liter Diesel Vehicles

December 21, 2016, NGT News

In a second partial settlement announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Justice and the state of California, automakers Volkswagen, Audi, Porsche and related entities have agreed to recall 83,000 model-year 2009 through 2016 3.0-liter diesel [\[Read More\]](#)

Volkswagen Settlement Funds to Expand ZEV Efforts in California

December 21, 2016

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has announced that the state will receive \$41 million for emissions-reduction efforts and \$25 million to support zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) programs, thanks to a partial consent decree settling Volkswagen's violations of the Clean Air Act caused [\[Read More\]](#)

NGV America Applauds Rick Perry Nomination for Energy Secretary

December 21, 2016

Natural Gas Vehicles for America (NGVAmerica), the key trade association for the NGV and natural gas refueling industries, has announced its support for Rick Perry, the former Gov. of Texas, to be named the next Secretary of Energy. The association says [\[Read More\]](#)



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