

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

North Central Texas Council of Governments, Transportation Council Room, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

PROGRAM AGENDA

- 8:00 AM **Registration and Networking** Sign in, introduce yourself to new partners, and participate in a short interactive poll.
- 8:30 AM **Host Welcome** Chris Klaus, Senior Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments Diane Turchetta, Transportation Specialist, U.S. Federal Highway Administration

North Central Texas Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) leadership and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) lead on alternative fuel corridors provide welcome and introductory remarks on the importance of regional coordination and partnerships to support the development of alternative fuel corridors and a sustainable transportation network.

8:50 AM Setting the Stage: Partnership Goals and Objectives Oana Leahu-Aluas, Associate, Cadmus Alycia Gilde, Director, Fuels and Infrastructure, CALSTART

> Get ready to "roll up your sleeves" for day-long, results-driven discussions as meeting hosts present convening objectives to enhance multi-state collaboration, evaluate key barriers, and find solutions to advance alternative fuel corridors in the South Central U.S.

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9:00 AM Around the Room Partner Introductions Each attendee briefly introduces themselves with three facts: (1) name, (2) organization, and (3) role in alternative fuel corridor development.

9:20 AM South Central Corridor Analysis and Planning Tools Mike Scarpino, Transportation Project Engineer, U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Center Stephen Costa, Technical Analyst, U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Center Johanna Levene, Manager, Transportation Data and Tools, National Renewable Energy Laboratory Steve Lommele, Clean Cities Project Leader, Transportation & Hydrogen Systems Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory





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Learn the story behind the maps through a presentation on regional alternative fuel corridors, including changes over time since the initial designations. Representatives from Volpe and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) will walk through the types of analyses necessary to identify and fill infrastructure gaps along the corridors. The presentation will include a demonstration of NREL's Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC) alternative fueling station locator and corresponding corridor tool.

10:05 AM South Central Alternative Fuel Corridor Initiatives Walter B. Council, Transportation Planner III, Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning & Development Commission (Lake Charles MPO) Michael Conklin, Manager of External Engagement, CenterPoint Energy Curtis J. Donaldson, General Manager, Propane Business Development, Agility Fuel Solutions Mark Nestlen, Executive Director, Oklahoma Transit Association

Partners throughout the region present on innovative programs currently advancing alternative fuel corridors for electric, propane, and compressed natural gas vehicles. Hear first-hand about the partners, technologies, and funding that are making it possible.

11:05 AM Break

11:20 AM Building Awareness & Leveraging Partnerships: Communicating Availability and Benefits of **Alternative Fuels to Enhance Corridors**

> Shawn Wilson, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Ann Vail, Executive Director and Clean Cities Coordinator, Louisiana Clean Fuels Seth Christ, VP Operations, Francis Solar

Lori Pampell Clark, Program Manager and DFW Clean Cities Coordinator, North Central Texas Council of Governments

During this session, partners discuss the strategies, partnerships, and resources required to build awareness on the availability and benefits of alternative fuel corridors. Panelists will share experiences securing stakeholder support for alternative fuel infrastructure along corridors and discuss additional needs such as signage.

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Filling the Gap: Strategy, Technology, and Partnership for Infrastructure Development Ashley Duplechien, Manager of Business Development, South Central Region, Trillium/Love's Thomas Ashley, Vice President of Policy, Greenlots Rob Del Core, Managing Director, Hydrogenics USA, Inc. Randy Boys, Strategy and Technology Manager, Oncor Emily Conway, Fleet Sustainability Manager, PepsiCo







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Public and private partners discuss the challenges and best practices for the planning and implementation of alternative fuel corridors. Technology and fuel suppliers, utilities, government and fleets share perspectives on how to "fill the infrastructure gap." During this session, FHWA seeks feedback on how the Agency can help states meet their corridor goals.

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM Funding for Corridors: Federal & State Funds, Volkswagen Settlement and Innovative Financing Barbara Maley, Air Quality Specialist & Transportation Planner, FHWA Texas Division Patti Springs, Clean Cities Coordinator, Arkansas Clean Cities/Arkansas Department of **Environmental Quality** Daphne McMurrer, Technical Specialist, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Vivian Aucoin, Environmental Scientist Manager, Louisiana DEQ Faye Swift, DERA Grants & Policy Team Leader, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

> Partners evaluate the challenges and opportunities to fund alternative fuel infrastructure projects to expand corridors and vehicles to build out the market. Topics include federal grant programs such as the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program, state status on Volkswagen (VW) Settlement funds and potential use for infrastructure, the role of utilities in infrastructure costs and development, and approaches to innovative financing.

3:50 PM Our Path Forward: Sustaining Partnerships for Corridor Growth

Partners summarize convening outcomes, evaluate opportunities to improve regional coordination, commit to partnership, and put forth actions to expand alternative fuel corridors and the marketplace for advanced vehicle technologies in the South Central U.S.

4:30 PM Adjourn











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