



## Central Texas Clean Cities

Annual Report  
Mammoth Cave, KY  
Sept. 1, 2006- August 30, 2007

1. September 21-24, 2006. Renewable Roundup in Fredericksburg. CTCC coordinated the AFV "Vehicle Remuda" with stakeholders: Electric Cars of Austin, Austin Biofuels, Austin Electric Vehicle Club, Texas Clean Cities, CleanFUEL USA. Held EV ride n drive. Estimated 4,000 visitors over 3 days. Sept. 27-28, 2006. Biodiesel Coalition of Texas Conference.



2. October 2006. Texas Renewables Conference in Lubbock Texas & HEB opens their Ethanol Station in Austin. October, 2006 - April 2007. 5 month long demonstration with stakeholders & Ford with the Ford HEV Escape.



3. November 2006. Participated in Indianapolis at Regional Workshop November 17, 2006. 1 day workshop for fleet managers: ULSD, TxLED biodiesel, ethanol, Car Share, the Eco System and approved additives. 70 persons attended.

4. January 30, 2007. Transportation Director Workshop hosted at Bastrop ISD. Agenda covered: Biofuels, Clean School Bus Program of Central Texas and Strategic Planning for School Fleets.



5. March 8-9, 2007 Road to Renewables '07 (Advancing the Choice). A 1 1/2 day conference on ethanol/biodiesel in Texas. Attended by 150 persons, 17 exhibitors.

6. April 2, 2007. Kicked off the "Plug in Your Wheels" Electric Vehicle Rebate Program, sponsored by CTCC and Austin Energy to provide rebates for electric bikes, scooters, & cars to CTCC stakeholders in the AE service area. Over \$2500 in rebates has been awarded. This program is budgeted for \$20,000. April 226-27, Central Texas Earth Day in Killeen Texas with the City of Killeen and Ft. Hood Army Base.



7. May 11, 2007. Commercial LPG Mower and Electric Utility Vehicle Demonstration Day. Participants included Dixie Chopper, Ferris Industries, GEM, e-Ride, the Texas Propane Gas Association, several landscaping companies using LPG, biodiesel and electricity Excellent and fun event! Attendees. As a result, the City PARD purchased 2 EV's to replace their ATV's, 2 -LPG mowers, 1-diesel (biodiesel) mower. Camp Mabry National Guard has purchased 4- e-Rides. A promotional video for LPG mowers was filmed in it's entirety at this event. Texas Gov. Perry raced the Dixie Chopper!



8. August 24-25. NCTCOG, Dallas, Texas Advancing the Choice, Invited to speak. August 19, 2007. Hosted by Camp Mabry National Guard Army, CTCC purchased permission to host a webcast broadcast on greenhouse gas management by fleets.

In 2007, 8 new stakeholders joined CTCC.





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**Our goal: Improve air quality through a community based Clean Cities coalition that supports public/private partnerships to increase the use of alternative fuels and improve availability of alternative fuel infrastructure**

*In only one year Victoria Clean Cities has taken huge steps toward Clean Cities designation:*

- Created a lead stakeholders group of more than 20 business/governmental leaders to guide the development of the coalition and held 2 stakeholder meetings
- Held two Advancing the Choice events completely sponsored by stakeholders reaching more than 300 decision makers and interested persons
- Went live with [www.victoriacleancities.org](http://www.victoriacleancities.org)
- Created stakeholder portfolios including "Are You Fueling Better?" primer
- Submitted for review first and second draft of USDOE Detailed Program Plan
- Incorporated Victoria Clean Cities logo and messaging into all Air Victoria media including outdoor, radio and television
- Implemented Blue Sky Initiative idle reduction program for four Victoria Independent School District elementary campuses and VISD Transportation Department who has adopted an idle reduction policy district wide
- Identified stakeholders through 7- county fleet survey turned database
- Branded Victoria Clean Cities with logos, print materials, website & marketing campaign



*Moving forward:*

- Working with HEB Grocery company to have E85 at the pump first quarter 2008
- Working with the Port of Victoria on multi-alt fuel multi modal fueling site---first in the nation at a port!
- Breaking ground on Lone Star Ethanol manufacturing facility at the Port of Victoria, January 2008
- In the planning process for GeoGreen LLC Biodiesel plant at Port of Victoria
- Working with Halliburton to use B99 in mud batch plant at .5 million/gallons/annually
- Continued implementation of Blue Sky Initiative in four more elementary schools
- Accessing stakeholder leadership to create fleet policies that strengthen use of alt fuel vehicles
- Working with local fuel distributor to put B5 in place in 10 retail fueling stations
- Will conduct 2 Advancing the Choice events in the next 12 months and will participate in 6 local/regional fairs/shows to connect with more than 7,000 persons

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Overview of the last 12 months Sept. 1, 2006 –Aug. 31, 2007

Assisted with and a representative on Clean Cities Council.

Assisted in organizing the First Energy Independence Days in Washington DC

Assisted with and passed Legislation for E-10 State wide and changing the name and adding more members to the Missouri Renewable Energy Council.

Organized Gateway Green 500, 3 days 11 vehicles, 1400 people, 8 media

Received 2 Ford Hydrogen shuttle buses, and a portable refueling station. Joint project with DOD, Univeristy of Missouri Rolla, and the Army. Trained first responders and drivers. Buses are transporting troops back and forth to work. Permanent station will be open early 08 at a BP station in St. Roberts, Missouri. St. Louis station is in planning stages with hope of using a landfill gas, not only produce the hydrogen fuel but also produce electricity for the city of Kirkwood, supplemented with natural gas. Usable gas studies are currently being conducted.

In February we received our 501c3 and are currently working on the 1023 IRS form.

In the last month we have opened 7 E-85 stations in the metro area.

Been very involved in Mayor's Climate Protection agreement, LEED buildings, and Blue Skyways program.

This past year have done a lot of school presentations from grade school to college.



## Recent Accomplishments

**The Coalition is a key member in the newly formed:  
Bioenergy Alliance of South East Texas**

### **Overall Goal:**

Establish a thriving bioenergy sector within the SE Texas economy that includes aggressive leading edge research and development as well as established and expanding production capacity.

### **Main Task:**

To promote and facilitate the development of bioenergy research, development and commercialization in SE Texas.

### **Alliance Activities:**

- Serve as a focal point for collection and reporting of activities with regard to the development of the bioenergy industry in the area.
- Serve as the primary contact and resource for all information regarding bioenergy in SETX. This includes supplying information to potential investors, developers and promoters as well as government entities and the media.
- Seek funding to pursue research and development projects.
- Work to create business development solutions that leverage and compliment SETX's agricultural and petrochemical sectors
- Work to attract venture capital for building and starting up production facilities.
- Work to build the infrastructure needed to support commercial plants with feed stocks, utilities, human resources, sales markets and distribution channels.
- Provide assistance to companies in locating in SETX.



**The South East Texas Clean Cities Coalition held its National Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Day Odyssey at the Beaumont Civic Center on Thursday, October 12, 2006.**

Attendees' backgrounds included fuel providers, car dealerships, city and county municipalities, school districts, state agencies and interested citizens. Attendees were given an opportunity to network and visit exhibit tables and an AFV exhibit located just outside the Civic Center.

The agenda included discussions on Compressed Natural Gas, Propane, Bio-diesel and success stories of those using alternative fuels and AFVs. At the end of the event, door prizes were distributed which included AFV rentals. Participants felt the event was a good forum to further introduce them to different alternative fuels and their benefits as well as contacts they can call on for more information.





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## 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2007 Biodiesel Standards Act:
  - All diesel to be sold in the state to be 5% biodiesel after July 1, 2010 and before July 1, 2012.
  - All state agencies, political subdivisions and public schools in the state mandated to begin transition to renewable fuels within the same time frame.
- 2007 Biodiesel Tax and Fuel Incentives for Producers and Blenders
  - Up to 30% of purchase price of the equipment.
  - Tax credit can not exceed \$50,000 per site.
  - Blenders Credit of 3¢ per gallon; ramps down to 1¢ per gallon by 2012 .
- City of Albuquerque Sustainability Program and Mandate to include Alternative Fuels to reduce Green House Gas emissions.
  - All purchases of motor vehicles by the City shall be limited to alternative fuel vehicles (ethanol or biodiesel primarily).
- National Biodiesel Foundation/Maryland Energy Administration/LOECCC State Wide Biodiesel Workshop --- Hosted August 2007.
- SustainLane US City Rankings; Albuquerque, 4th Highest Percentage (42%) of alternative fueled vehicles in fleet.



## **2006 Activities Summary For The Clean Cities Coalition Peer Exchange**

The Kansas City Regional Cities Coalition lost its full time and long time coordinator, Benjamin Watson, at the end of 2005 to budget constraints. However, due to the continued hard work of several stakeholders and dedication of co-chairs, Sam Swearngin and Michael Booth, the Coalition has continued to produce progress for alternative fuels in Kansas City. In the past year, much activity has taken place:

- The Coalition led the initiative that brought the first retail B20 station to Kansas City. The opening was celebrated with a big media event with coverage by tv, radio and newspaper. Special guest speakers included Senator Jim Talent and the late Peter Dreyfuss of DOE.
- We headed the partnership to obtain the first plug-in hybrid transit vehicle to be used by the KC Area Transportation Authority. The Coalition helped celebrate the arrival of the wheelchair equipped transit van in an event attended by U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback who led a group of distinguished speakers to introduce the DaimlerChrysler designed and built vehicle.
- We participated in the Annual Washington Day event and other meetings/conferences
- We joined a partnership with the University of Missouri and the Midwest Research Institute to develop a new, low-pressure tank for CNG vehicles which is now being field tested in the City of Kansas City, Missouri fleet.
- We continue to promote Clean Cities and its goals for alternative fuels locally by hosting, speaking or exhibiting at area events, including presentations at 12 conferences and workshops, and 6 appearances on local radio shows and TV newscasts.
- We have begun working with Sprint's International Headquarters to help them convert their fleet to alt fuels;
- Missouri Co-Chair, Sam Swearngin and coordinator, Bob Housh, were both appointed to the City of Kansas City, Missouri Climate Protection Plan workgroup to lend expertise to the group which is looking at setting goals for increasing use of alternative fuels. Housh was also appointed to a Chamber of Commerce task force to work toward the same goals.

Although the Coalition continues to operate on a limited budget, under the direction of interim coordinator Bob Housh of the Metropolitan Energy Center, and with the strong support of our Kansas and Missouri Co-Chairs, we are building for the future. Currently our member list is at 26 members, but we expect to add 8 new members at our October 2007 meeting. Besides recruiting members, we will also begin drafting a strategic plan for 2008.



## ***Greater Houston Clean Cities Coalition***

[www.houston-cleancities.org](http://www.houston-cleancities.org)

The Greater Houston Clean Cities Coalition has been working over the past year (September 2006-September 2007) to expand the Clean Cities Coalition and work toward an increase of alternative fuel use, clean technologies, and awareness of the program throughout the region. The following are some activities and successes in the Greater Houston Clean Cities Coalition:

- A natural gas workshop focusing on refuse hauler companies
- A Clean School Bus workshop with over 14 school districts in attendance
- Quarterly Stakeholder meetings
- Annual Advancing the Choice event that included speakers from the North Central Texas Clean Cities Coalition, the National Biodiesel Board, TCEQ, City of Dallas, City of Houston, City of Lake Jackson, Governor's Office, Clean Fuel USA, HEB, TX General Land Office, International Trucks Corporation, John Deere, Caterpillar, Cummins Westport, and EPA.
- Keynote presentation to the National Association of Fleet Managers
- Successful Fresh Air Friday event (Clean Air Event in downtown Houston)
- Recognized local fleets/stakeholders at annual awards luncheon
- Two CNG stations threatening to close remained open
- Expansion of E85 infrastructure (4 new stations set to open in 2008)
- Airports looking to convert shuttles and some taxis to natural gas, looking at installing infrastructure
- Silver Eagle Distributors expanding their heavy duty natural gas fleet by 20 trucks
- City of Lake Jackson is finishing the conversion of their entire refuse fleet to natural gas
- METRO (the local transit authority) is looking to convert all of their buses to hybrids (working on a role-out strategy and funding options) over 500 buses planned for
- GM grant award of \$10,000
- Applied to El Paso Corporation Foundation and received \$50,000 for the Clean School Bus program
- Applying for the EPA BlueSkyways Clean School Bus grant
- Working with several fleets (public and private) to clean up their diesel engines
- Propane Road Show (Sept 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Propane Workshop (Sept 19<sup>th</sup>)



**Greater Baton Rouge Clean Cities Coalition  
Coalition Update  
National Coordinator Retreat  
September 24-28, 2007  
Mammoth Cave National Park**

- Hosted Workshop Series Summer/Fall of 2006. Workshops included Biofuels, Hybrids/Fuel Economy and HD CNG
- Assisted St. Charles Parish School District with EPA SEP project to retrofit over 20 of their 109 diesel buses with PM filters and/or Oxidation Catalysts
- Assisted Department of Natural Resources with Statewide Stakeholder meeting
- Worked with several partners on a biodiesel pilot project with the Department of Public Works. Due to some problems with contracts, the pilot was not able to proceed
- Participated with the planning committee and attended Energy Independence Days in March
- With Board assistance Coordinator officially became employee of the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge Department of Public Works. Along with Coordinator's move to the City, the Coalition's contract with the Department of Natural Resources moved to the city and this essentially secured future funding for both the Coordinator and the Coalition
- Worked with statewide Coalition to support state legislation that would provide incentives for in-state production of biodiesel and ethanol
- Participated in various community events including three Earth Day events, the state Envirothon and will participate in Super Science Saturday later this Fall
- Hosting Incentives Workshop October 26
- Working with State Department of Environmental Quality on several projects to promote alt fuels throughout the state especially with school districts and statewide associations
- Working with local fuel provider to put in at least one E85 pump at one or more of their stations. They are also interested in providing Biodiesel at the same locations. Two of the targeted locations already have CNG and would possibly provide all three alternative fuels and E10 at those locations
- Working with Honda and Department of Public Works to obtain additional GXs for the fleet. Also interested in HD vehicles for the department and at least one public fleet is interested in HD options for their delivery fleets. Several additional fleets are interested and the Coordinator is working with Honda and other vendors to provide information.
- Will be at National League of Cities Conference in New Orleans in November. Will have one of the City's GX's on display and will work with Honda, NGV America and New Orleans at the conference. With the assistance of Honda, NGV America and Entergy will be inviting targeted fleets to the conference and may do a formal meeting depending on interest from fleets
- Working with Department of Natural Resources on 2008 Statewide Stakeholder Meeting
- Tentatively scheduling attendance of several conferences including Blue Skyways Workshop, NGV Conference, Energy Independence Days 2008, and seeking permission to attend several others including Biodiesel Conference in February and AFVi Conference in May.





## Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities September 2006-September 2007

### Overview:

Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Clean Cities is housed in the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), and is in the DFW nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone. During 2006-2007, approximately 700 alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles were added to fleets in North Texas; and in 2007, it is estimated that North Texas has between 7,000 and 8,000 alternative fuel vehicles on the roadways. The region has continued to sustain its natural gas, propane, and biodiesel refueling stations, and has had continual growth of E85 station openings at Kroger Grocery Stores across the region since the first E85 station opened in summer of 2006. In 2006-2007, DFW Clean Cities and NCTCOG continued to provide funds to clean vehicle projects in North Texas, and has provided \$45 million in federal air quality dollars since 1992.

### Outreach:

DFW Clean Cities and Tarrant County College South Campus partnered on the 2006 AFV Odyssey Day. The event featured a booth/display of hybrids and neighborhood electric cars at the Alliance Airport Air Show on September 30-October 1, 2006. Estimates for the weekend show an approximated 150,000 attendees; thus, reaching an estimated 3,000 people during this outreach.

- Held quarterly DFW Clean Cities Technical Coalition Meetings, and planned and hosted several clean vehicle events such as the Texas Propane Road Show, workshops for clean vehicle call for project funding sources, and workshops for clean vehicle policies
- Created and distributed the monthly electronic newsletter, *Clean Cities News Flash*
- Performed outreach at over 40 community outreach events since October 2006
- Hosted the 2007 *Advancing the Choice Event*, Beyond Regulations: Greening Regulated Fleets

### Calls for Projects:

DFW Clean Cities helped NCTCOG provide technical guidance, project recommendations, and promotion of several clean vehicle calls for projects and policy programs from September 2006-September 2007 such as the Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy and Call for Program, North Texas Emissions Reduction Grant Program, North Central Texas (NCT) Clean School Bus Program, NCTCOG-SmartWay<sup>SM</sup> Transport Partnership Upgrade Kit Call for Projects, and NCTCOG Public Agency Policy for Construction Equipment.

- Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy and Call for Projects - <http://www.nctcog.org/fleetpolicy>
- North Texas Emissions Reduction Grant Program - <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/air/programs/terp/cfps/index.asp>.
- NCT Clean School Bus Program - <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/clean/schoolbus/callforprojects.asp>.
- NCTCOG-SmartWay<sup>SM</sup> Transport Partnership Upgrade Kit Call for Projects- <http://www.nctcog.org/smartway>.
- Construction Fleet Initiatives - <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/clean/vehicles/fleet/constructionfleets/>

### Success Story:

DFW Clean Cities and NCTCOG have worked on a clean vehicle program for regulated fleets, which includes taxis, limos, off-site airport parking shuttles, shared ride shuttles, and hotel courtesy vans fleets for several years. In Spring of 2007 the Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative, a partnership between City of Dallas, NCTCOG, and the US Environmental Protection Agency, was created. One of the projects in the Initiative is a Green Taxi Program for the North Texas region. This program will help bring hybrids and other clean technology vehicles into the taxi market, and currently NCTCOG has ~\$1.6 million to provide financial assistance in the way of grants or loans to taxi fleets.

On August 15, 2007 over 115 people attended a very successful DFW Clean Cities *Advancing the Choice Event*, Beyond Regulations: Greening Regulated Fleets Workshop, which focused on regulated fleets and the technologies, fuels, financial opportunities, and policies that can help make their fleet greener. Presentations were given from regulated fleets that have incorporated cleaner vehicle technologies, regulating authorities who have created clean vehicle policies, state programs, and information on North Texas regulated fleet plans. At the event a recognition ceremony was held in honor of Yellow Cab Dallas/Fort Worth for being the first taxi fleet in the region to incorporate hybrid technologies into their fleet. They plan on having five hybrids for a pilot program by the end of 2007, and having their whole fleet operate on 100% clean technology by 2011 (this would be over 1,000 cabs). Over 16 vehicles were displayed at the workshop, including two hybrid taxis. The Dallas Morning News, WBAP (radio), Fox 4, Chanel 11, and Channel 8 covered the event. Several conversations with regulated fleets occurred after the event, and they stressed that the event made them want to look at expanding their clean vehicle plans more than they had already anticipated. All workshop presentations, photos, press releases, programs, and other materials can be found online at <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/clean/cities/atc2007.asp>.

Also, DFW Clean Cities and NCTCOG discussed with Yellow Cab Dallas/Fort Worth about the difficulty in getting hybrids in Texas to purchase. DFW Clean Cities in turn held conversations with Toyota about this issue, and Toyota has since assisted Yellow Cab Dallas/Fort Worth with finding four more hybrid Toyota Camry's they needed for their pilot program.

### Coalition Funding:

- Continued Coalition Support Funding from the Texas State Energy Conservation Office
- In May 2007 General Motors Awarded DFW Clean Cities \$1,000
- \$10,000 Clean Cities Support Funds from US Department of Energy in 2007
- \$5,000 Sponsorship funds raised from the 2007 Advancing the Choice Event

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### Activities Summary

July 31, 2006 – June 30, 2007

- ☑ Central Oklahoma Clean Cities held six (6) Stakeholder meetings during activity period.
- ☑ Produced an alternative fuel vehicle and fuel use inventory of Central Oklahoma Clean Cities stakeholder fleets. The inventory shows 2,800 alternative fuel and hybrid electric vehicles and 1.55 million gallons of alternative fuel use by these fleets during calendar year 2006.
- ☑ Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Coordinator provided ongoing technical assistance to two Central Oklahoma school districts for grant-funded petroleum fuel reduction and diesel emission reduction projects. Initial funding to conduct the projects obtained in 2005 and 2006 respectively.
- ☑ The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments joined the regional EPA Blue Skyways Collaborative on the merits of a Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Idle Reduction project to mitigate air quality issues and reduce dependence on petroleum in the transportation sector. The Project also qualified a local school district and Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality for Blue Skyways partnership.
- ☑ Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Coordinator appointed to the Western Governor's Association "Transportation Fuels of the Future" Advisory Committee by the Oklahoma Secretary of Energy. As a committee member and team leader of the "unconventional fuels" team she coordinated production of draft reports and policy recommendations and is representing the natural gas and propane alternative fuels team. Project to be concluded in FY 2008.
- ☑ Promoted development of Oklahoma's biofuels industry through participation in GROW, The Oklahoma Governor's Conference on Biofuels, held Oct. 3-4, 2006. Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Coordinator developed the Marketers and End Users breakout sessions and secured Clean Cities stakeholder speakers and panel moderators for both. Sessions were well attended and well received.
- ☑ Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Coordinator invited to develop Marketers and End Users breakout session for the second annual GROW conference to be held Oct. 16-17, 2007. The conference promotes Oklahoma's growing biofuels industry for reasons of national security, economic well-being, concern for the environment and concern for finite oil and gas resources.
- ☑ Central Oklahoma Clean Cities provided technical and outreach assistance, ROI analyses, resources and information regarding altfuel infrastructure installation and upgrades, as well as resources and information regarding purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and vehicle conversions to member and potential member fleet operators.
- ☑ Coordinator served on the Central Oklahoma Air Quality committee to develop an 8-hour Ozone Flex Memorandum of Agreement with EPA. Coordinator initiated and secured a strategic fleet commitment to replace 40 conventional vehicles with AFVs and to install onsite refueling.
- ☑ Promoted Clean Cities and development of alternative fuel retail sites in Central Oklahoma at the Oklahoma Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association Trade Show.
- ☑ Promoted E85 and Clean Cities and provided a flex-fuel vehicle display at the Oklahoma Farmers Union Annual Convention in Oklahoma City.

## **Arkansas Clean Transportation (ACT) Partnership**

Central Arkansas Clean Cities recently changed its name to the Arkansas Clean Transportation (ACT) Partnership. As might be expected, being in the middle of soybean country, most of the alternative fuel activity in Arkansas revolves around biodiesel.

As in many states, the past several years have seen dramatic change in the alternative fuels landscape in Arkansas. In 2005, Arkansas had 0 gallons of biodiesel production. Today, we have more than 25 million gallons of capacity with a reported 10 million more coming on-line in October. That production has spawned these successes:

**Retail Fueling:** Biodiesel is currently available for sale in 28 of Arkansas' 75 counties and has roughly 20 locations where B5 can be purchased at retail locations in the Little Rock area.

Go Green Biofuels, is a "dedicated" alternative fueling station that ONLY offers B20 and E10 in Little Rock. In addition to the retail locations in Central Arkansas, B2, B5 and B10 blends are offered at retail in Northwest Arkansas and Eastern Arkansas.

**Terminal Blending:** Central Arkansas is home to 5 pipeline terminals. Two of the five terminals (40%) have biodiesel blending capability, while one of the five has ethanol blending.

### **High Profile Fleets Using Biodiesel:**

- Central Arkansas Transit – 47 transit buses
- Little Rock School District – 265 buses (LRSD has on-site blending capability)
- Tyson Foods – 40 heavy-duty trucks use biodiesel in the Scranton, AR rendering operation (successfully experimented with B50 in summer 2006)

**NGVs at the Little Rock Airport:** The Little Rock National Airport has been using NGVs in its air-side operation for the past three years. This is the direct result of Clean Cities working with the Arkansas Energy Office to secure a \$172,000 grant for the installation of a natural gas vehicle fueling station.

**Legislative Action:** The 2007 session of the Arkansas Legislature yielded positive results for the biofuels industry, providing incentives for biodiesel production; feedstock processing and biodiesel distribution. The distribution incentive will provide funding for the installation of heated distribution tanks so as to avoid "cold flow" incidents, which plagued the industry in many cases last fall and winter.

**Diesel/Electric Hybrid in use:** LRSD is also one of just 19 school districts in the country to serve as a testing ground for a prototype diesel/electric hybrid school bus.

**Senator Blanche Lincoln Summit meeting:** Clean Cities was responsible for engineering a "Summit" meeting for a number of current and future biodiesel producers in Arkansas on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Senator Lincoln, a member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee and a long-time advocate for biodiesel was instrumental in passage of the \$1.00 per gallon federal "Blender's Credit," which has done so much to make the industry what it is today.

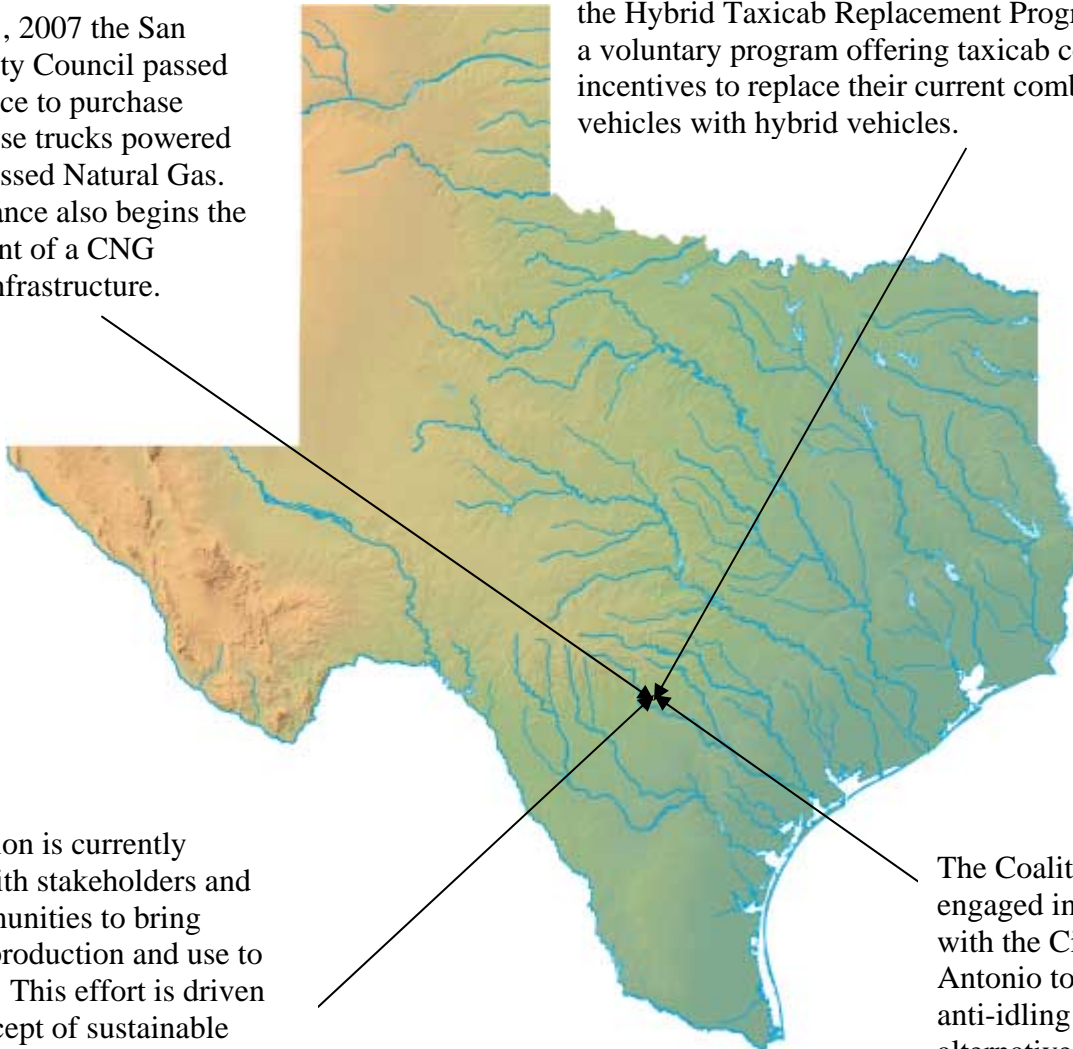
# Alamo Area Clean Cities Coalition



*If you keep working for your search you will find the end  
Though at the end you find it only begins again  
See at the end you'll see it only begins again  
And everything you learn you're only remembering*

On May 31, 2007 the San Antonio City Council passed an Ordinance to purchase fifteen refuse trucks powered by Compressed Natural Gas. The Ordinance also begins the development of a CNG refueling infrastructure.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the San Antonio City Council passed Amended Section 33-003 of the City Code to include a new definition and adding Section 33-932 to the City Code to include a permitting process for the Hybrid Taxicab Replacement Program, which is a voluntary program offering taxicab companies incentives to replace their current combustion engine vehicles with hybrid vehicles.



The Coalition is currently working with stakeholders and local communities to bring Biodiesel production and use to the region. This effort is driven by the concept of sustainable community development for both rural and metropolitan areas.

The Coalition is also engaged in discussion with the City of San Antonio to implement anti-idling policies and alternative fuels infrastructure incentive programs.

**For more information on the changes and advances in San Antonio, please contact**

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***We are in the process of reinvigorating the Greater New Orleans Clean Cities Program!***

**Including a new name:**

## **The Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuels Partnership**

As of early September 2007, Stephanie Pedro is now the Clean Fuels Partnership Coordinator, under the Regional Planning Commission's Environmental Programs Department with Rebecca Otte as Director. Stephanie worked with clean fuels technologies during her graduate studies in Environmental Science at Louisiana State University. Rebecca is an environmental planner and civil engineer with experience in program management as well as a background in environmental consulting. The program will continue to be housed at the Regional Planning Commission.

We will be having a stakeholders meeting on October 23, 2007, to reintroduce the program to the region, which includes the City of New Orleans and Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles, and St. John the Baptist Parishes (counties). In preparation for that meeting, we have been reaching out to past and potential stakeholders including:

- *Entergy*- Entergy has been involved with the Clean Cities Program from the beginning. We anticipate partnering with them on a more substantial basis as both a provider and user of cleaner fuels.
- *Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport*- The airport is working with the Clean Airports Program and is evaluating new technologies to save energy and reduce pollution and waste. In addition, we hope to work with the airport shuttles to assist them with using cleaner fuels.
- *New Orleans City Park*- The Park has expressed interest in using cleaner fuels in its maintenance vehicles and equipment.
- *Regional Transit Authority and Jefferson Parish Transit*- We are working with RTA and JeT to implement the use of cleaner fuels in their transportation systems. RTA recently ordered new biodiesel buses to arrive Spring 2008.
- *Various school districts in the region*- We are looking to partner with school bus programs to promote the use of cleaner fuels in buses.
- *Clean Fuel Providers*- In an effort to ensure the quality of cleaner fuels in our region and promote economic development through new technologies, we are working with providers to ensure their products meet ASTM standards, including identifying testing facilities and resources to offset lab costs.
- *Greater Baton Rouge Clean Cities Coalition*- Both as a resource and a partner, we are reestablishing our relationship with the Greater Baton Rouge Clean Cities Coalition and look to partner with them on establishing a Clean Fuels Corridor between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

***As we reinvigorate our program, we would appreciate any assistance/suggestions other coordinators might be able to provide!***

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