

Meeting Summary

Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee

March 4, 2024

The Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 2:00 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The following TAC members were present: Chair Dr. James Wood - DFW Airport, Vice Chair Jose Correa - Kimley-Horn, David Word, Jim Valerio - Parsons, Lon Holloway - Northwest Propane Gas Co., and Michelle McKenzie - Hood County Clean Air Coalition.

The March 4, 2024, meeting of the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Clean Cities TAC was a special interim meeting called by the Committee to discuss the DFW Clean Cities Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2024-2027. Updates were made to the strategic plan based on restructuring of program efforts and committee feedback.

1. Clean Vehicle Initiatives Program:

Savana Nance began the discussion by walking through all the changes made in the Clean Vehicle Initiatives Program, which included the following:

- Updating the tracking frequency of all goals to every six months
- Updating goal one to encompass expanded usage of alternative fuel, as well as new usage
- Changing goal three criteria from Census tract to zip code
- Adding information about community outreach events about highlighting cost savings
- Updating goal four to make the process more like a “pipeline” per comments from Committee members

Committee members noted that some alternative fuels are not mentioned by name anywhere in the plan and asked for “NO_x reducing fuels” to be clearly defined. Members also would like to see definitions of “public” and “private” in the context of the plan. Staff agreed to make this change before the final plan was submitted.

2. Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Initiatives Program:

Jared Wright walked through changes made to the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Initiatives section, including:

- Updating the tracking frequency of each goal to every six months, and updating the resources on hand for each goal to include supporting grants and programs
- Specifying both public and private stations for goal one, but not planning to specify prioritization of Level 2 or direct current fast charge stations at this time as there are many variables that affect the type of charger
- Reworking goal three completely – it is now a goal that was moved from the Energy program area and changed to include a specific number of projects and work on the EV Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator award; the activities for this goal changed as well, with new ones being added and some of the previous activities moved to another goal in the Energy program area
- The previous goal four was removed from the Infrastructure program area and moved to the Energy program area

Committee members proposed no further changes to this section.

3. Clean Energy Initiatives Program:

Amy Hodges discussed the changes made to the Clean Energy Initiatives program area, which included:

- Updating the tracking frequency of all goals to every six months
- Spelling out CNG (compressed natural gas) in goal one
- Adding a new goal two as the previous goal two was moved up to the Infrastructure program area; the new goal two will support community readiness for alternative fuel vehicle and infrastructure
- Adding goal three, which includes work to expand workforce training
- Adding goal four to encompass work done in coordination with NCTCOG's Environment and Development Department and the State Energy Conservation Office to ensure electric grid reliability

Committee members noted the importance of backup power sources for emergency reliability, and Coalition staff agreed and plan to include mobile and stationary backup sources encompassing multiple fuels in the resiliency plan that will be developed in the future.

There was a motion to approve the Strategic Plan. Dr. James Wood (M). There was no second, and the motion did not pass. After some discussion about the changes proposed to the plan earlier in the meeting, a second motion was made to approve the plan with the understanding that the changes will be made and with the caveat that staff can make further changes to be approved by the Committee in the future if necessary. The changes to be made to the plan include defining all NOx reducing fuels and clarifying what public and private entities are in the context of the plan. Jose Correa (M); David Word (S). The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.