

Meeting Summary -- DRAFT

Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee April 22, 2024

The Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Monday, April 22, 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 Treichler – Oncor, David Word, Dwayne Bianco – City of Carrollton, and Lon Holloway – Northwest Propane Gas Co.

1. DFWCC Annual Survey Update

Staff gave an overview of the recently completed 2023 DFWCC Annual Survey, shown on slide 3 of the presentation in the meeting packet, noting that while the Coalition sees an increase in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Gasoline Gallons Equivalent (GGE) it is difficult to reach the goals set by Clean Cities and Communities due to the massive total amount of GHGs and GGEs being reduced. Renewable natural gas and idle reduction policies made up a bulk of reductions for 2023. The number of fleets reporting dropped from 55 in 2022 to 45 in 2023, so staff asked the Committee for ideas on how to increase fleet engagement, particularly school districts. Recommendations made at the meeting included having staff attend trade shows to connect with school bus associations and working to get on the agenda at said trade shows and other outreach events. It was also suggested to focus on freight sector fleets, and some Committee members offered to assist with introductions.

2. Discussion of Vendor Opportunities

Staff and the Committee discussed the most effective and neutral way to keep public stakeholders informed of relevant private vendor opportunities and publicize information that private vendors share with Coalition staff. As the Coalition cannot endorse or promote any private companies, it is essential to keep this information sharing fair and impartial. Staff suggested creating room for vendors to share on a first-come, first-served basis during the monthly Regional EV Infrastructure Working Group meetings. Committee members suggested hosting a themed quarterly event for each fuel type to allow vendors to share opportunities and information or maintaining a database of categorized vendors where staff could add special offerings from each vendor to share with all stakeholders. It was also suggested to create a “starting point guide” for each fuel type that could include a database of peers that have completed similar projects and known vendors. Plans are being made to utilize the Regional EV Infrastructure Working

group to allow vendors to share with the group, including presentations, site visits, and expos, and additional opportunities for vendor engagement will continue to be evaluated.

3. Committee Involvement with Stakeholders

Coalition staff led a discussion about the most effective way for Committee members to become engaged with stakeholders, including fleets, local governments, and residents. Staff and Committee members discussed Chair Dr. James Wood's idea to have Committee members assist in coordinating site tours for the Coalition, the Committee, and other stakeholders, as possible, to allow participants to get first-hand experience and connect with and gather feedback from operators and employees. Sites could include Committee members' places of work, transit agencies, EV/EVSE manufacturing facilities, and any other relevant sites. Staff discussed previous conversations with BioSource and Wallbox about in-person tours and noted that the timeframe for a site visit this year would be after August as there would need to be at least a two-month lead time for planning. Committee members agreed to assist with the planning of site tours going forward.

4. Project Management Plan

Requirements for each section of the four-year Project Management Plan were explained by staff, noting that activities under Task 2 are required while activities under Task 3 are up to the Coalition. Staff requested Committee feedback on the Plan by April 29 in order to submit the final updated plan by May 15. Members suggested prioritizing activities related to promoting incentives for transitioning to alternative fuel when possible and identifying or creating alternative fuel maintenance and repair training as well as first responder training.

5. Upcoming Events

Staff provided a brief update on upcoming events, including the DFW Clean Cities Project Showcase on April 24.

6. Other Items

Following a recent announcement from the Department of Energy (DOE), the DFW Clean Cities Coalition will be undergoing redesignation this year. Staff explained that redesignation is a regular process that DOE does to ensure Coalitions remain active and are fulfilling their duties. Staff will be compiling a list of active stakeholders to provide to DOE and all Committee members will be on that list unless they ask to be left off. Staff will also be preparing a webinar to present to DOE in October and will require

stakeholder input. Template slides were provided by DOE that must be filled out and presented. The Committee agreed that a large portion of the July Technical Advisory Committee Meeting will be devoted to preparing for redesignation. Per Committee member suggestion, Coalition staff will also plan an open stakeholder meeting in June to gather feedback that will be used to inform the webinar presentation and redesignation process.

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 22 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in the Transportation Council Room at NCTCOG offices. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Lon Holloway (M); David Word (S). The meeting was concluded.