

SPROW Website Update

NCTCOG has completely updated the Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW) subcommittee web page. This SPROW program page now includes technical resources, case studies, upcoming events, and past SPROW Education Forum presentations. We also included the SPROW mission and goals on the top of the page.

Our 2017 SPROW Education Forum will be on December 4, 2017 at the AIA Dallas Office, and will include a tour of SPROW- related sites in the Dallas area. For additional information about SPROW, please contact Kathleen Myers at kmyers@nctcog.org or Kori Mullen at kmullen@nctcog.org.

View the updated page here: <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEDevEx/pubworks/ROW/index.asp>



Take a Spin in a Driverless Shuttle December 7

A demonstration of the new Milo automated shuttle is scheduled for 9 am December 7 at the Globe Life Park Rav4 Parking Lot (on the corner of Nolan Ryan Expressway).

A group discussion on how public transit providers can adapt to the coming of AVs will follow at 11:30 am.



CTP Website Update

The Cedar and Denton Watersheds draft Discovery Findings reports and Discovery Findings webinars have been uploaded to our website here: <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEsafe/ctp/discovery.asp>. The Discovery process of FEMA's Risk MAP program helps communities identify areas at risk for flooding and solutions for reducing that risk by working directly with the communities in the watershed to gather information about local flood risks. To learn more about the Cedar and Denton Watersheds or the Discovery efforts through the FEMA and NCTCOG Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP), please contact Kori Mullen at 817-695-9215 or kmullen@nctcog.org.

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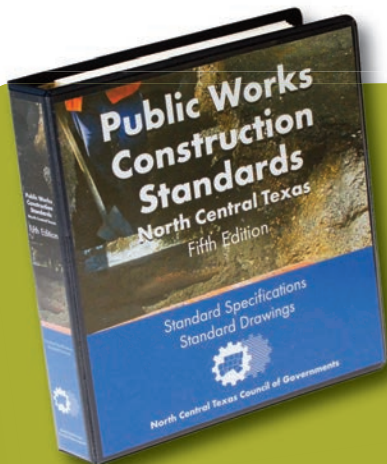
Materials Management Solid Waste Grant Briefing Sessions

Do you have solid waste issues that need to be addressed? Could your community benefit from a collaborative solid waste project with neighboring communities? Could you use information about where to apply for available solid waste funding to assist with your needs? If so, these briefing sessions will discuss the following topics: Who is Eligible; Eligible Project Categories; Eligible

Expenses; Examples of Projects; and Application Instructions. Register today for one of the six briefing sessions running from November 21, 2017 through January 9, 2018 at: <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/events.asp>

2017 Clean Diesel Grant Call for Projects

Need to replace a diesel vehicle or non-road equipment? During December the North Central Texas Council of Governments will open a 2017 Clean Diesel Call for Projects. This opportunity will pay for up to 45% of the cost of replacing heavy-duty diesel vehicles or non-road equipment owned by public fleets or private entities contracted to local governments. For more information on these and other funding opportunities visit: www.nctcog.org/aqfunding.



Public Works Construction Standards North Central Texas, Fifth Edition

AVAILABLE NOW!!

The *Public Works Construction Standards* represents over 40 years of regional cooperation and coordination between local government and private industry public works professionals in the North Central Texas region. The November 2017 *Public Works Construction Standards North Central Texas, Fifth Edition* represents the culmination of an intensive comprehensive review and refinement process to update the 2004 Fourth Edition Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction and also includes the 2004 Second Edition of the Standard Drawings for Public Works Construction. The update is the result of feedback from NCTCOG's local government members and the engineering, supplier, and construction industries that confirmed the wide use of the document in North Central Texas. Additionally, regional input indicated that an update to the 2004 Fourth Edition was needed to address new technologies, materials, and methods now common in the industry and practice in North Central Texas.

Requests, comments, or questions regarding the Standards can be submitted at www.nctcog.org/envir/constructionstandards or emailed to eandd@nctcog.org. Additional copies of this document may be purchased over the counter at 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011 or by calling (817) 640-3300. Electronic, downloadable versions of this document are available for purchase at <http://store2.nctcog.org/> or from the NCTCOG Department of Environment & Development. This document is copyrighted.

Deadlines for TERP Grants Approaching



Entities considering applying for two types of grants offered through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Texas Emissions Reduction Program should act fast. The deadlines for both are approaching early in the new year.

The **Alternative Fueling Facilities Program (AFFP)** offers grants for construction or expansion of alternative fuel fueling stations within the Clean Transportation Zone, which includes the 12-county metropolitan planning area. The Application deadline is January 16, 2018.

Rebate Grants is a simplified first-come, first-served program offering grants for the repower or replacement of diesel heavy-duty vehicles and non-road equipment. The application deadline is February 13, 2018.

An opportunity through the **Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program**, which offers grants for the repower or replacement of medium- or heavy-duty vehicles with natural gas or propane, is coming soon. Program details and application instructions for these programs can be found at www.terpgrants.org.

Aging Workshops Help Participants Deal with Chronic Pain

According to the National Institute on Health, more than one in ten Americans deals with chronic pain, defined as being present every day for three months or longer. Left unchecked, it can have a deleterious effect on mood, energy, mental and physical performance.

NCTCOG's Aging program is launching a program that helps those affected by chronic pain better manage the condition. Using a curriculum developed by Stanford University, its master trainers and lay leaders are conducting a series of six consecutive workshops for small groups of older adults who contend with pain on a daily basis. Workshops meet once a week and support participants in developing the skills needed in the day-to-day management of chronic pain in order to maintain and/or increase life's activities. They also teach coping strategies to help participants to manage chronic pain, medications, and increase physical activity levels.

Workshops are held free of charge for persons age 60 and over who live in the 14 counties surrounding Dallas and Tarrant. For more information contact Dr. Laura Wolfe at lwolfe@nctcog.org or 972-978-1371.

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