Revised Clean Fleet Policy Approved by RTC

The Regional Transportation Council approved a resolution in December in support of the revised Clean Fleet Policy, a tool used to help bring the region into compliance with federal ozone standards. The policy is required for entities wishing to qualify for clean vehicle funding made available by the RTC; therefore, all organizations with fleet operations in the 10-county ozone nonattainment area are encouraged to begin efforts to adopt it.

NCTCOG staff and local fleet representatives worked last year to revise the policy, first approved in 2005, to ensure it remains relevant and effective. More information is available at www.nctcog.org/fleetpolicy.

Deadline for School Bus Funding March 13

The New Year is bringing an opportunity for school bus operators in some North Texas counties to make their fleets more environmentally friendly. The North Central Texas Clean School Bus Program 2015 Call for Projects opened January 5.

This call for projects will provide approximately $1 million in grant funding to help school bus owners and operators in the 10-county ozone nonattainment area (Collin, Denton, Dallas, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties) reduce emissions and improve air quality by providing funds to improve or replace older diesel school buses. Applicants must adopt the Revised Clean Fleet Policy by the 5 pm March 13 application deadline to be eligible.

Interested parties are encouraged to complete an electronic Intent to Submit form to help staff identify potential applicants. For more information, please visit www.nctcog.org/cleanschoolbus.

NCTCOG Sponsoring Car Care Clinics in April

April is Car Care Month, and again this year, NCTCOG has partnered with local automotive repair shops in North Texas to sponsor Car Care Clinics throughout the month. These free clinics help drivers understand the basics of vehicle care and maintenance during National Car Care Month. This nationwide effort, held each April, aims to provide information about ways to prolong vehicle life, obtain better gas mileage and minimize emissions. Attendees will receive a complimentary vehicle emergency kit while supplies last, and many clinics will provide free vehicle checkups.

To find a car clinic scheduled near you, visit www.NTXCarCare.org. For additional information, send an email to NTXCarCare@nctcog.org or call 817-704-5605.
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