AirCheckTexas Accepting Vehicle Replacement Applications
Program had been focusing on repair assistance

Feb. 10, 2015 (Arlington, Texas) – A program that has helped lead to the replacement of more than 30,000 older vehicles since 2002 has reopened for a limited time.

The AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program began accepting applications for replacement assistance in North Texas on Feb. 9, offering qualifying motorists up to $3,500 vouchers toward the purchase of newer, more fuel efficient vehicles.

Last year, 652 vehicles were replaced when this component of the program was open.

North Texans whose vehicles have failed the emissions portion of the state inspection in the past 30 days or are more than 10 years old are encouraged to apply for replacement assistance if they meet the income criteria and vehicle requirements. A family of four earning $72,750 or less per year may receive assistance.

Assistance is open to vehicle owners in nine Dallas-Fort Worth area nonattainment counties (Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant). AirCheckTexas is one of many programs implemented to help North Texas reach attainment of the federal government’s ozone standard, which it has until 2018 to meet.

This is the fourth year in a row the replacement assistance has operated on a limited basis, following a reduction in funding. The repair component of the program, offering vouchers worth as much as $600, has continued year-round.

The program offers $3,000 vouchers toward replacement of vehicles with newer, cleaner automobiles. The amount increases to $3,500 for hybrid, electric or natural gas-powered vehicles.

For information on the status of the program and a video explaining the application process, visit www.nctcog.org/airchecktexas. Applications and income documentation for all adults in the household must be submitted by fax, 817-608-2315, or mail.

The mailing address is:

AirCheckTexas Program
P.O. Box 5888
Arlington, TX 76005-5888
NCTCOG is not able to assist walk-ins because of limited resources. Assistance through this application-based program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. After enough applications have been received to exhaust the available funding, the replacement portion will be closed. The repair program will continue, but replacement applications will no longer be accepted for the rest of fiscal year 2015. The program could be briefly reopened to qualifying motorists seeking replacement vouchers in fiscal year 2016.

About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG’s purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered on the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 240 member governments including 16 counties, 170 cities, 24 school districts and 30 special districts. For more information on the NCTCOG Transportation Department, visit www.nctcog.org/trans.

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