

Driverless Vehicles Introduced in Arlington Entertainment District



Next time you are in the Entertainment District for a Rangers or Cowboys game, there may be an alternative to enduring high summer temperatures as you make your way to the stadium.

On August 26, the City of Arlington debuted two air-conditioned driverless vehicles that will take fans to Globe Life Park or AT&T Stadium via trails in the Richard Greene Linear Park and Robert Cluck Linear Park. The bright red Milo shuttles, provided by Easy Mile, are free to ride and handicap accessible.

This is part of a pilot project to test the concept of low-speed driverless vehicles in Arlington. During the test, the vehicles will follow a predetermined route, using a laser on the roof to detect obstacles.

Each vehicle will have an operator on board who can override the automated setting in the case of an emergency. The vehicles, which can travel fast as 20 mph, are not permitted on the streets. For now, they will travel on the trails in the Entertainment District, comfortably providing the final connection for people trying to get from their cars to the ballgame or other nearby event.

For more information, visit www.arlington-tx.gov/news and search "autonomous vehicle."

Program Helps Older Adults Manage Personal Finances

Nationwide 45% of older adults have incomes that are below 200% of the poverty level (i.e., \$24,120 per year for a single individual). For many balancing the budget can be a chore, especially when incomes are fixed and expenses are not. Further, the aging process may be accompanied by the acquisition of disabilities (e.g. low vision and cognitive impairment) and losses of life partners who'd handled finances.

To help older adults whose ability to live independently is threatened by difficulty in managing personal finances, the Aging program contracts with the Senior Source to provide money management services. The Senior Source offers bill payer services, through which clients retain control of their finances but receive assistance in developing and sticking to a monthly budget, in addition to representative payee services, through which the Senior Source is legally authorized to handle clients' Social Security checks.

The Senior Source money management program serves persons who are at least 60 years of age, have relatively limited income, and relatively limited resources. Services are available in Dallas and surrounding counties.

For more information about the money management program, contact the Senior Source at 214-823-5700.

**Save
the Date**



Field Technician Training: Non-Potable Water Sampling

The Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) is offering a two-day Field Technician training covering non-potable water sampling. Topics to be covered include: sampling techniques appropriate for collecting non-potable water, 40 CFR 136, and chain of custody requirements. This training will include both a classroom and field/site visit component.

WATER cost-sharing members receive a 20% discount on the registration fee. Please visit the registration page for more details and information or contact Cassidy Campbell at ccampbell@nctcog.org or 817-608-2368.

TRAINING DETAILS:

INSTRUCTOR: Marlene Moore, Advanced Systems, Inc.

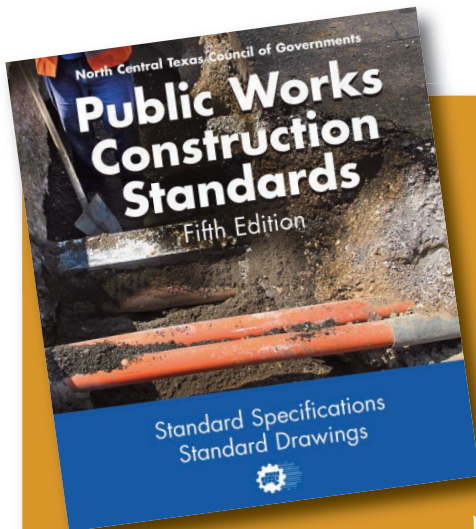
DATE: October 10 - 11, 2017

TIME: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Irving Training Room, 333 Valley View Lane, Irving

TCEQ to Conduct Emissions Reduction Workshops

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will host two Texas Emissions Reduction Program workshops at NCTCOG's offices on November 9th. The morning workshop will cover the Alternative Fueling Facilities Program, and the afternoon workshop will cover the Texas Natural Gas Grant Program. These workshops will cover the expansions to eligibility both of these programs underwent during the last legislation session as well as application instructions. More information on these workshops will be posted at www.nctcog.org/AQfunding.



Fifth Edition Public Works Construction Standards: Anticipated Fall 2017 Release Date

As part of the continued effort between NCTCOG and the public works industry in North Central Texas, *Public Works Construction Standards – North Central Texas, 2004 Version* is in the process of being updated to the *Fifth Edition Public Works Construction Standards*. NCTCOG and the Public Works Council are currently reviewing all the public comments received during the public comment period.

Following the public comment review, the *Fifth Edition Public Works Construction Standards* will be endorsed by the Public Works Council and by the NCTCOG Executive Board for a fall 2017 anticipated release date.

NCTCOG is excited to announce that the Fifth Edition Public Works Construction Standards will be available to purchase in hard copy or electronic copy. For more information about the Public Works Council or the Public Works Construction Standards, visit <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEDevEx/pubworks/index.asp>. If you have any questions, please contact Kori Mullen at kmullen@nctcog.org.

Regional Codes Coordinating Committee Work Program 2018

In partnership with the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has developed an action plan that we identify as a Work Program. The primary purpose of the RCCC has been to foster the cooperation of municipal government and private industry in promoting the standardization of construction codes used within the North Central Texas region; now, it is being expanded to focus on industry-wide issues and the development process as a whole. This Work Program reflects the administrative and financial support needed for the activities associated with RCCC's expanded mission. For more information, please visit the RCCC website or if you have questions, please contact Ryann Hall at (817) 608-2363 or rehall@nctcog.org.

WATER Work Program 2018

The Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable's (WATER) fiscal year 2018 Work Program is now posted.

This program builds on the important work done over the past several years by the WATER, an educational partnership between municipalities, water utilities, and NCTCOG. Its focus has been on educating the public about the issues associated with the improper disposal of fats, oils, and grease, and the flushing of disposables (wipes, paper towels, pharmaceuticals, etc.) such as sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), health hazards, and environmental problems.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please fill out a commitment form and return it to Cassidy Campbell at ccampbell@nctcog.org.



Fleet Discounts on Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Public fleets have an opportunity to get substantial discounts on alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) and infrastructure through Fleets for the Future! Through a unique cooperative procurement process, fleets will benefit from exclusive offers for some of the most popular AFVs on the market. Vehicles include plug-in hybrid sedans; propane, natural gas, and plug-in hybrid pickup trucks, and full electric shuttle buses and cargo vans.

Learn how you can transition your fleet to alternative fuels while saving thousands of dollars in the process by visiting www.fleetsforthefuture.org.



TEXAS ENERGY SUMMIT

Plano to Host Texas Energy Summit

The Texas Energy Summit, is scheduled for November 13-15 in Plano. The summit is an opportunity to learn about strategies for cleaner air, a better built environment, sustainability, and a new energy economy. Local governments stand to benefit by hearing presentations from their peers on a variety of successful initiatives. Register by October 31. For more information, visit <https://catee.tamu.edu>.



NCTCOG's 2017 – 2018 Regional Directory now available!

Member cost: \$25.00

Nonmember cost: \$50.00

For more information, please contact **Alice Webster** at 817-695-9140 or awebster@nctcog.org.

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