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Grant Kick-off Meeting

On February 19 the NJCCC held a kick-off meeting for the recently awarded DOE Grant for Compressed Natural Gas Refuse Trucks, Shuttle Buses and Infrastructure. The grant provides \$15 million of federal "stimulus" funds to a public/private partnership led by the NJCCC to offset the cost of converting heavy-duty fleets from diesel to compressed natural gas, and to install a network of CNG fueling stations. This federal investment catalyzed an additional investment of approximately \$40 million from the project partners and will result in the annual displacement of 1.8 million gallons of petroleum and a reduction of 900,000 pounds of greenhouse gases and identified criteria pollutants. The project is the largest single investment in advanced transportation energy infrastructure and vehicle technology in our state's history.

The meeting, which was held at the offices of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and via the internet, was a great success. Participants in the meeting included Chuck Feinberg of the NJCCC; Erin Russell-Story, Mike Scarpino and Janet Laukaitis of the DOE; as well as representatives from project partners including the City of Newark, Waste Management, Central Jersey Waste, Atlantic City Jitney Association, the ACUA and Clean Energy.

Energy Independence Days

The NJCCC joined approximately 40 other Clean Cities Coalitions from across the country in Washington D.C. earlier this month for the annual Energy Independence Days event. Since 2002, the Transportation Energy Partnership, of which the NJCCC is a member, has been putting together the event to get Clean Cities representatives talking to their legislators and/or key staff members. The keys to the event are bringing coordinators and stakeholders together, educating and exchanging

information about federal policy issues and priorities, communicating directly with legislators about the work we are doing in our communities and states and related transportation energy policy, building broad-based support to help us accomplish our work. Chuck Feinberg was joined by NJCCC members Greg Seher of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and Dean Sloane of Clean Vehicle Solutions in meetings at the offices of **Senator Robert Menendez** and **Representatives Rodney Frelinghuysen, Rush Holt and Albio Sires**. The group also heard a very informative presentation from **Representative Steve Israel**, who is an outspoken advocate and supporter of alternative fuels, advanced technology vehicles and of the Clean Cities program.

News of Interest...

New Jersey Transit Seeks Higher Fares

The following are excerpts from an Associated Press article published March 5, 2010.

James Weinstein, the transit agency's new executive director, recently announced that he'll seek approval from NJ Transit's board to increase fares by 25 percent system-wide and trim service.

"We recognize that any increase is a burden for our customers, particularly during a recession," Weinstein said. "However, we have worked to keep local bus fares below the regional average and preserved some important discounts for seniors and people with disabilities, as well as for students and others who are among the most transit dependent."

NJ Transit plans to eliminate 32 of 725 commuter trains, with at least two trains scheduled for elimination on each of its 11 lines. Weinstein said service would be cut on about 50 bus routes, with arrival times growing by a range of five to 20 minutes in most cases. Three bus routes operated by NJ Transit will be discontinued, as will several local routes operated by private carriers. The Wheels minibus service also will be discontinued in all 21 counties. Light rail customers will see service frequency reductions.

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign, a passenger advocacy group, blasted the agency's plan, saying it will have "a devastating effect" on transit riders. The group also blasted Gov. Chris Christie for cutting the agency's subsidy and "underfunding" mass transit. "(NJ Transit's plan) will force people to pay more for less service and mean longer commutes and more crowded buses and trains," said Zoe Baldwin, the New Jersey advocate for the nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing car dependency in the Garden State, New York and Connecticut.

"Raising fees on transit riders while avoiding raising fees on car or truck drivers is an unbalanced and inequitable way to fund our transportation network," Baldwin said. "These cuts drive economic and environmental progress backward by forcing more people to drive and creating increased hardship for those without cars who have no transportation alternatives."

Report Emphasizes Need to Reduce U.S. Consumption of Petroleum

The price of oil is currently hovering at or over \$80 per barrel, but that doesn't include the potential economic costs to the United States that would be caused by disruptions in oil supply, according to a recent discussion paper by Resources for the Future (RFF), an independent research group. That report estimated the oil security premium for domestically produced oil at about \$2.28 per barrel in 2008, rising to \$4.45 by 2030, in constant 2007 dollars. In contrast, the oil security premium for imported oil starts at about \$4.45 per barrel in 2008 and rises to \$6.82 by 2030. While that analysis suggests that emphasizing domestic oil production over foreign imports has some advantages, the authors note that the security premium is minor compared to the current and future direct costs of oil, which the authors project to increase to more than \$130 per barrel by 2030. Given that high price, the report concludes that the best policy would be to emphasize reductions in U.S. petroleum consumption, regardless of the source of oil. See the summary and paper at <http://www.rff.org/News/Features/Pages/Reassessing-the-Oil-Security-Premium.aspx>.

Blender Pump Financial Support

Growth Energy is now offering funding to retailers to assist in ethanol blender pump infrastructure. Grants of \$2,500 and \$5,000 are now available on a first come, first serve basis to vendors who wish to install new or convert existing equipment for ethanol fueling. These grants are in addition to any Federal or state grants or incentives a retailer may be eligible.

"There are over 8 million flexible fuel vehicles across the country with more being produced in each model year. Unfortunately, of the 161,000 gasoline stations in the U.S. only 2,200 offer E85 where FFVs may fuel up with a high level blend of domestic, renewable fuel such as 85% ethanol . . . another 133 offer mid-level blends," said Growth Energy Market Development VP, Phil Lampert. "Growth Energy is pleased to offer this assistance to retailers across the nation and we hope that they avail themselves of this unique opportunity." For more information, contact Chuck Feinberg at chuck.feinberg@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

DOE Webinar on Electric Vehicles and Hybrids

The DOE Clean Cities program will be hosting a webinar on electric vehicles, Hybrid vehicles and their infrastructure on March 24, 2010 from 1:00-2:30. The webinar will feature advanced technologies, including:

- Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle technologies
- Hybrid electric, pure electric, and hydraulic technologies
- Advanced electric drive technologies and engine technologies
- Advanced energy storage (i.e., batteries) technologies and chemistries
- Advanced climate control, power electronic, and other ancillary systems technologies
- Internal combustion engines burning advanced fuels (i.e., 100% hydrogen and hydrogen/CNG-blended fuels)

Also contributing to this effort is Don Karner, President/CEO of eTEC. eTEC is the project manager for a DOE ARRA grant that includes 40+ project partners that will conduct the largest-ever rollout of electric vehicle infrastructure in the United States. Contact Chuck Feinberg at chuck.feinberg@gmail.com if you are interested and he will provide you the login details.

US Business Council for Sustainable Development

Join the NJCCC at the Midatlantic By Product Synergy Meeting, 9:00AM Tuesday April, 6, 2010 at Bayshore Recycling, Keasbey, NJ. Light refreshments and networking start at 8:30, following the meeting there will be a tour of the Bayshore Recycling and Converters Organic facilities (appropriate safety attire mandatory - rain related attire if required). For more info, contact Edward Russick – GTI, erussick@gti-e.com or 973-630-0990 to confirm reservations and obtain parking pass. Advance registration required.

TransAction 2010

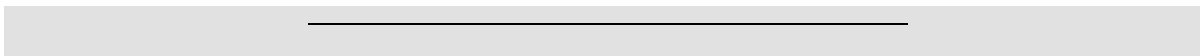
The annual New Jersey Transportation Conference and Expo – “TransAction 2010” will be held at the Tropicanna Hotel, Casino and Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ on April 28th, 29th, and 30th. TransAction 2010 will feature 65 workshop sessions specializing in bus, rail, roads, bridges, goods movement, pedestrian/bicycle, paratransit, community transportation, ports, and much more. The NJCCC has put together a panel discussion on alternative fuels which will feature representatives from NJCCC members: American Bus & Coach, Medford School District, Air & Gas Technologies and eTec.

Highlands Greenfest

Sustainable West Milford is excited to announce the 3rd Annual Highlands Greenfest, scheduled to take place on Saturday May 22nd, 2010, from 10am to 5 pm, at Bubbling Springs Park in West Milford, NJ. LIVE, PROTECT, ENJOY! is the Highlands Greenfest theme, with the goal to educate attendees on how to live more sustainably and enjoy our environment while connecting them with resources that help them to do so. We will help attendees learn how to consume more responsibly by considering where and how the products they purchase are made. We will help them save on living expenses such as heating, electricity, water and transportation fuel while conserving natural resources and supporting clean energy alternatives. For more information, see their website: <http://t.ymlp118.com/uyagamubarauqseafaeym/click.php>

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NJCCC Special Announcement

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Rutgers Day - Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fair

Together with the Center for Advanced Infrastructure & Transportation (CAIT) and the School of Engineering at Rutgers University, the New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition is co-hosting an alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicle fair as part of the annual Rutgers Day festivities. If you have, or have access to, such a vehicle, please arrange to bring it to the Rutgers Busch Campus for display. All vehicles must be signed up in advance, so if you are interested please contact Chuck Feinberg at chuck.feinberg@gmail.com.

Please remember, in addition to being fun this is meant as an educational event, so any promotional material should be geared towards explanations of how the technology works and its benefits over traditional vehicles. Handouts and poster displays are encouraged.

Saturday, April 24, 2010

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Free Admission

Rain or Shine

<http://rutgersday.rutgers.edu/>

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NJCCC Management Support

The Board of Trustees of the NJ Clean Cities Coalition is pleased to announce that it has signed a management support contract with Greener by Design (GbD). Under this contract, Mr. Chuck Feinberg, the new Executive Vice President of GbD, will lead a team to provide a variety of services in support of NJCCC programs, including management of the NJCCC's recently awarded \$15M grant project with the US DOE for deploying a significant Compressed Natural Gas vehicle refueling infrastructure within NJ.

Over the past year, Chuck Feinberg has been instrumental in the development of the NJCCC and in leading the NJCCC's efforts in securing funding through grants and membership growth. Having recently joined GbD, Mr. Feinberg is pleased and excited to continue these services to the NJCCC under the grant and for the continued development of the Coalition. "Expanding GbD's sustainability services portfolio to include an alternative fuels and transportation services practice is a very effective means of furthering the Clean Cities' fundamental goals of displacing petroleum from the transportation sector. I am proud to bring my expertise and passion to this endeavor," said Feinberg, noting that Clean Cities is an effective model for collaboration between the public and private sectors.

GbD brings a comprehensive understanding of the economic and policy underpinnings of a rapidly changing environmental and energy landscape as well as a fresh perspective on how technology, innovation and legislation will influence the market in years to come. GbD President Adam Zellner is the former Policy Director for the State of New Jersey where, among other initiatives, he co-authored the State's Energy Master Plan. Prior to joining the Governor's staff, Adam served as a Deputy

Commissioner at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), was the inaugural Executive Director of the New Jersey Highlands Council and is the former Executive Director of the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth.

The NJ Clean Cities Coalition, A NJ Non-profit Corporation is a 501(c)3 entity dedicated to the displacement of petroleum in the transportation sector through the advancement of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technology in order to increase domestic energy security, enhance economic development and improve regional air quality. As a designated Coalition within the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program, the NJ Clean Cities Coalition is one of approximately 90 similar entities across the US, and the only one in New Jersey. Clean Cities strives to support local decisions to adopt practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption. The NJCCC facilitates the development of public/private partnerships to promote alternative fuels and advanced vehicles, fuel blends, fuel economy, idle reduction, and electric vehicles with associated charging infrastructure.

Upcoming Events

Please join the NJCCC at our upcoming events:

-- an alternative fuel and advanced technology **vehicle fair** at the Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT) at Rutgers Busch Campus on April 24

-- **a panel discussion** on Alternative Fuels Deployment in NJ at the NJ Transportation Action conference in Atlantic City on April 29.

-- the NJCCC is co-sponsoring, along with Government Fleet Magazine, and Clean Cities Coalitions in NY and Connecticut, a presentation by **The 100 Best Fleets in North America™** entitled, "Implementing Best Business Practices: Proven Strategies for What Smart Leaders Do in Difficult Times". This one-of-a-kind seminar will be held April 15 at the Division Of Motor Maintenance in Long Island City, NY.

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