



**Granite State Clean Cities Coalition (GSCCC)
December 2019 *Brief* Newsletter *AND*
2020 Green Your Fleet! Save-the-Date: 06/04/20**

Hi everyone,

As we look back over the year, our Coalition has seen many alternative fuel accomplishments including designating CNG, LPG & EV transportation corridors, many successful events, and the advent of multiple Volkswagen Settlement funding opportunities for alternative fuels.



*I'm excited for what lies ahead!
Happy Holidays to you & yours ~
[Jessica](#)*

**Save-the-Date: 2020 Green Your Fleet!
Thursday, June 4 @ NH Motor Speedway**



Get ready, planning is under way for the 2020 **Green Your Fleet!** Workshop at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Please save Thursday, June 4th from 9AM – 3:30PM for GSCCC's biennial alternative fuel celebration.

Head's up, we will be seeking sponsor/vendor support to help make our 2020 event even better! *Remember our 2018 **Green Your Fleet!** with the Ride-and-Drive on the Racetrack? ... what a day!*

Green Your Fleet! is free of charge and open to all. As we consider themes, topics and other details, we'd like to extend an opportunity for you to provide feedback. Please send your thoughts and ideas to: Jessica.Wilcox@des.nh.gov ~ I look forward to hearing from you!

*Check out our website for prior year *Green Your Fleet!* agendas, presentations & exhibitors: <https://www.granitestatecleancities.nh.gov/happening/workshops.htm>

Good News for Clean Transportation

Passing along some good news being circulated by fellow Clean Cities Coordinators & Transportation Energy Partners:

Clean Transportation Industry Wins Big in Final FY 2020 Spending Bill

The clean transportation energy industry won several big victories this week as the House and Senate reached an agreement on an FY2020 spending bill. The House and Senate passed the bill this week, and the President is expected to sign it into law before the December 20th funding deadline. The bill includes a number of key provisions.

It extends key alternative fuel tax incentives that have been expired since the end of 2017. Specifically, it extends:

- the \$1.00-per-gallon tax credit for biodiesel and biodiesel mixtures, and the small agri-biodiesel producer credit of 10 cents per gallon, retroactively for 2018 and 2019 and prospectively through 2022;
- the alternative fuel excise credit retroactively for 2018 and 2019 and through 2020;
- the alternative fuel infrastructure credit retroactively for 2018 and 2019 and through 2020; and
- the credit for qualified fuel cell vehicles retroactively for 2018 and 2019 and through 2020.

The bill also:

- includes \$40 million for the DOE Clean Cities program – a nearly \$3 million increase over last year;
- includes \$20 million for electric vehicle community partnership projects;
- includes up to \$781 million to fund alternative fuel infrastructure along highway corridors designated by the Department of Transportation;
- includes \$87 million for the EPA Diesel Emission Reduction grants; and
- requires the Federal Highway Administration to approve all clean vehicle projects submitted prior to April 17, 2018, using the previous criteria (final assembly in the United States) and it directs the agency to review and respond to Buy America waiver requests within 60 days of submission

Stay tuned!

Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity: Fiscal Year 2020 Advanced Vehicle Technologies Research

The U.S. Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Office has published a [notice of intent](#) to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) titled "**Fiscal Year 2020 Advanced Vehicle Technologies Research FOA**." The FOA will support a broad portfolio of advanced vehicle technologies that can strengthen national security, enable future economic growth, support American energy dominance, and increase transportation affordability for all Americans. This FOA may include the following topics:

- Lithium-Ion Batteries using Silicon-Based Anode
- Low Cost Electric Traction Drive Systems Using No Heavy Rare Earth Materials
- Utility Managed Smart Charging
- Platinum Group Metals Content Reduction to Enable Cost-Effective Aftertreatment for Gasoline and Diesel Engines
- Improved Efficiency of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Natural Gas and Propane (LPG) Engines
- Energy-Efficient Off-Road Technologies Directly Applicable to Agriculture Sector

and/or Other Off-Road Vehicles

- Lightweight and High-Performance Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Composites for Vehicle Applications
- Energy Efficient Mobility Systems
- Technology Integration
- Transportation and Energy Analysis

The Vehicle Technologies' portfolio includes advanced batteries, electric drive systems; smart charging technologies; energy efficient mobility technologies and systems; advanced combustion engines and fuels; materials for vehicle light-weighting; technology integration, which includes work with the national network of Clean Cities coalitions; and transportation and energy analysis.

Prospective applicants to the FOA should begin developing partnerships, formulating ideas, and gathering data in anticipation of the issuance of this FOA. It is anticipated that this FOA will be posted to the EERE Exchange website in the **January/February 2020 timeframe. GSCCC would be pleased to work with you to develop and submit a project proposal for DOE consideration.**

Thank you for reading – if there's something you'd like to see, say or share drop me a line: Jessica.Wilcox@des.nh.gov

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