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SCAG Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy

On April 4, 2012, the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) unanimously adopted the 2012 – 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and certified the Program Environmental Impact Report. The 25 year plan is an investment plan for the region's economic viability by providing transportation and housing options to meet professional and life style choices while supporting the business community's need to compete nationally and internationally. As part of the RTP/SCS, SCAG included supportive strategies to accelerate fleet conversion to near-zero and zero-emission transportation technologies. A significant expansion of infrastructure is needed throughout the region to accommodate the anticipated increase in alternative fueled vehicles. SCAG's policy with regard to alternative fuels is technology neutral and does not favor any one technology over any other. SCAG's alternative fuel goals are to promote emissions reduction and improved mobility in ways that are effective and cost-effective. For more information on the RTP/SCS, please visit www.scag.ca.gov/RTP2012.

SCAG Clean Cities Project Updates:

SCAG PEV Readiness



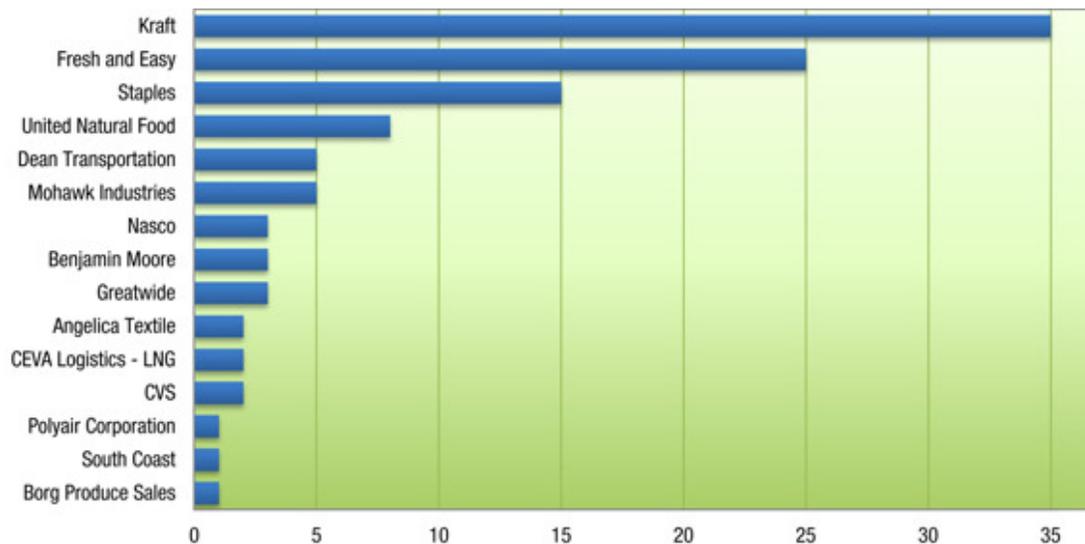
The SCAG Clean Cities Coalition is currently engaged in a collaborative process to prepare Southern California for the forecasted influx of Plug-In Electric Vehicles (PEV), which will reduce air pollution, address AB 32 and SB 375, and attract green businesses to Southern California. Two grants will help fund this important work. The first grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has as its primary purpose the development of a Regional PEV Readiness Plan for Southern California. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) submitted the statewide application in partnership with SCAG, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the California PEV Collaborative, and Clean Cities Coalitions in California. This grant awarded \$1 million to PEV Readiness efforts statewide, with \$300,000 for SCAG. On April 11, 2012, the California Energy Commission unanimously approved another grant for \$200,000 to help SCAG

develop two subregional plans under a regional PEV readiness Plan to determine where best to add PEV charging stations. The two participating subregions are the Western Riverside Council of Governments and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. By the end of 2014, as many as 400,000 PEVs and Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) are forecast to be on the region's roadways. The planning effort will study travel and commute patterns to determine where charging stations are needed to meet this anticipated demand. This cooperative effort includes the South Coast Air Quality Management District,

Southern California Edison, subregions, counties, and cities as well as other public and private stakeholders. SCAG has contracted with the UCLA Luskin Center to develop the plan. If you're interested in participating in this planning process, please contact Jennifer Sarnecki at sarnecki@scag.ca.gov.

SANBAG/Ryder Project Update: Vehicle Placement

As part of the ongoing Clean Cities joint effort, Ryder Inc. continues to deploy low-emission natural gas powered trucks into its Southern California operations network of 1,200 customers representing more than 6,000 commercial trucks. Ryder's customers have begun to access this new equipment through short term rentals, long term leases, or through Ryder's dedicated logistics services- 111 of which have been placed with the firms below:



Funding Opportunities:

2012 DERA RFP is Now Open!

EPA's National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program awards competitive DERA grants to fund projects that reduce emissions from existing diesel engines through a variety of strategies. These strategies include, but are not limited to, emission control and idle reduction technologies; cleaner fuels; engine upgrades or replacements; and/or vehicle or equipment replacements. Under this grant program, funding is restricted to the use of technologies, fuels, and engines that have been verified or certified by EPA or California Air Resources Board (CARB).

For more information on the DERA RFP, including applicant and project eligibility and other details, please visit: www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgnational.htm. To link directly with the DERA RFP, go to: www.epa.gov/air/grants/rfp-epa-oar-otaq-12-05.pdf.

There will be three informational webinars offered. Please attend one of the webinars listed at www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgnational.htm#faq.

During the open RFP process, please submit all questions to the Clean Diesel Help Line via email at cleandiesel@epa.gov.

Energy Department Announces up to \$5 Million to Spur Adoption of Alternative Fuel Vehicles in Communities Nationwide

U.S. Department of Energy recently announced the availability of up to \$5 million to help expand the use of alternative fuel vehicles, including electric vehicles (EVs), in cities and towns across the country. The funding will help cut red tape and streamline permitting processes for homeowners and businesses, provide training for mechanics and first responders, and support community planning to expand fueling infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles.

Proposals are being sought that address four areas that are critical to alternative fuel adoption: 1) Policy Initiatives, 2) Barrier Reduction Initiatives, 3) Safety and Training Initiatives, and 4) Market Development/Outreach Initiatives. The Department strongly encourages organizations to form teams that include one or more active designated Clean Cities coalitions as well as other partners with relevant experience and expertise.

Please find the full solicitation and application on the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's Exchange [by clicking on this link](#).

Upcoming Events

2012 Alternative Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo, May 15-17 in Long Beach, California

ACT Expo is North America's Largest Alternative Fuel and Advanced Vehicle Technologies Event

The 2012 Alternative Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo is North America's largest convergence of stakeholders committed to air quality improvement by reducing emissions from mobile sources, representing an array of clean vehicle technologies for various applications. As an esteemed event partner, the Clean Cities Coalition plays an integral role in making this alternative fuels event a sustainable and ongoing concern within the transportation sector.

ACT Expo's 3-day event agenda will include keynote speakers, plenary and breakout sessions, networking events, technical tours and a ride-and-drive event to familiarize attendees with the economic, energy, and environmental benefits of alternative fuel use. The event will showcase all alternative fuel types including electric, hybrid, hydrogen, natural gas, autogas and renewable fuels. Designed to engage fleets, technology companies, OEMs, fuel providers, infrastructure developers, and policy makers, the ACT Expo will engage thousands of attendees in intense discussion about the rapidly evolving possibility of an alternatively-fueled future. The discussions that take place at ACT Expo 2012 will result in sustainable alternative fuel projects and enduring clean transportation initiatives in the months and years ahead.

For more information about the ACT Expo, visit www.actexpo.com, call (888) 993-0302 or email info@actexpo.com. Visit ACT online at www.facebook.com/ACTExpo and follow us on Twitter, @ACTExpo.

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If you would like to highlight a local project and success stories in future editions of the SCAG Clean Cities newsletter, please contact Matt Horton at (213) 236-1980 or email horton@scag.ca.gov.

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