

HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, February 08, 2023 – 9:30-11:00AM
Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Offices
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027
Virtual Meeting

Overview

- a) The following Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition (H-GCCC) Stakeholders were presented:

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT

TXNG – Heather Ball
METRO – Vincent Sanders
Freedom CNG – Eddie Murray
NGV – Dimitri Tisnoi
MRI – Scott Flukinger

STAFF PRESENT

H-GAC – Andrew DeCandis
H-GAC – Ben Finley
H-GAC – Cassandra Marshall
H-GAC – Ayo Jibowu
H-GAC – Carrie Evans
H-GAC – Craig Raborn
H-GAC – Caroline Bailey
H-GAC – Carlos Lugo
H-GAC – Sanford Klanfer
H-GAC – James Garland
H-GAC – Diane Domagas

OTHERS PRESENT

Highland Electric Buses – Claire Alford

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- b) There were action items on the agenda.
- c) There were a series of information items:
Current Funding Announcements & Updates
- d) The meeting concluded with member announcements.
- e) Visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/> to view the meeting information.

ITEM 1. Introductions (Andrew DeCandis)

- a) Andrew DeCandis, staff, called the meeting to order.
- b) H-GCCC Stakeholders introduced themselves.

ITEM 2. Election of Officers

- **Chair**-Vincent Sanders
- **Vice Chair**-Eddie Murray

ITEM 3. Advisory Committee Members

- Center Point Energy-David Owen
- TXNG-Heather Ball
- MRI-Scott Flukinger

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 4. Highland Electric Transportation Providing Turnkey Electrification Solutions for School Bus Fleets (Claire Alford, Highland Electric Buses)

Claire Alford gave an overview on Highland Electric Buses. She has been there for one year and a half. The company started in 2019. Discussion continued that they are backed by private capitals. They are a leader in public and private school bus models for electrification. In further discussion they have over 375 buses under contract across the United States. It was further mentioned that their goal is to help ease complexities to guarantee reliable electric fleet. They are committed to helping with procurement of buses. Also, to help train bus drivers and maintenance workers so we are not displacing jobs.

In closing, all of this is offered to school systems by a subscription style price. The pay is on an annual cost to us over 10 to 15 years. This allows the school system to plan. We have a competitive market. As interest from school districts continue. It forces the market to get more competitive in what we offer and create better options for our customers.

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ITEM 5. 2022 Clean Cities Annual Survey (Andrew DeCandis, H-GAC)

Andrew discussed the regional survey on alternative fuel usage. Fuel use within our region from a broad range. Discussion continued with how we use an interface to provide the information to DOE. The data collected is from our operations from the previous year which consist of sales, existing idling, and VMT. It was further discussed that we are starting to reach out to previous partners. We are collecting information on fuels for 2022. We hope to receive responses from all participants, no later than March 15. Discussion concluded that any participants interested could help to accurately account for what has been going on.

ITEM 6. Current Funding Announcements & Updates (Ben Finley, H-GAC)

- a) Staff gave an update on the status of available grants and funding announcements available for the programs.

ITEM 7. Announcements of Current & Upcoming Activities

- American Public Transportation Association had a meeting and announced the seminar was dealing with next practices for addressing climate resiliency in public transportation.
- Metro Chief Innovation Officer presented information on what is going on with our climate action plan. Kim gave an update on where we are with Metro. She acknowledged Clean Cities and Metro working together.

ITEM 8. Adjourn Meeting

- a) The next meeting will be May 09, 2023
- b) Meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.