

HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 12:00-1:30PM
Houston- Galveston Area Council of Government Offices
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120,
Houston, Texas 77027
Hybrid Meeting

Overview

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

Chairs

METRO – Vincent Sanders (Chair)

Advisory Board Members

Texas Natural Gas Foundation – Heather Ball

Partners and Stakeholders

Transport Project – Daniel Gage
Morrow Energy – Peter Smith
NoPetro Energy – Kevin Hyatt
Sugarland – Melanie Beaman
Cas Group – Viola Hoxha
Harris County – Arellano Ball
Port Houston– Andy Morgans
Houston– Jennifer Kaufman
Environmental Protection Agency –
Tiffany Mo
Olsson – Brian Marshall
Republic Services– Alexandria Griffin
Wing Fuel Systems – Frank Ziegler
Clean Energy Fuels– Emelia Torlai
Fort Bend County–Thomas Kuczynski
Rice University –Kristianna Bowles
Texas Hydrogen Alliance–Susan
Shifflett
Onegas–Dayna L Bolger
University of Houston-Central–Joseph
B. Powell
Zeem Solutions–Alma Pacheco
Houston–Sheldon Daisley
Outreach Strategists–Haris Khan
Harbinger Motors–Colin Lay
SavageCo–Tyler Flynn
TRC Companies–Fernando Ochoa
Servin
GCTDTX–Marcus Alexander
EE Partnership–Shaun Auckland

Coalition and H-GAC Staff

H-GAC – J. Ben Finley
H-GAC – Cassandra Marshall
H-GAC – Vinny Polignano

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- a) There were no action items on the agenda.
- b) There was a series of information items:
 - Item 1: Introductions
 - Item 2: Clean Cities Program Update
 - Item 3: Presentations
 - Item 4: Current Grant Funding Announcement
 - Item 5: Announcements
 - Item 6: Adjourn Meeting
- c) Visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/> to view the meeting information.

ITEM 1: Introductions

- a) Vinny Polignano welcomed participants to the Clean Cities Coalition meeting and led introductions among attendees.
- b) H-GCCC Stakeholders introduced themselves.

ITEM 2: Clean Cities Program Update

The meeting included an update on the coalition’s recently executed contract with the U.S. Department of Energy and the development of a draft Project Management Plan (PMP) outlining the coalition’s responsibilities and planned activities under the Clean Cities and Communities Program. Staff reviewed upcoming priorities including strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, emissions tracking, grant assistance, NEVI planning participation, technical outreach, and improvements to reporting and compliance processes required by DOE. The presentations also emphasized the importance of stakeholder involvement in reviewing the draft PMP, participating in coalition events and tours, and supporting regional efforts to advance alternative fuel technologies, transportation emission reductions, and collaborative planning initiatives.

ITEM 3: Presentations

- a) **Renewal Natural Gas- The Right Solution Right Now-Daniel Gage, President-The Transport Project**

The meeting featured a presentation by Daniel Gage from the Transport Project, who discussed the growing role of renewable natural gas (RNG) in the commercial transportation sector. He highlighted that approximately 94% of natural gas used as motor fuel now comes from renewable sources and emphasized the environmental and economic benefits of RNG, including significant greenhouse gas reductions, stable fuel pricing, and

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expanding adoption among refuse, transit, and freight fleets. The presentation also covered advancements in natural gas engine technology, nationwide fueling infrastructure, federal and state regulatory developments, available tax incentives, and safety resources for fleets operating natural gas vehicles. Attendees were encouraged to utilize the Transport Projects resources center, participate in upcoming industry events, and continue supporting alternative fuel initiatives that promote cleaner and more cost-effective transportation solutions.

- b) **Blue Ridge Renewables-Terry Tandy, Environmental Manager-Republic Services**
Representatives from Blue Ridge Landfill and Morrow Energy presented an overview of the renewable natural gas (RNG) production process at the Blue Ridge facility, highlighting how landfill waste is converted into pipeline-quality natural gas for transportation use. They explained the landfill gas collection system, methane generation process, and the technologies used to treat and refine landfill gas into renewable energy. They also discussed the importance of continuous monitoring and maintenance to ensure efficient gas recovery and environmental protection. The presentation emphasized the facility's operational reliability, economic impact through local job creation, and environmental benefits, including significant greenhouse gas reductions while supplying RNG primarily to the transportation sector.
- c) **No Petro Energy-and RNG Transportation, Kevin Hyatt-Energy Asset Development Specialist**
Kevin Hyatt, a representative from No Petro Energy, presented on the company's renewable natural gas (RNG) operations and the expanding use of RNG as a sustainable transportation fuel for municipal fleets, school buses, waste collection vehicles, and commercial trucking. Hyatt discussed the company's experience in RNG production, fueling infrastructure, and vehicle deployment while highlighting the economic and operational benefits of RNG, including lower fuel cost volatility, competitive total cost of ownership, and growing infrastructure availability. The presentation also addressed advancements in heavy duty natural gas engine technology, increasing RNG supply capacity, and opportunities to support broader adoption through state incentive programs and modification to current grant requirements related to diesel vehicle replacement.

ITEM 4. Current Grant Funding Announcements & Updates.J. Ben Finley, HGCCC

Staff announced regarding current funding opportunities the continued availability of Volkswagen mitigation funds, which are anticipated to be focused on electric vehicle initiatives moving forward.

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ITEM 5. Announcements:

Attendees were invited to share organizational announcements, upcoming projects, and related activities, fostering collaboration and information sharing among stakeholders involved in alternative fuel, transportation, and environmental initiatives.

ITEM 6. Adjourn Meeting

The next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 P.M.