

Corinth Becomes 5th North Texas SolSmart City



The City of Corinth has signed on as the fifth SolSmart city in the North Central Texas region, NCTCOG recently announced. SolSmart is a national program through which technical advisors work with municipalities to reduce solar soft costs and adopt solar friendly policies. Through participation, cities are sending the solar market a signal that they are "open for business" and can receive national recognition for their efforts.

If your city would like to join the cities of Plano, Kennedale, Cedar Hill, Denton, and Corinth as the region's solar leaders visit www.GoSolarTexas.org/solsmart for more information.

TMDL 4th Quarter Newsletter is Now Available

In the newsletter, you'll find what's happening in the TMDL Program this quarter, new NCTCOG resources, outreach campaigns, upcoming training opportunities and workshops! The newsletter can be found on our website or by visiting this link: www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/wq/tmdl/FourthQuarterlyNewsletter.pdf.



Texas Stream Team

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Texas Stream Team (TST) have partnered to expand the TST's Citizen Scientist program in the North Texas region. The Citizen Scientist program seeks to increase public knowledge of water quality issues and non-point source pollution across the state through water quality monitoring, data collection and analysis, and related educational programs. In 2016 alone, citizen scientists monitored over 270 quality sites. For more information about this program, including how to become a volunteer and the training schedule, please visit this website: www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEclean/wq/streamteam.asp.



Fleet Discounts on Alternative Fuel Vehicles!

North Texas public fleets have an opportunity to get substantial discounts on alternative fuel vehicles. NCTCOG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Fleets for the Future, a regional cooperative to assist with the procurement of alternative fuel vehicles.

The RFP focuses on four AFV platforms including:

- Propane half-ton pick-up trucks
- PHEV compact sedans
- Plug-in hybrid electric half-ton pick-up trucks
- Electric subcompact sedans

The NCTCOG Executive Board is scheduled to consider the RFP at the end of October. Vehicle orders would be able to be placed soon after Executive Board approval. Learn how your fleet can participate and benefit from this unique regional procurement process by visiting www.nctcog.org/f4f.

Public Input Needed on Transportation Priorities

The first survey for Mobility 2045 will remain open until Friday, Sept. 15. Planners are seeking input on transportation behavior and challenges as well as long-term priorities. Take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/m2045. Print copies will be mailed upon request.

Mobility 2045 is the next long-term transportation plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth region. The plan will define a 27-year vision for the region's multimodal transportation system, guide spending of federal and state transportation funds, and address air quality and quality of life issues. Draft recommendations are expected to be available in spring 2018, and RTC action is expected in summer 2018. Learn more at www.nctcog.org/mobility2045.

Breathe Cleaner with Idle Free School Zones

As school gets underway, NCTCOG asks parents and school districts alike to keep their eyes open for long lines of idling vehicles at school campuses. NCTCOG will be looking for school districts and specific campuses to team up with for an Idle Free School Zones project, which will focus on implementing idle reduction strategies in parent pick-up/drop-off zones. Student educational components will also be developed. The goal is to ultimately reduce harmful air pollutants around each campus. Respond to AQfunding@nctcog.org by September 30 to recommend school districts or campuses that would benefit from this unique and educational opportunity.

PETF Educators Toolbox

With the help of the Regional Stormwater Program's Public Education Task Force, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has compiled a list of helpful links for environmental educators related to stormwater issues. It currently contains resources for at school children, and NCTCOG will be adding more content related to commercial business, residents, and the general public. The resources can be filtered by grade level, topic, resource type, and locality. To take a look at the "toolbox" please visit: www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEClean/stormwater/program-areas/public_education/toolbox.asp.

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Cost Share Commitment Response Forms

We are now accepting Cost Share Commitment Response Forms electronically for both the Regional Stormwater Management and Public Works programs! To sign-up or view the full work program and benefits brochures, please visit the Public Works page at www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEDevEx/pubworks/Cost_Shares/Cost_Shares.asp and Regional Stormwater Management page at www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEClean/stormwater/Cost_Shares/Cost_Shares.asp.



Summer 2017 Mobility Matters Newsletter Available

The latest issue of Mobility Matters, the NCTCOG Transportation Department's semiannual newsletter, is available in print and online. The summer 2017 newsletter includes articles about Safe Routes to School, transit oriented development, Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District Engineer Kelly Selman and more. Read it online at www.nctcog.org/mobilitymatters. For printed copies, contact Brian Wilson at bwilson@nctcog.org.

Construction Best Practices Training

The North Central Texas Council of Governments' Public Works Council (PWC) is offering a one-day Construction Best Practices Training on October 3, 2017. Topics to be covered will include: planning and scheduling, safety and traffic control, communication, documentation, and partnering involved with construction best practices. The training is free but registration is required with an option to purchase lunch. Please visit our registration page to sign up. www.nctcog.org/envir/registration.asp?EventID=539

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