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Peachtree Corners Hosts Georgia Clean Energy Roadshow 2021

On Tuesday, October 5, 2021, the City of Peachtree Corners hosted the first 2021 Georgia Clean Energy Roadshow event. The roadshow program consists of three free half-day events, that combine an outdoor commercial vehicle showcase and an educational seminar. The program brings together propane, natural gas and electric vehicle manufacturers with fleet managers and elected officials from across Georgia.

The Roadshow was hosted by Founder and Georgia Public Service Commission Vice Chairman Tim Echols. Initially started in 2010, the event was originally conceived to bring together a group of experts to discuss the challenges associated with integrating new fuel technologies into fleets for government, transportation, and business.

The Roadshow's mission is to educate business and government leaders--and the public-- about the environmental and economic benefits of alternatively fueled fleets and to connect them with the utilities, suppliers, and funding resources who will help them plan for low and zero emissions.

The event began with opening remarks presented by Echols and Peachtree Corners City Manager Brian Johnson. "We were honored to be the host site for the 11th Annual Clean Energy Roadshow, put on by Commissioner Tim Echols," said Johnson. "Peachtree Corners commitment to sustainability and its vision and support of the electrification of vehicles made us an ideal location for this great initiative, which highlighted the newest clean energy vehicles available to consumers and businesses. We look forward to working with Commissioner Echols in making Georgia one of the leading clean energy states in the country."

The agenda included the following discussion panels:

- **Utilities and Suppliers (Electric, Propane, Natural Gas, Activated Carbon)** – Georgia Power, Atlanta Gas Light, Alliance Autogas, Ingevity
- **Funding Resources and Opportunities** – Clean Cities Georgia, Electrification Coalition,
- **Small Wheel Utility Trucks and Class 1-2 Vehicles** – Club Car, KIA
- **Class 3-8 Vehicles** – Blue Bird, Alliance Autogas, Peach State Trucks, Endera, Cummins

“The solution to the energy crisis is not one particular type of fuel, but a diverse mix of fuels,” said Echols. “Having a fleet that runs on different types of fuels may be the best way deal with this and we want to help evaluate all these technologies.”

As part of the event, several vehicles were displayed at the venue. These vehicles included the Blue-Bird EV and the Thomas Built Joule EV School buses and represented the first time both vehicles had been displayed in Georgia. Additionally, attendees were able to have hands activity with the Olli Autonomous Shuttle, Autonom shuttle by Navya, Club Car Current™ Electric Small Wheel Utility Vehicle, KIA Nero Electric Vehicle, Ford F-150 with Ingevity Adsorbed CNG system, F-450 service truck with Propane Autogas and the Waste Management Class 8 CNG Refuse Hauler.

The event concluded with a tour of Peachtree Corners Curiosity Lab, led by Assistant City Manager Brando Branham. The Curiosity Lab is a 5G-enabled autonomous vehicle and smart city living laboratory featuring the Olli Autonomous shuttle by Local Motors and the Autonom shuttle by Navya.

“The Clean Energy Roadshow has been focused on introducing people to all these alternative fuels. To help them see how they work, pluses, minuses, best duty cycle, worst duty cycle and total cost of operation,” said Echols. “It is a great thing to help fleets, cities and counties to be able to make good decisions with taxpayer money in order to save money in the future and meet their particular clean energy goals.”

The events are sponsored by Nissan USA, Georgia Power Company, Southern Company Gas, Energy + Environment, Georgia Municipal Gas Authority, EFACEC USA, Liberty Utilities, Wade Ford, Hannah Solar, Clipper Creek, Sierra Club, Gas South, GG Chevy Volt, Clean Cities, Blue-Bird and Conger LP Gas.