

Drive Clean Indiana TPC Report | April 5, 2022

- 1. INDOT announces request for information to inform state electric vehicle charging infrastructure deployment plan:** The [Indiana Department of Transportation](#), in partnership with the [Indiana Office of Energy Development](#) (OED), announced yesterday that it has issued a request for information (RFI) to inform development of the state's electric vehicle (EV) implementation plan. Indiana will soon receive [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure](#) (NEVI) formula funds to invest in electric vehicle charging stations along the state's federally designated [alternative fuel corridors](#). Indiana's interstates have been designated as AFC's and under the NEVI program must have infrastructure installed first. Corridor infrastructure must adhere to [guidelines](#) set by the [USDOT/USDOT Joint Office](#) for charger efficiency, location, and accessibility. In preparation to deploy EV charging infrastructure through the NEVI funding, the state is developing a federally-required State EV Implementation Plan. RFI responses and the State EV Implementation Plan will guide the state's NEVI funding deployment and evaluation of competitive grant opportunities. Click [here](#) to view the RFI opportunity. INDOT will accept RFI questions until 5 p.m. ET on Monday, April 11 and will post questions and answers [online](#) by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, April 15. RFI responses are due by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, April 29. RFI questions and responses may be sent to EVchargingRFI@indot.in.gov. INDOT and OED will offer additional public comment opportunities through in person and online meetings during the plan development process. Details on meeting opportunities will be shared on the program [webpage](#). The state expects to submit the State EV Implementation Plan for federal review by August 1, 2022. Feel free to contact us at Drive Clean Indiana with any questions.
- 2. Crown Point Community School Corp. adds electric bus:** Crown Point Community School Corporation recently added an electric school bus to its fleet, making it the first district in Northwest Indiana with the technology. The fully electric school bus – bus #EV63 -- was purchased with the help of grant funds acquired in partnership with Drive Clean Indiana. The electric school bus was purchased from Kerlin Bus Sales in Silver Lake, Indiana in an effort to support Hoosier businesses through the project. The bus has also been used as a teaching tool for students at Crown Point High School's Advanced Auto Class. We had a joint press release go out on the new bus in March & got some great

press. This was all done through the NIRPC Green Fleet Program, which Drive Clean Indiana administers.

- 3. Prepare for Clean School Bus funding from the U.S. EPA:** The U.S. EPA anticipates it will begin accepting applications for Clean School Bus Rebates in late April 2022. The EPA is recommending school districts take steps now to prepare to apply for the program and other future funding opportunities. Contact us at Drive Clean Indiana for details if you're interested.
- 4. Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Accepting Applications:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced the opportunity to apply for \$1.1 billion in competitive grants under the 2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program and approximately \$372 million in funds under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. Low or No Emission Grant Program funds will be awarded competitively for the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies for transit revenue operations, including related equipment or facilities. Buses and Bus Facilities Program funds will be awarded competitively to assist in the financing of capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment, and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities. Applications are due May 31. You can contact us at Drive Clean Indiana for more information.
- 5. Partners for Clean Air Awards Luncheon:** The Partners for Clean Air Awards & Luncheon is scheduled for Earth Day, Friday, April 22 at the Hammond Marina. The keynote speaker will be Matthew Stuckey from IDEM and Anthony Maietta from U.S. EPA Region 5. The event is free but registration is required. Register online at the DCI Website here: <https://bit.ly/3IyA8VK>. I will be speaking at the EMPC meeting this Thursday about Partners for Clean Air and encouraging everyone to become members. In the late 90s and early 2000s, nearly every NWI municipality was a member. Membership is annual and there are free options. We're hoping to encourage communities to again get on board with membership in Partners for Clean Air and to pledge to take voluntary action on Air Quality Action Days, which start May 1. You can contact me or Chuck Breitenfeldt at IDEM for details on how to get involved.