

South Shore Clean Cities TPC Report

Jan. 11, 2022

1. **Indiana VW Dieselwise with DERA option grants:** South Shore Clean Cities submitted Indiana Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund Dieselwise with DERA option grant applications for our members and partners, which were due Dec. 17. We submitted six applications totaling \$1.2 million for the NIRPC region. We'll keep you posted on awards.
2. **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Installed:** Level 2 charging stations acquired through the VW grant program are beginning to be installed in the NIRPC region, including two in highland, one in Munster and one in Merrillville. SSCC wrote the grant applications for these through our partnership with NIRPC.
3. **Town of La Porte Nissan LEAF:** Mayor Dermody and other City of La Porte departments recently demoed the all-electric Nissan LEAF through a partnership with South Shore Clean Cities and Nissan. You can read about it in a story in The Times: <https://bit.ly/3nyVU3J>.
4. **U.S. EPA DERA Grants:** The U.S. EPA Diesel Emission Reduction Act grants are usually released right around this time. Last year they were released on Jan. 14. We haven't heard anything just yet but we'll be sure to let folks know when they are available for applications.
5. **EMPOWER Grant:** South Shore Clean Cities is among the participants in a recently awarded U.S. Department of Energy Vehicle Technologies Office electric vehicle workplace charging grant. The project is dubbed EMPOWER – Equitable Mobility Powering Opportunities for Workplace Electrification Readiness. This project includes 30 U.S. DOE Clean Cities Coalitions as a large workforce that will lead the boots-on-the-ground implementation of a new national workplace charging alliance. NIPSCO is also a partner on this project. The work will begin with a year's convening of diverse transportation electrification representatives that will share experience, listen and craft a program that will encourage participation by workplaces in diverse communities across America. Stay tuned for more on this.
6. **Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technologies Webinar:** Join [South Shore Clean Cities](#) and [Wisconsin Clean Cities](#) for the 2022 Winter Webinar Series. The series kicks off with the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 from 10 a.m. to

11 a.m. Learn how hydrogen and fuel cell technologies are adding to the sustainable transportation mix. Hear from companies and organizations working to advance the adoption of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies and what trends to expect in 2022.

Scheduled speakers include:

Ted Barnes, Director – Transportation Group, [Gas Technology Institute](#)

Rob Harvey, Director – Energy Infrastructure for Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Technologies, [Cummins, Inc.](#)

Sam Sprik, Researcher V-Mechanical Engineering, [National Renewable Energy Laboratory](#)

Frank Wolak, President & CEO, [Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association](#)

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3f7c5Aj>

7. **Partners for Clean Air Scholarships:** The 2022 Partners for Clean Air Scholarship program is now accepting applications from qualified seniors in Lake, Porter & LaPorte counties. Up to three scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded. The deadline is March 7. More information: <https://bit.ly/3r4SGWn>
8. **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. Registration will be opening soon so save the date.
9. **South Shore Clean Cities rebranding:** As part of South Shore Clean Cities' designation by the U.S. Department of Energy as a statewide Clean Cities Coalition, our organization will be going through a rebranding with a new name. The new logo and name will be announced very soon so stay tuned for that.