

## **Drive Clean Indiana TPC Report | May 3, 2022**

- 1. Indiana Clean School Bus Webinar:** On this Thursday, May 5 at 8 a.m. we are hosting a Webinar for Indiana school districts with the Indiana Department of Education, IDEM and U.S. EPA. Hear from our partners at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency about upcoming funding opportunities and learn how Drive Clean Indiana can help you get ready for funding opportunities for clean school buses. Hear from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management about past successes with school bus funding projects. The Webinar is free, but registration is required. Register here: <https://drivecleanindiana.org/event/may-5-2022-indiana-clean-school-bus-webinar/>

Scheduled speakers include:

- Carl Lisek, Executive Director, Drive Clean Indiana
- Shawn Seals, Senior Environmental Manager, Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Anthony Maietta, Life Scientist, Region 5 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Air and Radiation Division
- Michael LaRocco, Director of School Transportation, Indiana Department of Education

- 2. City of Hobart's new CNG vehicles:** We celebrated with the City of Hobart on April 12 when they welcomed four new compressed natural gas refuse trucks to their fleet. We were pleased to assist in their acquisition through the NIRPC Green Fleet program and Indiana VW grant funds. CNG is about 70 cents per gasoline gallon equivalent and produces 90% fewer emissions than diesel. Story in Chicago Tribune here: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/ct-ptb-hobart-cng-trucks-st-0413-20220412-jaocnestxrc7rbva5pazjzsoqa-story.html>

**3. NWI Partners for Clean Air Awards & Scholarships:** We were pleased to assist in the NWI Partners for Clean Air Awards Luncheon on Earth Day. DCI sits on the Steering Committee & Scholarship Committee in our capacity with NIRPC's Clean Air programs. Awards were given to Homewood Disposal, the City of Highland Redevelopment Commission, Feralloy Corporation and Trek Bicycle of Schererville. The partners also awarded three 2,500 scholarships to local high school seniors to help support their college efforts, bringing the total amount of scholarship dollars awarded to \$20,000 since the program began in 2020. I'd like to encourage all of you to become Partners for Clean Air members. The program is free at the two lowest levels and involves taking simple voluntary actions on Air Quality Action Days to reduce your impact, things you likely already do. You can see me for more details or go to <https://www.in.gov/idem/partnerships/partners-for-clean-air/>.

**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. Seeking summer data analysis intern:** DCI is seeking applications for a paid summer fleet analysis internship. This is a full-time, 40-hour per week position for 10 weeks in our office in St. John. Pay for the summer ranges from \$4,800 for undergrads to \$6,000 for graduate students. Please contact me for details or go online at [www.drivecleanindiana.org](http://www.drivecleanindiana.org) for more info.

6. **Green Fleet Program:** Working with a variety of municipalities through the Green Fleet program to pursue upcoming funding opportunities. Contact us to get involved or get more info at [www.drivecleanindiana.org](http://www.drivecleanindiana.org).
7. **Annual Conference & Expo:** Again planning Drive Clean Indiana Conference & Expo (August 9) at Blue Chip. Save the date.
8. **Clean Air golf Outing:** Will be on September 20, 2022 at White Hawk Country Club in Crown Point. Save the date.