

South Shore Clean Cities NIRPC TPC Report

September 14, 2021

1. **IDEM VW Program:** The IDEM Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund Committee is meeting right now. Among the agenda items are the Round 3 Onroad-Nonroad Project scoring and selection and the Statewide Electric Vehicle Education, Outreach, and Marketing solicitation and award recommendation. You may recall IDEM initially recommended SSCC for that role but the committee decided it should go out for a full solicitation so we applied and are hopeful we will be selected. SSCC submitted nine grant requests for Round 3 through the NIRPC Green Fleet program to replace 55 diesel vehicles with alternative fuel vehicles. The total request was for more than \$5.4 million for projects totaling more than \$17.1 million. The project requests were:

- Bulkmatic Transportation: (1) Class 8 electric truck
- City of Hobart: (5) CNG vehicle replacements
- City of Portage: (7) CNG vehicle replacements
- Homewood Disposal (Gary): (5) CNG refuse vehicle replacements
- Lake Central School Corporation: (10) propane school bus replacements
- Michigan City Area Schools: (8) propane school bus replacements
- School City of Hammond: (12) propane school bus replacements
- School Town of Munster: (2) electric school bus replacements
- Scrap Metal Services (SMS) (Port of Indiana): (5) electric equipment replacements

2. **Micromobility:** South Shore Clean Cities Executive Director Carl Lisek presented on a Webinar with NIRPC on Tuesday, Aug. 31 on micromobility. Carl partnered with Mitch Barloga to present details on best practices for planning, safety concerns, case studies from other major U.S. cities what have implemented micromobility programs and information on the best way to achieve emissions reductions. The top take away was cities with successful programs have paired the various transportation modes – e-scooters, bikes, etc. – with existing transit stations. The recording is on the [NIRPC](#)

[YouTube channel](#) and the SSCC Website. Please contact our office or Mitch if you have additional questions.

3. **NWI Clean Air Website:** SSCC is working with NIRPC to develop a NWI Clean Air Website to serve as a clearinghouse for information on all clean air programs in the Region supported by NIRPC, such as the Green Fleet Program, Partners for Clean Air, the Region Man campaign, etc. We are working on the design and content and hope to make it live this fall.
4. **Sustainable Solutions Conference & Expo:** SSCC is co-hosting the Sustainable Solutions Conference & Expo Oct. 26 at the Century Center in South Bend with the City of South Bend Office of Sustainability & the Michiana Area Council of Governments. Attendees can hear from experts in sessions on cleaner fleets, greener buildings and managing sustainability initiatives. We'll have exhibit booths & indoor vehicle displays as well. This is a great event for financial, operations, facilities & fleet managers at public, private & nonprofit organizations of all sizes. [Register on the SSCC Website](#) or contact me directly with questions.
5. **Golf Outing:** I know some of you are registered for our annual Clean Air Golf Outing one week from today. We are looking forward to seeing you there! We are at capacity and no longer accepting registrations.