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## ***Nation's longest electric highway stretches from Eugene to Central Point***

Southern Oregon will soon boast the nation's longest electric vehicle highway. Two charging stations installed at the Fairground Chevron, 1510 East Pine Street, Central Point, provide a 186-mile stretch of electric fuel pumps at intervals of 30 to 50 miles, said Rick Wallace, Biofuels Coordinator and Policy Analyst in the Renewables Division of the Oregon Department of Energy. The Central Point station has a DC Fast Charge Station capable of charging a Nissan Leaf or Ford Focus 80 percent full in 26 minutes. There is also an EVSE-RS charging dock for all SAE J1772-compliant vehicles and plug-in hybrid models such as the Chevrolet Volt, with a charging time of 4-6 hours. The Fairground Chevron in Central Point is the first of several ODOT-funded stations planned for



**News Conference:** *Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition will co-sponsor a news conference and demonstration of the new charging stations in Central Point in January. Trish Bunsen, of ODE, and Ashley Horvat, of ODOT, left, visited the site last month. Watch the website for the event date and time. [www.roguevalleycleancities.org](http://www.roguevalleycleancities.org)*

Southern Oregon, including in Wolf Creek and Ashland. "People will be able to travel someday soon from Washington to California without using a drop of gasoline," said Ashley Horvat, project analyst for ODOT.

## **Clean Cities predicts 1 million electric vehicles in US by 2015**

*By Sue Kupillas, Coordinator, Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition*



*Sue Kupillas was one of 90 coalition leaders giving presentations at the DOE Clean Cities Regional Peer Exchange last month.*

Downtown Dallas Texas was warm and sunny for the Clean Cities Regional Peer Exchange November 14-18. Coordinators learned that a current goal is to deploy one million electric vehicles by the year 2015. In June at the Stake-

holders Summit in Indianapolis, we learned that 12 national fleets have signed on to the National Clean Fleets program giving them access to key resources and relationships that will help accelerate adoption of more efficient driving and clean vehicles for use across the nation. Among those joining were Coca-Cola with 10,000 trained in eco-driving were Enterprise Holdings which includes Enterprise car rentals offering Chevy Volts and Nissan Leafs, GE, Staples, Ryder and Osram Sylvania. They followed the first joiners PepsiCo, Frito Lay, AT&T, FedEx and UPS announced by President Obama earlier this year. GE working with other partners will aim to deploy 25,000 PEV by 2015, helping meet the national goal. Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition is a partner in a broad coalition in Oregon including the Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition working on the plan to deploy 30,000 PEVs by 2015. With this kind of momentum the goal of one million PEVs by 2015 seems possible.

At the Dallas Peer Exchange, coordinators heard about the political wrangling in Congress which threatened to eliminate the Clean Cities program in the Department Of Energy budget. As a result,

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the 3-tier Clean Cities program adopted in 2010 was reduced to a one-tier level in 2012 and the grant decreased. The factors that helped save the Clean Cities program through the political in-fighting were the coalition Annual Operating Plans and the metrics from the Annual Report. These reports showed a significant petroleum reduction as coalitions reported on conversion of fleets to alternative fuels and plans for 2012 reductions. Many members of Congress were using the reports from coalitions to determine their level of support. It was emphasized by Clean Cities leadership how important it is to develop accurate and complete information for the required reports.

The new improved information available on the web was introduced including the 2012 Fuel Economy Guide developed by Oak Ridge National Lab, which allows a person to compare automobiles. Log on to [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov) and you can do a comparative analysis of several cars. The tool gives you the gas and money savings over a year. A user can see the top ten and best class lists of vehicles and have the comparison calculated. New handbooks called Commercial Lawn Mower Guide and the 2012 Electric Vehicle Guide for Consumers are now available.



To view the presentations by Clean Cities Coalitions, go to the website: [http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/proceedings/11/clean\\_cities/](http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/proceedings/11/clean_cities/)

Coordinators learned that there are 53 videos from coalitions across the US under Clean Cities TV that can be linked to individual coalition websites. They include First Responder Training, Coordinator Training and Home Charger Installation Guide. There is a petroleum reduction planning tool on the Alternative Fuel & Advanced Vehicles Data Center (AFDC) web site, [www.afdc.energy.gov](http://www.afdc.energy.gov). This allows the user to compare fuel use and efficiency of light and heavy duty alternative fuel vehicles. This will help fleet managers make decisions about their fleets. The user can view case studies, share content, data visualization and mobile touch response. Argonne National Labs is working on idling reduction tools and developed a campaign in a box to help deploy the new technologies.

In addition to the information-jammed sessions, the breakout sessions proved to be the most useful and interesting. Coordinators from each region could see how all the new tools and technologies were deployed in each of the 18 coalitions in the Northwest Region, one of six regions in the United States. This was an opportunity for the coordinators to talk about completed projects, successes, what didn't work and lessons learned. Coordinators could share experiences through question and answers. The presentations were colorful and creative. Salt Lake City even had a video of a children's choir singing a song they had composed about alternative fuels as they cut the ribbon on a newly installed fueling station.

Coordinators used "lunch on your own" to meet with fellow coordinators, making the most of the time for more in depth discussions. I had the privilege of dining with Robin Erickson, Coordinator for Salt Lake City, Utah, Beth Baird, Treasure Valley Clean Cities, Boise, Idaho, and Phil Cameron, Yellowstone-Teton Clean Energy Coalition in Jackson, Wyoming. Robin was just inducted into the Clean Cities Hall of Fame recognizing her diligent work on comprehensive programs in Utah; Beth was honored because she showed the biggest fuel reduction in the United States; Phil has one of the biggest territories with the fewest people but in two national parks (with wolves). We compared notes on what was working and what needed improvement in each of our coalitions. That was a very lively lunch.

The motivated, informed coordinators, researchers and tech providers met for a very productive and informative three and one half days in Dallas. There were quite a few new coordinators so that many of us found ourselves in the role of mentors. While I didn't see much of the City of Dallas, I did leave with a much clearer view of the bright future of alternative fuels and energy independence.

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**FLEET SURVEY CONTINUES IN 2012: Mike Quilty, fleet outreach manager for Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition, will continue meeting with public and private fleet managers to conduct surveys in 2012. If you would like to schedule a visit with Mike Quilty, call him at 541-621-4853 or email [mikeq@roguevalleycleancities.org](mailto:mikeq@roguevalleycleancities.org).**