

CCFC Core Stakeholder Meeting

June 1, 2006

9:30 – 11:30

ATTENDEES

Daryl Parker
Daniel Nuckolls
Grady Truett
David Friday
Sarah Niess
Jason Wager

MINUTES

ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

City of Concord (Daniel Nuckolls)

Three CMAQ projects currently underway:

- Transit Saturday service will be offered
- The City is in the process of purchasing two GEMs for the police force (to replace existing gas powered vehicles)
- Biodiesel pumping station will be built at the new fire station and the City hopes to be using B-20 in its entire diesel fleet by the end of the year (200 vehicles). This facility will be combined with a staging area on the west side of town located near I-85.
- The City will also fill its 10,000 gallons transit tank with B-20 as well

Darryl Parker:

- Working to support locally produced foods to promote local sustainability
- Acquired half of a Matthews-Mint Hill magazine with circulation of 20,000 that will promote local sustainability and rural lifestyles.
- Would like to expand focus to consumer level (not just fleets) about alternative fuels

Gaston County Schools (Grady Truett)

- Continuing work on biodiesel project
- Converting old County garage into new biodiesel production facility. Will be able to produce 1,000 gallon batches – and hope to do two batches a day. Goal next year is 60,000 gallons of B-100. Heating source for the facility will be a boiler that will run B100. Also will have 80,000 gallons of storage for the fuel and several 1000 gallons of storage for the oil coming in. Trying to reduce cost of methanol by buying in bulk.
- Purchased 300 gallon containers to collect oil at recycling centers and have 1,000 gallon fueling tank truck from the state to collect oil
- Waiting to hear whether will be a demonstration project and receive funds from the state (will hear by the end of the month).

- Hope to get \$0.50 excise tax back – spent \$20,000 in equipment this year and have not hired any personnel
- Consider providing 11 schools with heating biofuel oil.
- Probably will not go over B-80 for fueling buses.
- Grady is building a small production facility at his home

City of Charlotte (David Friday)

- Fuel contract being renewed (3 year contract plus 2 additional years) with Fuelman. City moving away from centralized fueling to reduce time/cost spent driving to a fueling depot.
- Only City depots left are for fire/emergency vehicles – 14 days of storage. Fuelman contracts to delivery fuel to these depots.
- In contract, City specified ethanol and biodiesel will be provided when the City decides it wants to use these biofuels.
- Several departments have adopted idle reduction policies – police and solid waste services both have policies
- The City did a 9 month biodiesel test with 64 vehicles with the street maintenance department. Started with B-5 and ramped up to B-20 and had no issues. Stopped using B-20 because of costs. Average age of vehicles was probably 5 years old. Based on test feel comfortable recommending the fuel. Goal is to have all diesel vehicles using B-5.
- Recommending to fire department to convert to B-5 and then ramp up.
- Four stations (all Ray Thomas) accept Fuelman. City pays one price (OPUS) each week at all stations in the region.
- City involved in Ozone Action Days – asking all city employees to participate in ozone reduction actions on high alert days (carpool, bike, fuel later in the day), landscape management to use four stroke or use equipment later in the day.
- Spoke at Cool Cities conference sponsored by the Sierra Club. Cool Cities is a project to get cities to promote LEED building, air quality initiatives, etc. City has moved environment into one of five focus areas for the City. Councilman Fox has been an advocate.
- City has 21 hybrids and identified 12 more candidates for hybrids for next year.
**Wondering whether this is the most in the Southeast region – CCFC can try to find this out.

Newsletter:

- Success story for Gaston County (how School got this project done)
- City of Charlotte's 9 month biodiesel test
- Fleet update: 21 hybrids for Charlotte and 2 GEMS for Concord

NC Legislation:

- Sarah reviewed the three bills in the 2006 NC legislative session that relate to alternative fuels and presented letter of endorsement from CCFC
- Darryl motioned to adopt the endorsement letter; David seconded and the group voted unanimously to adopt the letter

Try & Drive Day:

- Quick review of the May 19th event
- Input for next year: have a draw (vehicle, technology) for event, for example the Segway. Advertise Motor Trend Car of the year – Honda.
- Marketing perspective – try to get in front of business journals and others to get a new audience. Maybe expand to a broader public audience.
- Try to get corporate fleets more involved.
- A different location? Serve other parts of the region.

Odyssey Day

- Bob Kosak is going to sponsor for this year. Maybe have a separate sponsorship for Charlotte region to have a local draw.

Updates:

- Updates on biodiesel pilot project, mapping
- Reviewed draft hybrid vehicle survey, comments include:
 - o Add column about quantity of hybrids, add “average” purchase cost; remove any reference of time frame; maybe put online?
 - o Average MPG of vehicle in last 12 months; same for mileage, maintenance
 - o Last two columns – maybe get this data from industry. Maybe do not need because different for each fleet (especially private v. public). Instead maybe ask for estimated life of vehicle because just trying to get a pay period.
 - o Put data into a spreadsheet that will be sent out to participants so can look at with different fuel costs (will be different for private v. public fleets)
 - o Send out for comments

Bylaws:

- Jason handed out a draft of procedural by-laws for the Coalition and gave a broad overview of the rules and draft membership fees.
- Initial comments:
 - o Costs too low (\$250, \$500, \$1000, \$2000-5000). Put “up to” under the Technical Assistance column.
 - o Have a break point for no fees for events (Gold?)
 - o Focus deliverables more on benefit of being part of organization rather than technical assistance – start recognition at Platinum level (differing levels of recognition). Diamond level should be the Coca Colas of the world and the benefit is the recognition (i.e. a spot on letterhead, website).
 - o Value of coalition could be having a database of information about what other fleets are doing around the region – benchmarking studies for fleets.
 - o Have a budget that can share with higher level sponsors
 - o Core Stakeholders would ensure accountability to sponsors
 - o More set meeting schedule and a more regular meeting schedule – i.e. third Thursday of every month. Some discussion that monthly meeting might not be necessary just yet.

- Send bylaws out for comments

Next meeting date:

- Have regular meeting date – third Thursdays of the month, every other month (odd months or as needed).
- Next meeting 7/13
- Maybe have a listserv for the coalition