



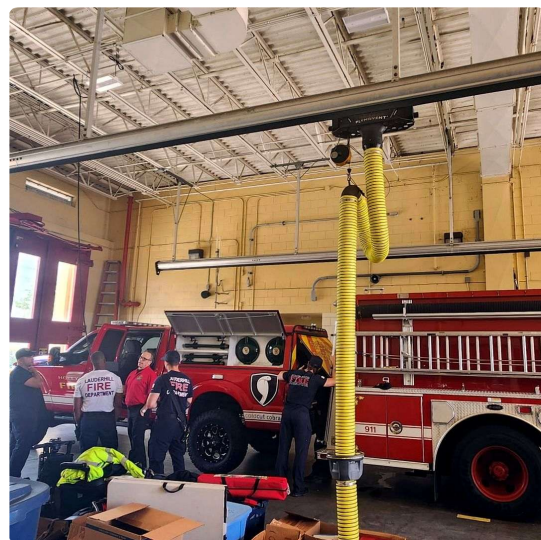
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLEAN CITIES COALITION

August 2026 Newsletter



We're thrilled to continue the momentum from earlier this year, bringing you the newest updates in clean transportation, alternative fuels, and energy innovation across our region. From fleet success stories to upcoming funding opportunities and events, this issue is packed with resources to help your organization stay ahead in the transition to cleaner, more efficient mobility solutions.

The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition hosted the EV & Battery Energy Storage Systems Incident Response Training on May 22, 2026, at the Hollywood Fire Rescue & Beach Safety Training Facility. The session trained 45 local first responders on EV, solar, and battery storage incidents, with updates from the State of Florida and University of Miami EV Burn Study, emergency reporting requirements, and NFPA guidance. The training strengthened regional emergency-response capacity and supports the safe adoption of clean transportation technologies across South Florida.



As always, we welcome your feedback and encourage you to share this newsletter with colleagues, partners, and anyone interested in advancing clean energy initiatives in Southeast Florida.

Interested in learning how alternative fuels can streamline your fleet? Email eagolli@sfrpc.com to discuss funding, fleet solutions, and real results.

Cleaner fuel. Less engine wear. Reliable performance.

Coming Soon

SOUTH FLORIDA DRIVE GREEN FLEET EXPO

February 2027 • Location TBD

Drive Green Fleet South Florida is returning in February 2027 to showcase the latest advancements in alternative fuel and clean transportation technologies. The event will bring together fleet managers, industry leaders, and clean energy partners to explore innovative vehicle solutions, infrastructure opportunities, and strategies for reducing fleet emissions and operating costs.

Additional details on the event time and location will be announced soon. If your organization is interested in participating or displaying vehicles and technologies, please contact [Eralda Agolli](#) for more information.

[Contact Us to Get Involved](#) →

UPCOMING VIRTUAL SERIES

Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Permitting

The Coalition team is developing a targeted virtual series to help standardize alternative fuel infrastructure permitting across South Florida. The series will focus on practical guidance for navigating inconsistent local codes, evolving fire chief sign-off requirements, and approval processes across Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties.

Designed for:

- Municipal permitting staff
- Private vendors
- Policy setters and local government partners

To provide focused, actionable guidance, each session will cover one fuel type at a time — CNG, propane, and electric vehicles — with attention to equipment requirements, safety considerations, and model language municipalities can adopt to streamline approvals.

More details and registration information will be shared soon.

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Fleet Success Stories Across Southeast Florida

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL)

Florida Power & Light is a shining example of long-term commitment to alternative fuels. For over 25 years, FPL has been running its 4,000+ vehicle fleet on biodiesel (B20), electric, and CNG, displacing **540,000 gasoline gallon equivalents of petroleum** and using **2.5 million gallons of B20 in 2023 alone**. With 67 fixed fuel sites across Florida and zero biodiesel-related maintenance issues over 25+ years, FPL demonstrates that clean fuels deliver real-world reliability at scale while serving 5.9 million customers statewide.

4,000+

On-Road Vehicles

25+ Years

of Biodiesel Use Since 1999



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ELIMINATING 540,000 GALLONS OF PETROLEUM ACROSS
A 4,000-VEHICLE FLEET FOR OVER 25 YEARS

- ▶ **25+ YEARS**
OF BIODIESEL USE SINCE 1999
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- ▶ **5.9 MILLION**
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- ▶ **ZERO MAINTENANCE
ISSUES**
RELATED TO BIODIESEL
IN 25+ YEARS
- ▶ **FUELS USED:**
BIODIESEL (B20) • ELECTRIC • CNG



INTERESTED IN SWITCHING YOUR FLEET
TO BIODIESEL OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUELS?
CONTACT ERALDA TO LEARN MORE. EAGOLLI@SFRPC.COM

Alternative fuels continue to provide organizations with opportunities to reduce operating costs, strengthen energy independence, and support cleaner communities. If your organization is interested in learning more about transitioning to alternative fuels or joining the Clean Cities Coalition, please reach out for additional information and resources. We also encourage you to share coalition opportunities with businesses, organizations, or individuals who may be interested in becoming involved.

Board Member Spotlight



David Clevenger

David Clevenger, SVP of Operations/Fleet & DC Maintenance at City Home (formerly City Furniture) and U.S. Army veteran, led the conversion of the company's entire fleet to 100% alternative fuels (CNG and RNG), cutting emissions and costs across a statewide distribution network. With 29 years of operational leadership, David brings that same hands-on drive to his work with SEFLCCC. Thank you, David, for your dedication to a cleaner transportation future!

Metro Express BRT Site Visit



The South Florida Regional Planning Council and Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition participated in a site visit sponsored by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA) Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) and hosted by Miami-Dade County's Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW).



The visit offered a firsthand look at Metro Express, Miami-Dade County's first all-electric Bus Rapid Transit service and a key component of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Program. Metro Express represents an important investment in cleaner, more efficient, and better-connected transportation across the region, with all-electric buses, enhanced stations, real-time arrival information, level boarding, bike storage, and improved passenger amenities.

Funding & Opportunities

The following federal and State of Florida grant programs align with the SEFLCCC's mission to advance affordable domestic transportation fuels, energy-efficient mobility, alternative-fuel vehicle deployment, EV and fueling infrastructure, idle reduction, and fleet conversions. Programs marked **OPEN** are currently accepting applications. Please verify current status directly with the administering agency before applying.

Federal Grant Opportunities

FY 2026 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program & Low or No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Program

OPEN NOW — DUE SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Joint NOFO from U.S. DOT's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) offering roughly \$21 million (Bus Program) and \$589 million (Low-No Program) to purchase, lease, or rehabilitate buses and bus facilities, with priority for zero-emission and low-emission propulsion (electric, CNG, propane, hydrogen fuel cell) buses and related charging/fueling infrastructure. Eligible applicants include state and local government authorities and public transit agencies designated as FTA recipients. Applications due via Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. ET, Monday, September 21, 2026. Opportunity IDs: FTA-2026-010-TPM-BUS and FTA-2026-011-TPM-LWNO.

[View the FTA FY2026 NOFO →](#)

Voluntary Airport Low Emissions (VALE) Program

ONGOING / AVAILABLE — YEAR-ROUND

Ongoing U.S. DOT / FAA program funded through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Passenger Facility Charges, financing low-emission ground-support vehicles, EV/alt-fuel refueling and recharging stations, and gate electrification at commercial airports in designated air-quality nonattainment or maintenance areas. Eligible applicants are sponsors of commercial-service airports (e.g., Miami International, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International, Palm Beach International). Applications are developed year-round with the airport's FAA Airports District Office as part of the annual AIP funding cycle.

[Learn more about the FAA VALE Program →](#)

Airport Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) and Infrastructure Pilot Program

ONGOING / AVAILABLE — ANNUAL CYCLE, DUE NOVEMBER 1

Companion program to VALE, administered by the FAA, that funds zero-emission airport vehicles (e.g., ground-support equipment, shuttles) and their charging/fueling infrastructure at any public-use airport eligible for AIP funding. Eligible applicants are sponsors of any public-use airport listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), including Southeast Florida's commercial and general-aviation airports. Pre-applications (3-page write-ups) are due to the FAA Airports District Office by November 1 each year.

[Learn more about the FAA ZEV Pilot Program →](#)

DOE Grant, Loan & Financing Programs

ONGOING

Whether you are a startup, a scaling company, or a government entity, explore programs designed to support energy projects at every stage.

[Learn more about DOE Funding Programs →](#)

Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER)

RECURRING

Works with public transit agencies to implement strategies for reducing emissions and energy use from transit operations.

[Learn more about TIGGER →](#)

National Laboratory of the Rockies Education Programs

ONGOING

Learn how NLR's education programs inspire students and teachers to explore innovative energy solutions.

[Learn more about NLR Education Programs →](#)

EPA Grants

ONGOING

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers a wide range of grant programs supporting clean air, clean transportation, environmental justice, and pollution reduction. EPA grants are available to state and local governments, tribes, nonprofits, and other organizations working to protect human health and the environment.

[Explore EPA Grants →](#)

State of Florida Grant Opportunities

Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

OPEN / ROLLING

Ongoing state economic-development program administered by FloridaCommerce funding public infrastructure — including transportation infrastructure — and workforce-training projects that support business growth and job creation. Florida local governments, state colleges, and other public entities submit project proposals; awards are selected by the Governor from proposals reviewed by FloridaCommerce on an ongoing basis.

[Learn more about the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund →](#)

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

ONGOING — ANNUAL TIP CYCLE

Ongoing federal-aid formula program administered in Florida by FDOT and the regional MPOs/TPOs covering Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties. Funds transportation projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality. Eligible uses include alternative-fuel vehicle and infrastructure projects, idle-reduction technology, and

transit improvements. Contact the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO, or Palm Beach TPA directly for the current cycle's call-for-projects dates.

[Learn more about the FHWA CMAQ Program →](#)

Department of Energy (DOE) Latest News & Events

Stay informed on the latest developments in clean energy, infrastructure, technology, and federal funding opportunities by visiting the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Newsroom and Events pages.

[→ DOE Newsroom](#)

[→ DOE Events](#)

Alternative Fuel Sources

Looking for tools to support idle reduction education and outreach? The [IdleBox Toolkit](#) offers ready-to-use resources to help educate stakeholders, fleet managers, and the public on the benefits of reducing idling and saving on gasoline costs. Three products have recently been updated. Please share them with your networks and stakeholders.

1. Idling Reduction Bookmark / Fact Card

A printable tool and reminder to help us all stop idling and start saving. Feel free to distribute in hard copy or electronically.

[Download the Bookmark/Fact Card →](#)

2. Idling Reduction Technology Solutions for Class 1–8 Vehicles

This updated table is organized by vehicle operators' stationary-power needs and is designed for Clean Cities staff, fleet managers, and truck owners seeking to reduce fuel and maintenance costs.

[View the Technology Solutions Table →](#)

3. Idling Reduction for Personal Vehicles — Fact Sheet

Practical solutions for reducing engine idling in personal vehicles, helpful for anyone looking to save on gasoline costs in the current high-price environment.

[Download the Fact Sheet →](#)

AFLEET Tool

The Alternative Fuel Life-Cycle Environmental and Economic Transportation (AFLEET) tool helps fleets calculate petroleum use, greenhouse gas emissions, and total cost of ownership across different fuel types. It is an essential planning resource for fleet managers evaluating alternative fuel transitions.

[Access the AFLEET Tool →](#)

AFDC — Alternative Fuels Data Center

The primary DOE clearinghouse for locating alternative fueling stations, tracking vehicle data, and viewing state regulations. Whether you are planning a fleet conversion or looking for the nearest CNG or EV charging station, the AFDC is your go-to resource.

[Visit the AFDC →](#)

EV Readiness Check — Is an EV Right for Your Routine?

Thinking about making the switch to an electric vehicle but unsure if charging will fit your lifestyle? The free EV Readiness Check takes the guesswork out of the transition. Answer a few quick questions about your parking situation, daily commute, and charging access to get a personalized compatibility score. No sign-up or email required!

[Take the 2-Minute EV Readiness Check →](#)

Related Events

SUSTAINABLE FLEET TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE & EXPO 2026

August 25–27, 2026 • Durham Convention Center • Durham, NC

This conference brings together leading fleets and technology providers to showcase the latest transportation technologies, fuels, and trends. With a strong focus on data-driven decisions, the expo and conference sessions offer on-the-ground experiences for increasing fleet efficiency and resiliency while reducing emissions and costs. Join us to learn from peers and experts!



[Learn more & register →](#)

SHEA WEBINAR

Hydrogen Development in the U.S. • September 24, 2026 • Zoom

Saoradh Enterprise Partners share their research insights on hydrogen development in the U.S. and specifically in the South.

[Register on Eventbrite →](#)

VIRGINIA CLEAN ENERGY SUMMIT

October 7–8, 2026 • Greater Richmond Convention Center • Richmond, VA

The Virginia Clean Energy Summit serves as a vital forum for presenting innovative clean energy technologies, policies, and business practices driving the transformation of Virginia's energy sector.

[Learn more & register →](#)

18TH ANNUAL SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

November 4–6, 2026 • Broward County Convention Center • Fort Lauderdale, FL

This year's theme is *"Capitalizing on Climate: Action Through Innovation."*

Sessions will explore how climate action can create economic and social opportunities while building resilience, welcoming leaders from business, government, academia, and nonprofits.

[Learn more & register →](#)

GREEN TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT & EXPO (GTSE) / RE+ 2026

November 16–19, 2026 • Las Vegas Convention Center • Las Vegas, NV

GTSE is officially merging with RE+ 2026, the largest clean energy event in North America. Attendees will have access to the complete clean transportation industry, from charging infrastructure and energy storage at RE+ to fleet strategies spanning zero-emission technology, vehicles, and renewable fuels at GTSE.

[Learn more & register →](#)

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