

# *Transportation Options & Opportunity*

*a North Carolina Perspective*



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# Discussion Opportunities

- **Location and mass transit systems as drivers, need and role of long-term strategies**
  - *Partner/coordinate with local & regional transit systems i.e. PART 2x daily \$10 fare Boone to Greensboro; UNC & Towns of CH & Carrboro support for FREE local transit, State support for \$25 annual pass for express bus service CH to Raleigh*
- **Fundamental role of parking in long-term campus transportation solutions**
  - *Cost drives use of alternative transportation modes*

# Discussion Opportunities

- **Decreasing SOVs (ex. zipcar/car-share/ride-share)**
  - *Zip car programs- NCSU, UNC, others?, Zim Ride : UNC CH, UNC G, ASU, NCSU others?, WeCAR @ Duke/Enterprise partner on car sharing w/ Chevy Volt, [RelayRides](#) – on line individual car rentals/ sharing*
- **Increasing bicycles, pedestrian, and public transit options**
  - *campus/town bike sharing programs, incentives for staff & student alternative commutes*

# Discussion Opportunities

- **Telecommuting/ distance learning insights**
  - *University system telecommuting policy?*
- **Changing university faculty/staff/employees travel habits (ex. guidelines for air miles travelled)**
- **Alternative fuels for university fleets (ex. biofuels, natural gas, propane, electric)**
- **Advanced technology vehicles in university fleet; encouraging their use in non-university fleets**
- **Policies to promote better transportation decisions**



# Green Fleet Program - Why Have One?

Institutionalize support for petroleum and/or emissions reduction to get:

- Cycle of Improvement
- Less vulnerability to staff turn-over, opposition
- Streamlined 'green' decision-making
- Positive PR

# How To Green Your Fleet

- Fleet Assessments
  - Fleet Inventory
  - Vehicle Utilization Review
  - Policies and Vehicle Management System Review
- Fleet Improvement Planning
- Mechanism to share/celebrate successes
  - Internally and Externally!

# Fleet Improvement Planning

Successful 'fleet team' includes:

**Fleet manager**

**Maintenance manager**

**Vehicle Technicians**

**Purchasing director**

**Facility planner**

**Administrative leader**

**Vehicle users**





# Idle Reduction Policies

## Implement Your Own Idle Reduction Program

- Recognize drivers who successfully reduce idling
- Award drivers a certificate of recognition (see U.S. EPA Idle-Reduction Kit)
- Rewards for drivers who successfully reduce idling (gift certificates or other items from local businesses, Clean Air non-profit organizations, or Parent/Teacher organizations)
- Calculate fuel and dollar savings from idling-reduction with EPA calculator
- Urge community leaders to issue a local [Idle-Reduction Proclamation](#)
- Consider using the [outreach materials](#) available in the EPA Idle-Reduction Kit to share your success with other fleet managers, the media and the general public: <http://epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/index.htm>



# Federal & State Requirements

## 1992 Federal Energy Policy Act

- 75% of light-duty vehicle acquisitions in covered fleets ( includes state) must be alternative fueled vehicles

## 2004-2005 North Carolina budget provision 19.5

- State fleet must reduce petroleum use by 20% from 2005 levels by 2016

## 2007 Federal Renewable Fuels Standard

- Increased the volume of renewable fuel required to be blended into gasoline and diesel

# Eco-Driving: Drive Green/ Save Green

*Set of driving practices that increases fuel efficiency*

*15-33%*

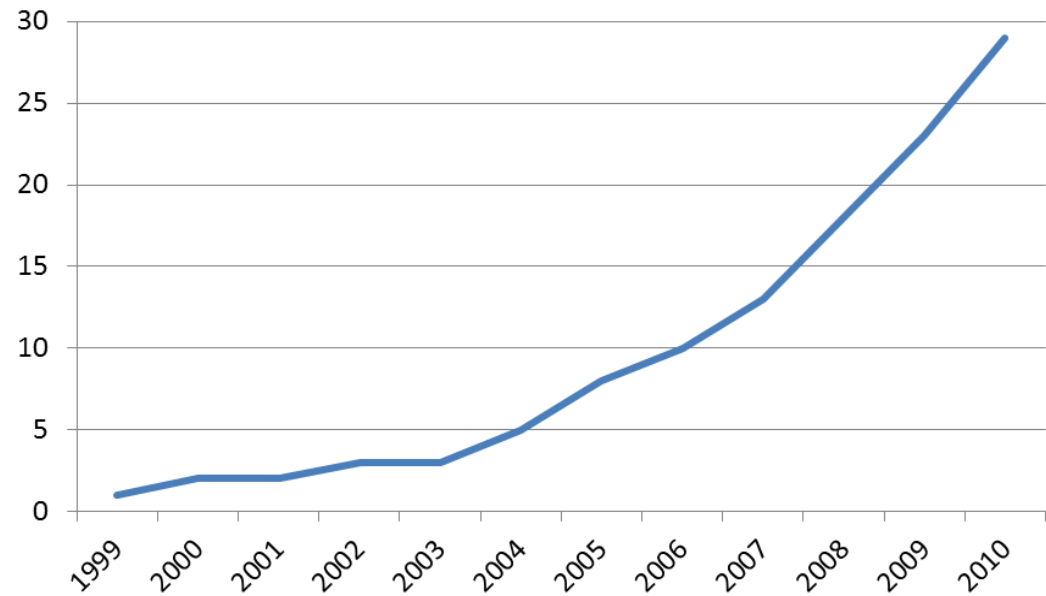
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, enhances energy security
  - Saves gas money
  - Eco-driving = Safe driving
  - NCSC offers free ½ hands on training
- Results from UNC G training saw AVG 27% improvement based on before & after driving data*



# Hybrids

- Combine electric motor/batteries & ICE for improved efficiency /reduced fuel costs/lower emissions
- Increasingly available on more vehicle models (34 in 2012)
- Toyota Camry & Prius II on state contract

# of Hybrid models offered



Source: <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/data/vehicles.html>

# The Segway

- A two wheeled, plug in, self-balancing personal transportation device that can reach 12 mph
- In use by over 300 police and security forces including Duke University, Charlotte, Monroe & Wilmington

[www.segway.com](http://www.segway.com)



[www.flickr.com/photos/zen/210417662/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/zen/210417662/)

# Neighborhood Electrics (NEVs)

- NEVs can fulfill many tasks especially in urban centers, campus environments, etc.
- Range is typically 30 to 50 miles/charge.
- Speed limited by federal law to 25 mph, can be driven on streets zoned up to 35 MPH.



- No special recharging infrastructure required. Can be plugged into 110 outlet.
- 13 campuses have a total of 232 NEVs in FY 2010-11

# Electric Vehicles



## Nissan Leaf plug-in electric

- all-electric, 70-100 mi range
- 3-20 hours to recharge depending on charging station



## Chevy Volt- plug in hybrid

- all electric 40 mile range
- standard gas engine extends range between charges

- Potential for zero emissions
- Many options and applications: passenger vehicles, commercial vans, buses, light trucks, trolleys
- Standardized plugs for recharging
- Increased availability of public recharging infrastructure ( i.e over dozen at NCSU)
- 50-70 cents per gallon equivalent
- Chevy Volt & Nissan Leaf on state contract

# Natural Gas & Propane

- Natural Gas is compressed (CNG)
- Propane, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Autogas is by product of oil and gas extraction
- Clean burning , low carbon fuels
- Energy security: 85% of LPG & CNG used in US is domestically produced
- Available: Established distribution network

## Air Quality Benefits (percent emissions reduction)

	<b>CNG</b>	<b>LPG*</b>
<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	50-85%	30-78%
<b>VOC/HC</b>	70%	40-80%
<b>CO</b>	74-90%	20-90%
<b>Particulate matter</b>	-	100%
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	15-30%	21-24%

\*Dedicated LPG vehicles only

Sources:

[http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/emissions\\_propane.html](http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/emissions_propane.html)

# Natural Gas & Propane Refueling

- For CNG time fill ( less expensive) or fast fill
- 14 CNG stations in NC open to state/local govt :  
<http://www.daq.state.nc.us/motor/cng/refuel.shtml>
- PSNC and Piedmont Natural Gas are actively engaged in expanding the CNG market in North Carolina  
<http://www.psncenergy.com>,  
<https://www.piedmontng.com/>
- Propane infrastructure is similar to gasoline, many vendors will provide refueling at no cost to customer as part of fuel contract
- CNG & LPG typically track less than gasoline & diesel (about ½ the price!)





# CNG & LPG Vehicles

- Vehicles manufactured for CNG: Honda Civic GX, Ford Focus CNG Bi-fuel ( on state contract. More models in 2013
- Vehicles can also be up-fitted to run on CNG & LPG (warranties remain intact)
- More than 40 engines have been EPA-certified through up-fitters
- CNG for Heavy Duty: reliable, no diesel particulate filters needed, lower cost fuel than diesel. Good applications: Refuse and transit
- LPG for Light-Med Duty: NC success stories include Raleigh police, Iredell Co sheriffs dept., Davidson Co transportation dept.,



# Idle Reduction Technologies

## Extended Deep Cycle Power Sources

- Operate all on board electrical equipment without having to invest in an APU
- Example includes: The Odyssey Battery , Havis IdleRight
- Energy Xtreme “ Independence Package” another option- potential for vehicles electronics to run 4-6 hours and recharge in 2 hours.
- Good choice for police/security
- EPA certification for idle reduction technologies:

<http://epa.gov/otag/smartway/transport/what-smartway/verified-technologies.htm#idle>

<http://www.odysseybatteries.com/>

[www.IndependencePackage.com](http://www.IndependencePackage.com)



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# Biodiesel

- **Domestic, renewable** fuel for diesel engines
- Derived from fats and oils such as soybeans and animal fats
- Non-toxic, High flash point, Adds lubricity to ULSD
- “Pour and go” technology, no retro-fits required
- For fleet typically blended as B20
- NC has 5 biodiesel production facilities

## Air Quality Benefits

Blend	B20	B100
<b>Carbon Monoxide</b>	12%	47%
<b>Hydrocarbons</b>	20%	67%
<b>Particulates</b>	12%	48%
<b>Sulfates</b>	20%	100%
<b>Nitrogen Oxide**</b>	2% *	9%
<b>Air Toxics</b>	20%	60-90%

Source: EPA ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov))

\*\* A 2005 NC DOT study found a 10 % decrease in NOX with B20 in on-road testing of dump trucks

# Ethanol

- Renewable fuel produced by fermenting organic materials
- Used in E10 in all gasoline vehicles, E85 in flex fuel vehicles (FFVs)
- 115 octane, non-toxic, biodegradable, water soluble
- Transported via truck or rail, no pipeline
- 27% less energy in a gallon of ethanol, needs to be priced below petroleum to be competitive

Air Quality Benefits	Test Data <sup>1</sup>	Theoretical <sup>2</sup>
<b>Carbon Monoxide</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Nitrogen Oxides</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>10-40%</b>
<b>Particulate Matter</b>	-	<b>20%</b>
<b>Greenhouse gas (corn based E85)</b>	-	<b>15%</b>
<b>Greenhouse gas (cellulose E85)</b>	-	<b>70%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Based on MY2008 FFVs tested by the EPA for their annual certification test results ([www.epa.gov/otaq/crttst.htm](http://www.epa.gov/otaq/crttst.htm))

<sup>2</sup>Based on ethanol's inherently "cleaner" chemical properties with an engine that takes full advantage of these fuel properties and Argonne National Lab modeling.

# Why support E85 & B20 use in NC?

- **Already in use:**

- NC has over 211,000 flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs) while the US has over 9 million FFVs [March 2011, Growth Energy]
- 26 E85 fueling stations in NC, 18 of them available for public use & 130+ B20 stations
- 4 campuses using 88,000 E85 and 8 campuses are using over 270,000 gals of B20
- **State fleet has over 5,000 FFVs, state contract has 4 FFVs** (Chevy Malibu, Ford Fusion, Dodge Avenger, Chevy Impala)

- **Auto market expanding:**

- All major US automakers sell FFVs at no additional cost to the purchaser
- 40 + FFV models in 2012 with plans to continue expanding production to meet federal directives . Diesel vehicles are more efficient and options are expanding

# State and Local Resources

Triangle Clean Cities Coalition [www.trianglecleancities.org](http://www.trianglecleancities.org)

Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition (Charlotte) [www.4cleanfuels.com](http://www.4cleanfuels.com)

Land of Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition (Asheville) [www.landofsky.org](http://www.landofsky.org)

State Energy Office [www.energync.net](http://www.energync.net)

North Carolina Solar Center [www.cleantransportation.org](http://www.cleantransportation.org)

## Funding Opportunities

Clean Fuels Advanced Technology, 2013-2016

- \$4.5M in sub-award funding for clean tech projects in 24 NC counties

Other funding opportunities listed at [www.cleantransportation.org](http://www.cleantransportation.org) >>

Resources >> Available Funding



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