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# **Greater Houston Clean Cities Coalition**

## **Recent Progress & Future Goals**

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## Coalition Status and Sustainability

- Current Status
  - Part-time Coordinator
  - Housed under the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the region's MPO & COG
  - ~ 40 stakeholders & interested parties
  - Closely aligned with H-GAC's Clean Vehicles program



## Significant/Noteworthy Projects

- Clean Energy purchased and upgraded 2 CNG fueling stations that would otherwise have closed.
- E85 now available at 17 area Kroger stores
- In 2007, 22 Clean Vehicles contracts were approved by the H-GAC Board
- Projects consisted of accelerated diesel replacements and retrofits
- Contracts represent a NO<sub>x</sub> reduction of nearly 85 tons/year
- H-GAC Commute Solutions program
  - Vanpool & Minipool: 83,000+ riders during 2007
  - NuRide (Carpool): 35,000+ riders during 2007



## Significant/Noteworthy Coalition Outreach Activities

- Advancing the Choice Conference
  - ~150 people attended
  - Speakers included representatives from the National Biodiesel Board, the Governor's Office, and the City of Dallas
- Quarterly Clean Cities e-Newsletters
- Stakeholder Meetings & Communication



## Goals for 2008 & Beyond

- Drafted a Coalition Growth Plan
  - Develop a supporter/stakeholder/leadership/Coordinator structure, with clearly defined roles, responsibilities, and benefits
  - Become more financially independent through focused grant-application push
  - Develop a revised application & outreach packet, and conduct an annual mailing campaign of targeted potential stakeholders
  - Significantly restructure and revise the website
  - Develop a visioning process to identify needs, prioritize them, and begin project proposal implementation
  - Set yearly goals for outreach events, stakeholder development events
  - Develop stakeholder recognition process, including a “Stakeholder of the Year” award
  - Build partnerships with other programs