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## Upcoming Events

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### NW Alliance for Clean Transportation's Emergency Trucking Summit

June 11 | Virtually 10:00 – Noon

At the point when the Oregon Trucking Association feels compelled to organize a webinar called, *"Can I Buy a Truck in Oregon?"*, you know that the future of trucking is uncertain at best, downright worrisome at worst. Rules promulgated by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and considered for adoption by Oregon DEQ and the Washington State Department of Ecology, have created extreme regulatory uncertainty for the trucking industry throughout Oregon and Washington. In the face of such regulatory uncertainty, many Northwest fleets have frozen plans to purchase new trucks and vehicle infrastructure. These same fleets are also unwilling to invest in natural gas or hydrogen vehicles and infrastructure unless and until they have a clear understanding regarding what they may, and may not, do in the future. Learn about issues surrounding this untenable situation at the NW Alliance for Clean Transportation's Emergency Trucking Summit .

Presenters and panelists for this roundtable discussion include:

- **Jana Jarvis** from the Oregon Trucking Association
- **Sheri Call** from the Washington Trucking Association
- **Nicole Rice** from the California Renewable Transportation Alliance
- **Matt Spears** from Cummins Engines
- **Sean Edgar** from Clean Fleets
- **Oregon House Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis** – District 15

All Northwest fleets, Northwest Gas Association members, government regulators, and members of the NW Alliance for Clean Transportation may attend this educational event, free of charge. We ask others to pay a \$99 registration fee. To register for this event, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3YCW909>.

### 22nd Annual Energy Conference

June 3 - 5, 2025 | Sunriver, Oregon

The energy revolution in the Pacific Northwest is disrupting the status quo and driving innovation in the energy industry. Join us in transforming the region's energy infrastructure to ensure a clean, dependable, affordable energy future. [Click here](#) to download the latest flyer on the Interdependence Panel, and [click here](#) to register. NW Alliance members may register using the NWGA/AWEC member rate.

### Washington Trucking Association Annual Conference

June 1– 3, 2025 | Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

WTA encourages everyone to attend this 3-day event and become leaders in Washington State's trucking industry. To learn more, [click here](#).

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Artificial Intelligence, we  
need natural gas?**

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## 2025 Idaho Public Transit Summit

September 3-4, 2025 | Garden City, Idaho



The Idaho Public Transportation Summit is an invaluable opportunity for public transportation industry professionals to convene, collaborate, and advance our collective mission of providing mobility. Attendees include public transit agencies and their stakeholders, local government, Idaho working group member agencies, public transportation enthusiasts and nonemergency medical transportation providers. The Summit is designed to foster discussion and interactions between presenters, vendors and participants on a variety of topics through seminars, workshops, and vendor booths. To learn more, email [Connie Edwards](mailto:Connie.Edwards@idaho.gov).

## In the News

### \$1.00 RNG Motor Fuel Tax Credit Bill Introduced in U.S. Congress

Washington, DC – The Transport Project (TTP) applauds the introduction by Senators Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Mark Warner (D-VA) and Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Linda Sánchez (D-CA) of the Renewable Natural Gas Incentive Act (S. 1252/H.R. 2596), a bipartisan and bicameral effort to provide a \$1.00 per gallon tax credit for motor vehicles that use renewable natural gas (RNG) to further support cleaner and more efficient transportation across America. Full text of the legislation can be found [here](#).

### NW Alliance for Clean Transportation Supports the “Trucking Day at the Capitol”

During this March 18 event, attendees heard from Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis on efforts to repeal Oregon’s Advanced Clean Trucks rule, as well as an update from Sen. Bruce Starr on ODOT audits and a potential transportation package this session. Members spent the afternoon meeting with key legislators in the Capitol to discuss priorities for Oregon’s trucking industry. During this event, OTA Members urged legislators to pass HB 3119, which would delay implementation of CARB’s ACT Rule for two years. To review an op-ed co-authored by OTA’s Jana Jarvis and Sheri Call from the Washington Trucking Association, please [click here](#).



### Massachusetts Delaying ACT Rule Enforcement to 2027

Massachusetts is delaying enforcement of its Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rule until 2027 — a huge win for commercial trucking in the state after the evaporation of new truck orders in the first quarter this year.

As Trucks, Parts, Service reported in March, Massachusetts was one of five states to implement California’s ACT rule on Jan. 1, 2025. First introduced last year in California, the ACT rule requires OEMs to sell zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) to gain access to credits to make corresponding internal combustion diesel engine sales. To learn more [click here](#).

### New York Trucking Group Pushes for Delay of Clean Trucks Rule

New York is hoping state lawmakers follow their New England peers in Massachusetts and Maryland in adding some flexibility into the state’s adoption of the Advance Clean Trucks rule, which when into effect Jan. 1. The rule, originating from California but adopted by 10 other states, requires manufacturers to achieve a certain increasing level of electric truck sales as a percentage of their overall sales. To read more, [click here](#).

### **Clean alternative fuel commercial vehicles and vehicle infrastructure tax credits expanded in Washington**

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, a new law expands the tax credits for clean alternative fuel commercial vehicles and vehicle infrastructure. The expansion of the credit:

- Makes purchases of alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure eligible for the credit for up to 50% of the cost.
- Increases the percentage of the incremental cost amount eligible for the credit from 50% to 75%.
- Increases the percentage of the conversion cost eligible for the credit from 30% to 50%.
- Updates the definition of an auto transportation company. And,
- Allows credits to be earned until the total amount of credit awarded since July 15, 2015, reaches \$32.5 million. To learn more, [click here](#).

### **Tennessee Offering \$19.4M for Fleets to Buy Green Trucks**

Tennessee announced April 3 the availability of \$19.4 million in grants to public, nonprofit and private fleets to replace eligible medium- and heavy-duty vehicles with greener vehicles.

The state grants are being offered by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions in environmental mitigation projects paid for with Volkswagen Diesel Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust funds. To learn more, [click here](#).

### **The State of Sustainable Fleets Releases its 2025 Paper**

To learn about current state and federal funding opportunities, specific state and local emissions requirements, and more, please download the State of Sustainable Fleets' Current Trends white paper, [click here](#).

### **U.S. Energy® Transfers CNG Station Network Ownership to Trillium**

U.S. Energy®, a leading provider of refined products, alternative fuels, and environmental credits, completed the sale of its compressed natural gas (CNG) station network to NW Alliance for Clean Transportation member, Trillium Energy. To learn more, [click here](#).

### **Adoption of Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) Rule in Oregon?**

In response to disruption in the Oregon market for large trucks, Gov. Tina Kotek wants the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to relax a key part of its new Advanced Clean Trucks policy. To learn more, [click here](#).

### **EPA Announces Actions to Reverse Certain Climate Rules**

EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin revealed a number of actions March 20th that would make changes to climate rules set in place by previous administrations. To learn more, [click here](#).