



# CLEAN CITIES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2025



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- 2025 in Review





# INTRODUCTION



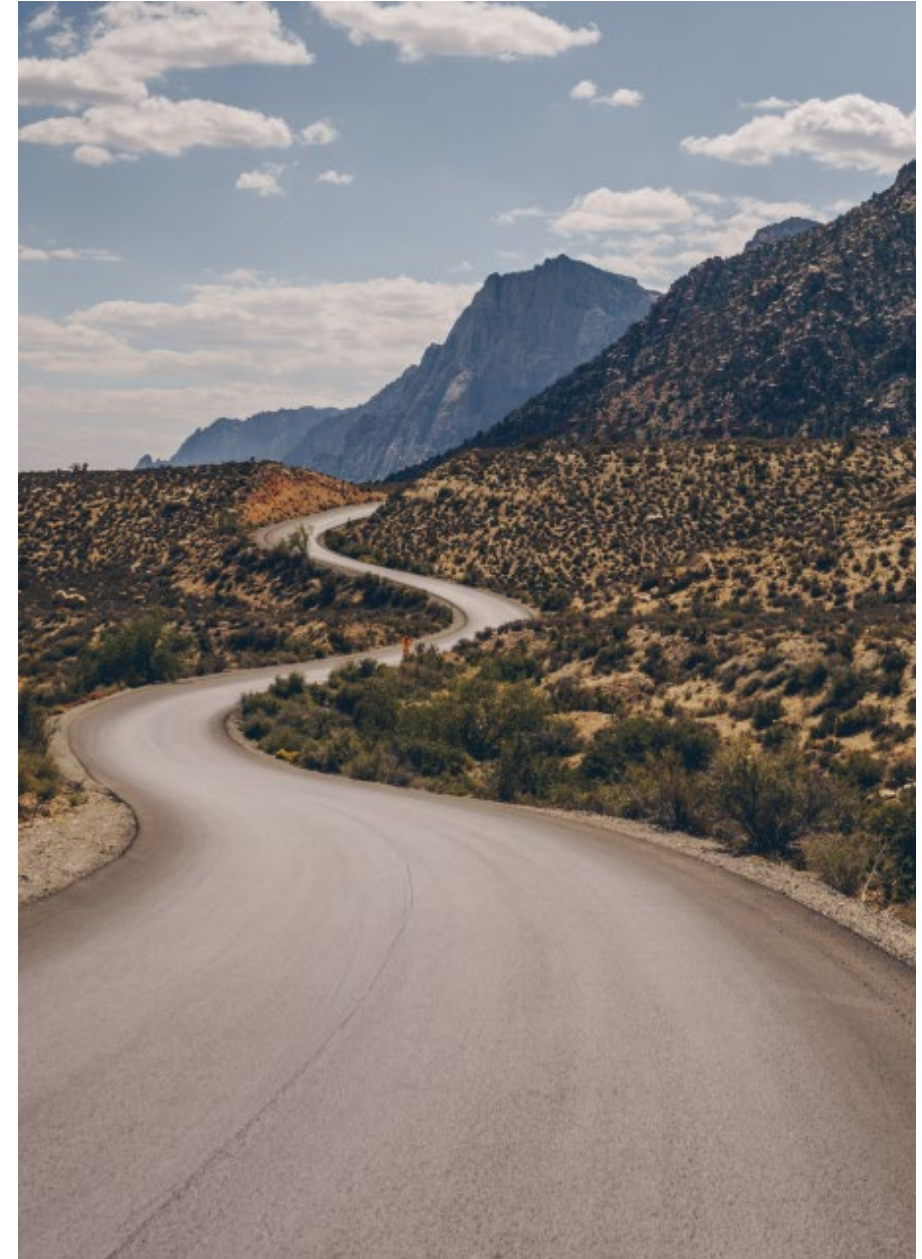
# SOUTHERN NEVADA CLEAN CITIES COALITION (SNCCC)

## Who We Are

- The Southern Nevada Clean Cities Coalition promotes and educates Clark County on sustainable transportation.
- Since 2024, we are a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's [Clean Cities and Communities Network](#).

## What We Do

- Our goal is to **reduce the use of petroleum fuels** through alternative fuels and idling reduction, improving air quality and energy security in our region.





# AGENDA

## Speakers:

- Dr. Joanne Leovy
  - NV Clinicians for Climate Action
- Roger Johnson
  - NV Regional Transportation Commission
- Yousaf Hameed
  - Clark County Dept. of Environment and Sustainability
- Alea Middleton
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# Idle Free for Kids Project

Joanne Leovy, MD

For Southern Nevada Clean Cities Coalition

December 15, 2025



# Fun Facts:

- Idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than stopping and restarting the engine.
- Vehicle idling wastes 6 billion gallons of fuel per year. Idling reduction saves money.
- Modern cars warm up more quickly when driving than when idling. Modern starters and engines are not harmed by turning the vehicle on and off.
- Idling from cars produces 30 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. Eliminating unnecessary idling would reduce emissions equal to taking 5 million cars off the road.

# Idling reduction is good for Nevada

- Transportation is the biggest source of air pollution in Nevada.
- Vehicle exhaust emissions contain fine and ultrafine particulate pollution, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds.
- These pollutants circulate throughout the body and enter the brain, causing numerous health consequences.
- Car, school bus or government vehicle idling restrictions by law or ordinance exist in AL, CA, CO, HI, IL, IN, MD, MA, MN, MS, MO, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, UT, VT, WA, ***but not in Nevada.***





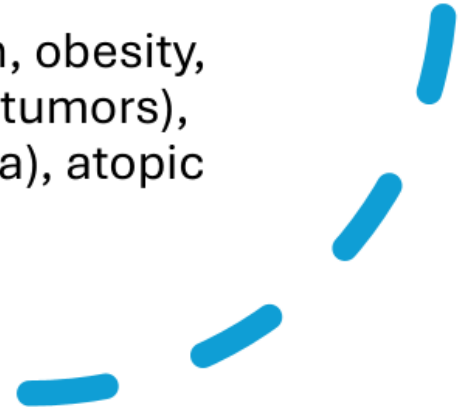
# Children and air pollution

- Children breathe faster, have faster heart rates and often spend more time in outdoor active play.
- Young children are mouth-breathers and their noses don't filter air as well as adults.
- Rapid lung and brain development makes them more susceptible to toxins that harm those organs.
- Immature immune systems increase risks of infections and immunologic problems.

# Particles linked to many health problems in children

- **Respiratory**
  - Asthma, bronchiolitis, COVID-19, influenza, pneumonia, bronchitis, sinusitis, allergies
  - Stunted lung development/function/immunity
- **Perinatal**
  - Premature birth, IUGR, LBW
  - Congenital malformations
  - Infant mortality
- **Neurodevelopmental**
  - Autism, ADHD, cognitive delays, increased risk of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, mental health
- **Multiple other impacts**
  - Kidney disease, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, cancers (leukemias, lymphomas, CNS tumors), gastrointestinal disorders (IBD, diarrhea), atopic dermatitis

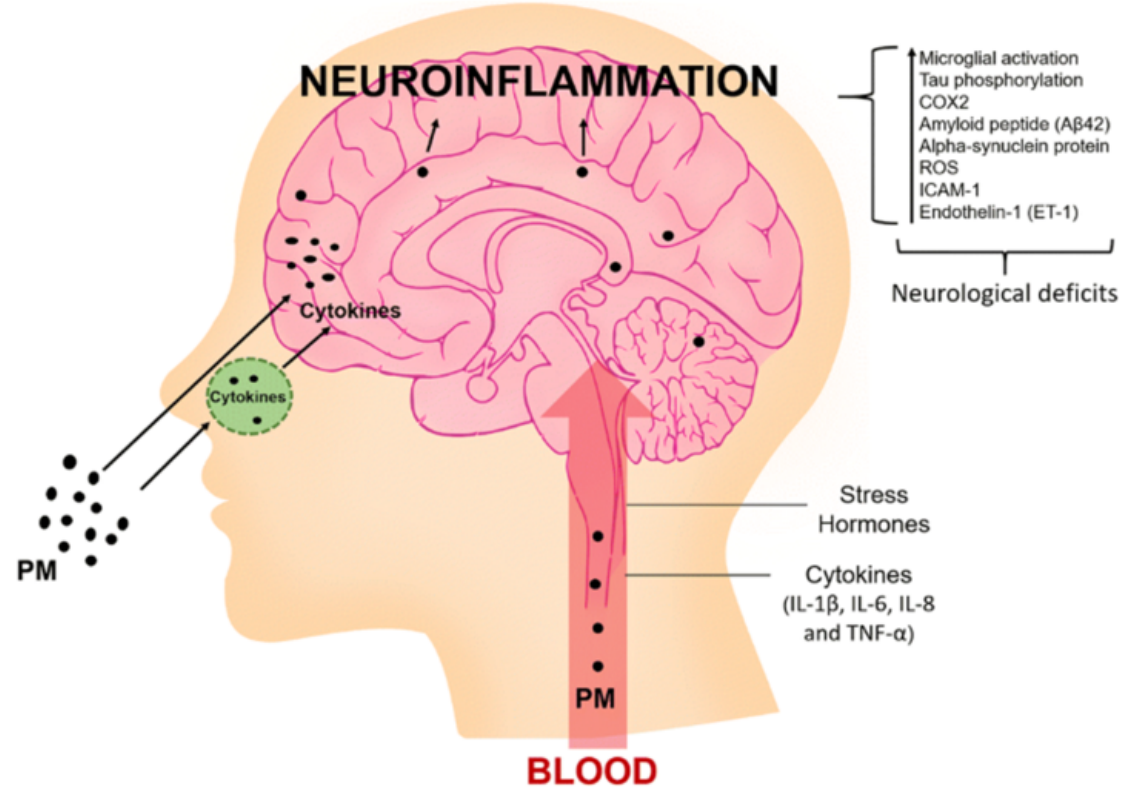
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# Particles injure children's brains

- Most brain growth happens before age 3.
- PM2.5 alters brain development through direct invasion of brain tissue (via nose or blood) or systemic inflammation.
- Cognitive, behavioral consequences; contributing to autism, ADHD, dementia.
- Some impacts attributed to co-occurring toxins like PAHs.



# Informational Campaigns Work

- **Salt Lake City**—2 elementary schools documented decreased idling times and reduced numbers of idling vehicles, along with possible reduction in overall air pollution in the area.
- **Cincinnati**--educational program for school bus drivers, along with a school assembly and parental pledges resulted in 80% less bus idling and a 68% reduction in car driving during pickup.
- Boise, Denver and many other cities have run informational programs
- Clean Cities Idle Box Toolkit and other resources make it easy







## NVCCA No Idling Program

- 2025-28 Project under NDPBH Silver State Health Improvement Plan
- Partnering with Clean Cities, CCSD, health and community organizations
- Public and school-based education to encourage reduced idling
- Education and advocacy for healthcare professionals
- Fits with other safety and clean transportation priorities

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# RTC of Southern Nevada



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# Who We Are



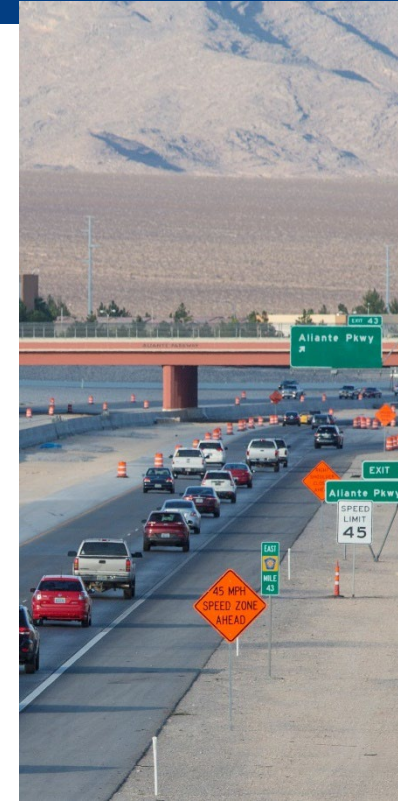
**Transit**



**Bicycling**



**Planning**



**Roadway  
Funding**



**Traffic  
Management**

# RTC Fleet



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Fixed Route Vehicles

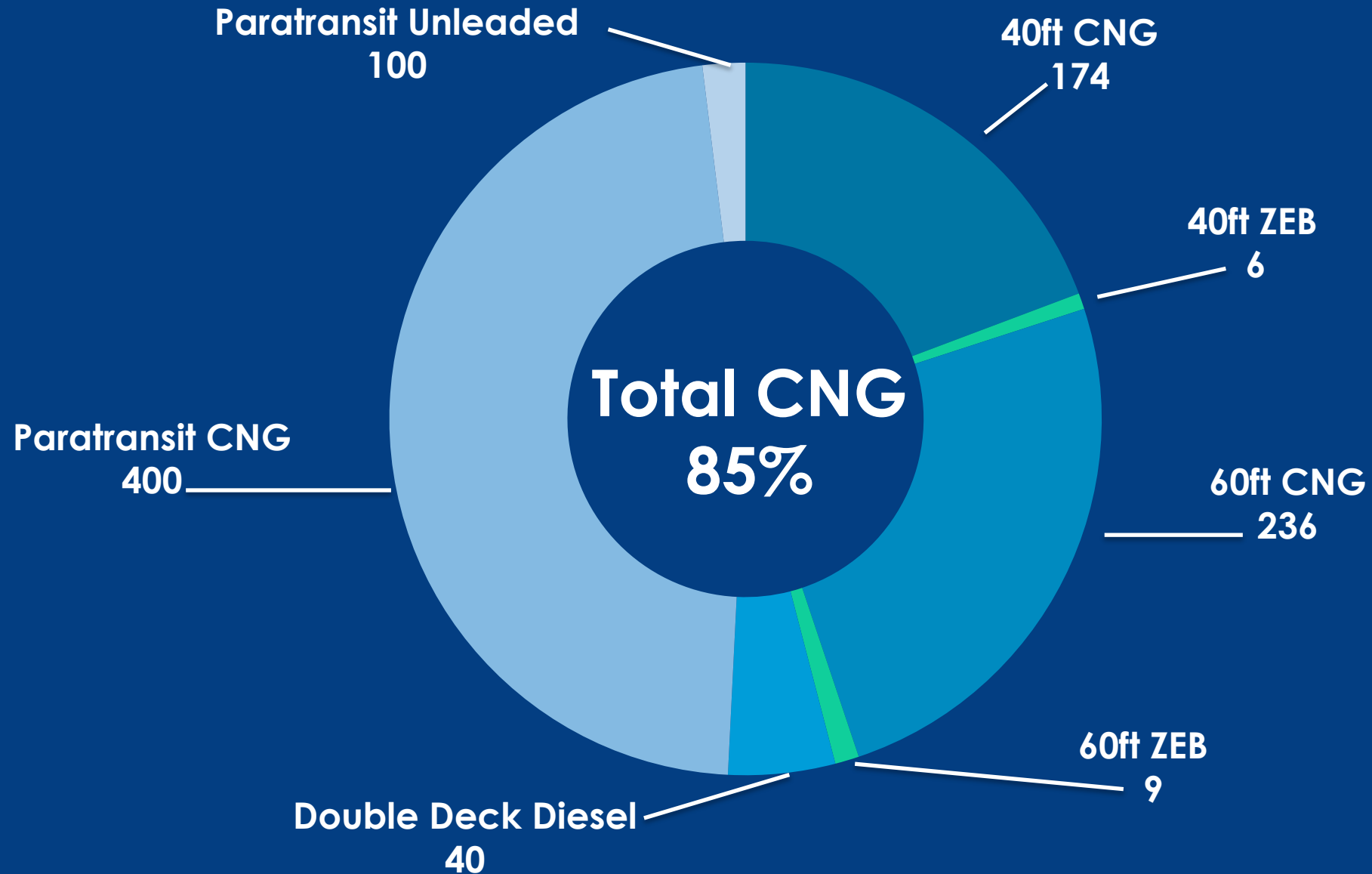


500

Paratransit Vehicles



# Current Fleet Composition



# Zero Emission Implementation

## ZERO EMISSIONS BUS ROLLOUT PLAN

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Senior Director of Fleet Maintenance



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JULY 2022

2020 development  
of Zero Emission Bus  
Rollout Plan

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40ft hydrogen fuel  
cell electric buses

Path to zero  
emissions by 2050 as  
funding allows

4

40ft battery electric  
buses



# First Hydrogen Acquisition



- **FY20 Low-No Emission Grant**
  - Partners with New Flyer, Ballard Power Systems
  - Two 40ft hydrogen buses
  - Development of liquid hydrogen station
- **Infrastructure completion vs bus arrival challenge**
- **Temporary support with hydrogen gas supply and dispensing**
- **Buses in service since June 2023**
  - Economy of 7-8 m/Kg
  - Average range of 225-250 miles

# Temporary Hydrogen Gas Fueling



- ✓ Gaseous Hydrogen Supply
- ✓ No compression equipment
- ✓ Self contained
- ✓ Simple permitting
- ✓ Fuel time up to 40 minutes
- ✓ Gaseous hydrogen requires more storage than liquid

# Liquid Hydrogen Fueling



- ✓ Liquid Hydrogen Supply
- ✓ 1,000 Kg of storage
- ✓ Stored at -423 degrees F.
- ✓ 5,500 psi operating
- ✓ 15-minute fill times
- ✓ Fuel monitoring
- ✓ Boil off challenges



# Liquid Hydrogen Fueling



# Battery Electric Bus



- ✓ 4 Battery Electric Buses
- ✓ November 2023 in service
- ✓ 525kWh of on-board capacity
- ✓ 2.0 kWh per mile
- ✓ Average range of 150 miles



# Battery Electric Charging



- ✓ ABB Level 3 DC Fast chargers
- ✓ 2- 150kW cabinets
- ✓ 4- charge cables
- ✓ 3 to 6-hour charge time



# Looking Forward

## Bus Builds



- 15 – 60ft Hydrogen arriving now
- 96 – CNG fixed route buses on order
- 10 – Double Decks on order
- 140 – CNG Paratransit buses on order

## Education



- Research and analyze efficiencies
- Continue OEM Technician training
- Operator training
- First responder training



# Thank You

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# Why Electric Vehicles?

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Green House Gas (GHG): Climate Impacts

Traditional (old school) Air Pollutants

- Criteria Pollutants and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

Tailpipe Emissions

- GHG and Criteria Pollutants are Often Regulated Co-Pollutants

Other Pollution:

- Non-Tailpipe
- Manufacturing and Recycling

Total Pollution: EVs are Net Positive

# Research and Policy

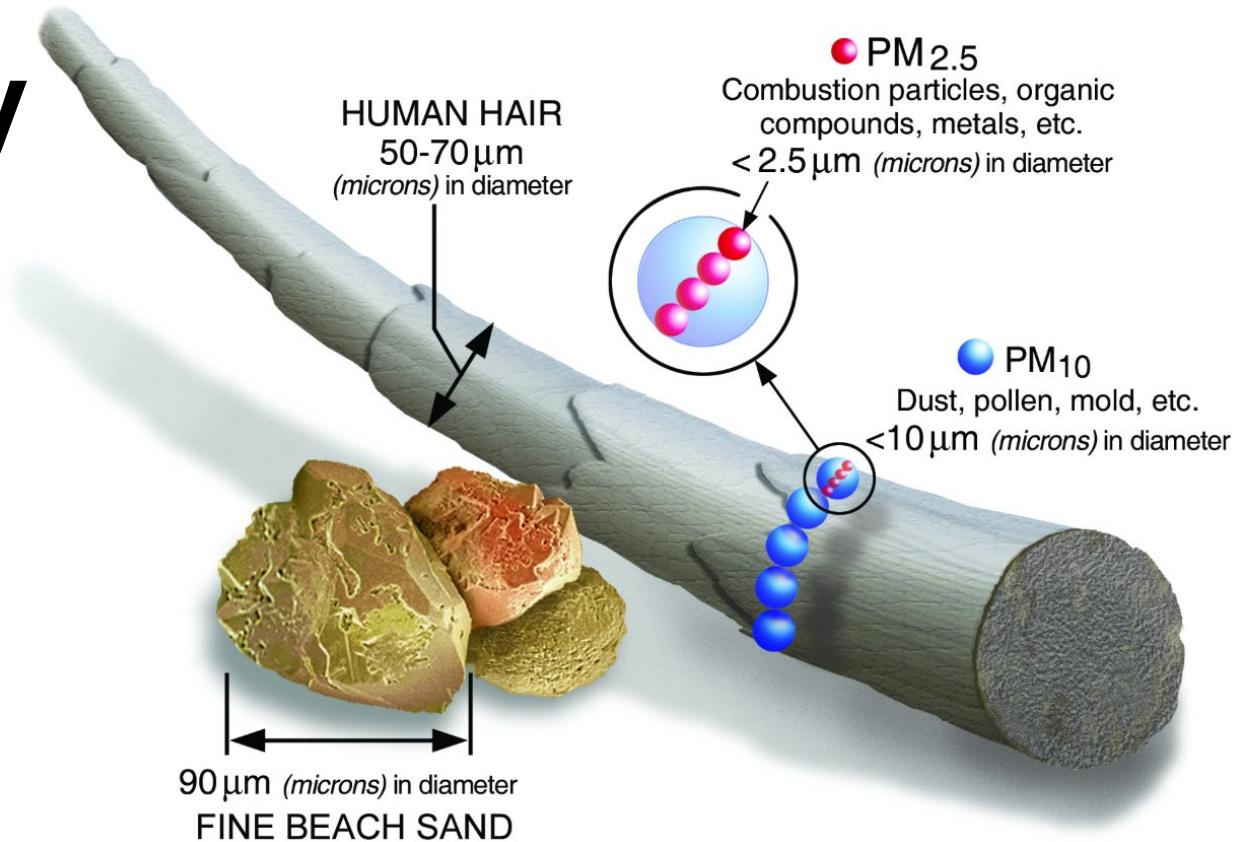
When Comparing Internal Combustion Vehicles to EVs, Studies Show that:

EVs Have Less Total GHG Emissions

EVs Have Less Total Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) Emissions

- A Key Contributor to Mortality

EVs Have **Far Less** Total NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions



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## Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicles

### School Buses (CCSD)

- Three Battery-Electric (Aug. 2024)
- Up to 25 More Possible
- Current Fleet is Largely Biodiesel



### Transit Authorities (RTC)

- 95% Natural Gas
- Two Hydrogen Fuel-Cell (2023)
- Four Battery-Electric (2023)



# What Can We Do?



Engagement

Environmental/Community  
Health Benefits

Informed Decisions



**Each of You Makes a Difference  
Thank You!**

**Any Questions?**



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# TAX CREDIT UPDATES





## CHANGES TO TAX CREDITS

Technology	IRS Tax Code	Timeline	Credit*
<b>Residential Clean Energy Credit</b> <i>Solar panels, wind turbines, geothermal heat pumps, fuel cells, energy storage</i>	25D	Complete installation by 12/31/25	Up to 30% off the cost of equipment or installation
<b>Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit</b> <i>Heat pumps, water heaters, biomass stoves, biomass boilers</i>	25C	Complete installation by 12/31/25	Up to \$2000 off high energy efficiency-rated equipment
<b>Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit</b> <i>New insulation, electrical panel, doors, and windows</i>	25C	Complete installation by 12/31/25	Up to \$1200 off new insulation, doors, and windows
<b>EV Charger Installation</b> <i>Qualified charging equipment in an eligible census tract installed at a primary residence</i>	30C	Operational by 6/30/26	Up to \$1000

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# INCENTIVES



# RESIDENTIAL INCENTIVES

NCEF	Save Energy NV	NV Energy
Residential Energy Upgrade Program (RE-UP)	Incentive Finder Tool	Free Home Energy Assessments
Rebuilding Together Southern Nevada	Explore Savings by project	Home Energy Saver
Weatherization Assistance	Find a Licensed Contractor	Free Qualified Appliance Replacement
Support from USDA - Home Repairs	Tax Credits Expiring	Save with PowerShift
Tips and Guides	Tips and Guides	Tips to Save Energy





# 2025 IN REVIEW



# 2025 COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Community Events

- **Clean Cities Celebration/**
- **Movie Night at the Drive-In**
  - 78 guests attended!
  - 10 EVs on display
- **Glow Bike Ride**
  - 43 bike riders, 60 total guests
  - Bike riding safety education, EV information

## Webinars

- Southern Nevada Clean Cities Coalition





# SEPTEMBER EV RIDE & DRIVE

- September 27, 2025
  - 130+ folks in attendance
  - 50+ test drives
  - 35+ EVs available for test drives

## Next Ride & Drive Event – April 2026

- Location and date TBD
- Subscribe to DES updates here:  
[AllIn.clarkcountynv.gov/Events](https://AllIn.clarkcountynv.gov/Events)







# THANK YOU!

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