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and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

“We appreciated INCOG serving as host for the MAP-21 Implementation Roundtable,” said Erika Young, NARC Transportation Director. “INCOG has been a leader in transportation planning and has been recognized for its role in the region and for its close working relationship with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.”

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Tulsa Area Clean Cities Receives \$750,000 for Alternative Fuel Implementation Planning Projects



The US Department of Energy recently selected 20 new projects to help states and local governments develop training and regional planning to meet the demand for alternative fuel cars and trucks, including vehicles that run on natural gas, electricity, and propane. INCOG’s Tulsa Area Clean Cities Program was selected to receive \$750,000 as a part of this initiative, to help the region as it seeks to pave the way for the use of more diverse transportation fuels, to end dependence on imported petroleum, and improve air quality.

INCOG will administer this two-year grant and work with several other public agencies to complete an ambitious list of projects aimed at removing barriers to alternative fuel implementation in Oklahoma and Arkansas. These projects address a range of community infrastructure and training needs, such as providing safety and technical training for mechanics, first responders and code enforcement officials; publishing guidance on best practices for updating permitting processes; publishing a “how to” guide for parties interested in building alternative fueling stations in Eastern Oklahoma, facilitating the installation of alternative fueling station highway signage along Oklahoma’s highways, conducting a feasibility study on the establishment of a low interest revolving loan fund to assist fleet owners in purchasing alternative fuel vehicles; and creating a series of videos to answer some common myths and misconceptions about CNG vehicles and conversions.

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Public Safety, Water, and Street Resurfacing Projects Funded with 2013 REAP Grants

More than \$634,200 has been approved for regional projects through the Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grant program for 2013. This year’s funding was provided for five transportation projects totaling \$256,010; six public safety projects of \$137,190 in grant funding, and five water and sewer projects totaling \$241,062.

REAP is a state funded program administered by INCOG to enhance the economic viability and development of the area’s rural communities. Cities, towns, and unincorporated areas with a population of 7,000 or less are eligible for the grants. Projects receiving funding support economic development, promote and enhance public health and safety, implement regional or local plans, and promote intergovernmental cooperation. The grants are awarded