



Wisconsin Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel Roundtable Kickoff

When: Tuesday, April 24, 9:00 am to NOON (Rooms available until 3 pm)

Where: Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison

Organizers: Wisconsin State Energy Office (SEO), and the Wisconsin Clean Cities

The Wisconsin Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel Roundtable is a stakeholder forum created to provide information to businesses and citizens about natural gas as a transportation fuel and identify opportunities to expand the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. The forum is coordinated by the Wisconsin State Energy Office, Wisconsin Clean Cities, and an advisory group made up of businesses from across the state. The goal of the forum is to expand the use of compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas and biogas as vehicle fuels in Wisconsin

Goals of the Natural Gas Transportation Roundtable:

- Provide a neutral resource for businesses and consumers to learn of current and planned fueling stations, state and federal incentives and information about vehicles that use natural gas.
- Identify and share information on the different regulatory structures for natural gas as compared to petroleum, such as road taxes, building and fire codes and contracting for natural gas supplies from regulated utilities and interstate pipeline companies. Identify areas where policies can be introduced or updated to encourage the expansion of natural gas vehicles.
- Assemble representatives from relevant state and federal agencies to coordinate government efforts to encourage natural gas transportation with the needs and concerns of businesses and consumers.
- Explore the long-term opportunities provided by natural gas transportation to Wisconsin's manufacturers, fleet owners, and producers of biogas at manure digesters, food processors, wastewater treatment plants and landfills.
- Promote Wisconsin as a leading state in the use of clean, affordable, domestic natural gas, the manufacture of natural gas transportation equipment and a producer of CNG fuel from waste.

Breakfast will be provided.

Breakout rooms will be available for networking until 3 pm.

Detailed Agenda on Reverse

Agenda:

"Natural gas is a clean, domestic, affordable fuel for Wisconsin businesses and consumers"

Keynote official, introduced by next level official

9:00 am

Introduction of the Wisconsin Natural Gas Transportation Roundtable

Maria Redmond and Peter Taglia, SEO, Lorrie Lisek, Clean Cities

9:15 am

The Wisconsin Natural Gas Transportation Roundtable is coordinated by the SEO and Clean Cities and guided by an advisory group composed of leading businesses in the marketing, manufacture and installation of natural gas and biogas fueling systems and vehicles. At least four meetings will be held across the state in the next year, with opportunities for stakeholders to form subcommittees on specific subjects.

Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel and Taxes

Wisconsin Department of Revenue

10:00 am

Natural gas is subject to the same state and federal road taxes as gasoline or diesel, but these taxes are calculated from the equivalent amount of energy in natural gas to a gallon of gasoline or diesel fuel. Fleets and homeowners with fueling systems are required to pay road taxes directly.

Listening Session

Identification of Opportunities and Barriers to Greater Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel in WI

10:20 am

The goal of the Natural Gas Transportation Roundtable is to make Wisconsin a leader in the use of natural gas for vehicles. Many businesses and consumers are interested in natural gas but want more information on the vehicle, fueling and financing options available in Wisconsin. Other businesses have already invested in natural gas vehicle fuel and have identified regulatory and other areas where Wisconsin can do more to advance this transportation fuel. Finally, many businesses have expressed interest in having a neutral forum to identify opportunities and recommendations for agency and elected officials. The listening portion of the program will be used to guide the Roundtable so that Wisconsin maximizes the economic, environmental and energy security benefits of natural gas transportation.

Example topics identified by the Advisory Group:

- Vehicle and fueling system funding opportunities
- Natural gas fuel pricing contract options and hedging
- Building codes for natural gas fueling and vehicle maintenance buildings
- Vehicle conversion kit certifications and safety concerns
- Training and education needs for technicians and mechanics
- Utility versus interstate pipeline natural gas supplies

Break

Moderated Question and Answer

Experts and Invited Panelists

11:00 am

The Roundtable is one part of many initiatives and investments in expanding natural gas transportation in Wisconsin. This question and answer session is designed to help attendees learn from experienced businesses and other experts the advantages, cautionary notes and emerging opportunities that are available for businesses and consumers interested in natural gas vehicle fuel. This session will also present some of the key interests of stakeholders from the listening session.

Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

11:45 am