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South Shore Clean Cities to laud top sustainable transportation leaders

Northern Indiana fleets to be recognized for emission reduction accomplishments

CROWN POINT — South Shore Clean Cities will present awards to sustainable transportation leaders from throughout Northern Indiana at its annual meeting February 26 at the Blue Chip Stardust Event Center, representatives announced today.

“South Shore Clean Cities members continue to serve as outstanding examples of how sustainable transportation adoption can be both eco-friendly and cost-effective,” South Shore Clean Cities Executive Director Carl Lisek said. “Our annual meeting celebrates the successes of our members in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and petroleum usage while educating and inspiring others to take action as well.”

South Shore Clean Cities is a nonprofit, member-based coalition dedicated to promoting sustainable transportation in Northern Indiana. South Shore Clean Cities is one of nearly 100 U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities coalitions. The coalitions partner with members in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to increase the use and implementation of sustainable transportation and its infrastructure. The programs supported by South Shore Clean Cities and its members support domestic fuels, strengthen the nation’s energy security, reduce dependence on imported oil, improve air quality and support local jobs and the local economy.

The annual meeting, which draws more than 300 of the top industry leaders and elected officials in the Midwest, celebrates the successes of South Shore Clean Cities members in increasing the use of sustainable transportation methodologies, including alternative fuel and electric vehicles and their infrastructure.

The day will include networking opportunities with top industry leaders and elected officials, information about the latest sustainable transportation technologies, details about grant funding opportunities for future projects and featured speaker Jody Slucker, commercial business manager for Ford Motor Company in the Great Lakes Market Area, speaking on the latest advances in sustainable transportation options.

The annual meeting will include new features this year, including a networking cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. February 25 in the Suncoast Room of the Stardust Event Center and a continental breakfast the morning of the meeting to allow for additional networking and time spent at our more than 30 exhibit booths.

Representatives from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will also be on hand for individual meetings exclusively for South Shore Clean Cities members interested in

discussing the \$41 million Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Program. Reservations are required for meetings and time will be limited. Members may contact Catherine Yoder at (219) 644-3690 to reserve your spot.

Chris V. Case, outreach educator for the United Soybean Board, will host a presentation on biobased products immediately following the Annual Meeting & Awards in the Suncoast Room at the Blue Chip Stardust Event Center. This presentation will provide examples of how fleets nationwide are improving employee health and safety and reducing the environmental footprint of their fleet operations cost effectively through the use of biobased products

The Annual Meeting and Awards is being presented in collaboration with the Midwest EVOLVE (Electric Vehicle Opportunities: Learning, eVents, Experience) project, a three-year effort aimed at demonstrating the performance and environmental benefits of plug-in electric vehicles through showcases, ride and drives and other events. South Shore Clean Cities is a partner on the seven-state project with seven other Clean Cities coalitions and the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest. Learn more about Midwest EVOLVE and other South Shore Clean Cities-related events at www.midwestevolve.org.

The South Shore Clean Cities Annual Meeting & Awards is set from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Blue Chip Stardust Event Center, 777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City, Indiana. Registration is \$50 for an individual, \$350 for a table of 10.

Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/2TXWB5V>.

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About South Shore Clean Cities

South Shore Clean Cities is a 501(c)(3) organization managed by Legacy Environmental Services, Inc., a woman-owned, certified Women's Business Enterprise. The U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities coalitions are nonprofit organizations designed to reduce petroleum consumption in the transportation sector by advancing the use of clean fuels and vehicles, idle reduction technologies, hybrid electric vehicles, fuel blends and fuel economy while supporting domestic fuels and reducing dependence on imported oil. Learn more at www.southshorecleancities.org.