The Volkswagen settlement could result in major emissions reductions and *if we make smart choices it could result in new technologies being developed in Texas*

*You are invited to a workshop on the VW settlement*

**Monday June 26th from 10-4**

**Austin Convention Center – Room 4c (3rd floor)**

TCAWG and the City of Austin are sponsoring the upcoming workshop on the VW settlement planned for the 26th in Austin. There is a [Smart Cities Connect](#) conference that week at the Austin convention center that will offer hands-on exposure to some of the technologies we will be discussing.

*This is your opportunity to share with staff of the Governor’s office and TCEQ your thoughts on how the $200 million should be spent and how to administer the program*

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In order to access the room where the workshop is being held, you will need to register for access to the exhibit hall and the Smart Cities Connect conference.

*This will give you a free expo registration badge, and is necessary to attend the Monday VW Settlement program, and then attend the Expo Hall Reception starting at 4:00 pm.*

- Register: [http://www.smartcitiesconnect.com/register.html](http://www.smartcitiesconnect.com/register.html)
- Fill in several pages of information and the second to the last page Select “Expo Floor Only”
- **On the final payment page,** Use the Discount Code: 17AUSTX

Also register for the workshop by emailing Donna Tiemann at Donna.Tiemann@austintexas.gov
Vision/Big Picture

- Welcome – Austin City Councilmember Ann Kitchen
- Opportunities - VW and beyond and the Texas Clean Air Working
  Group of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties (TCAWG) role - TCAWG Chair and Dallas County Commissioner Teresa Daniel
- The Settlement - Elena Craft, EDF
  - NOx reduction and advancing zero emissions;
  - Settlement parameters;
  - Duration;
  - Alternative fuel neutral;
  - What’s eligible?
- EJ Viewpoints
- Why does this matter to business? --Clay Pope

“Suggestion” Session - moderators Theresa Daniel Chair of TCAWG and Dallas County Commissioner and Tom ‘Smitty’ Public Citizen’s Texas Office

As the Governor’s office prepares the Texas plan, your input is sought

- What are the current plans? – De Ann Walker Governor’s office
- Your input – 2 minutes per speaker – strongly moderated
- What kind of projects are people interested in?
- How should the money be distributed to communities (based on location of VW vehicles, to near non attainment and non-attainment areas on or just to non-attainment areas?)
- Who should administer the program?

Break for Lunch

Lunch is on your own, there are many restaurants nearby

Executing and Implementing Plans

VISION: State of the Technology and what is expected to be available in 5 years

CURRENT: State of the Technology

What’s Available:

- Vehicles - North Central Texas Council of Government (NCTCOG) providing resources/handouts
- Infrastructure - NCTCOG
**Costs** Incremental costs and savings for various options - *Capitol Metro & NCTCOG*

**Benefits** of emissions reductions

- Emission reductions per option  
  *Tom “Smitty” Smith, Public Citizen*
- Hidden cost of emissions – *Andrew Hoekzema, Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG)*

**Tools**

- Calculators - *NCTCOG will discuss and provide websites for availability*

**Break**

**OPTIONS:**  *Leveraging Bulk Purchasing (Panel)*

- Volt as an example
- Fleets for the Future - *NCTCOG*
- HGAC Buy – *Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC)*
- Mayors’ Climate Initiative - *Austin Sustainability Office*

**NEXT STEPS:**  *Where do we go from here? Tod Wickersham*

- Policy issues
- Technology
- Infrastructure needs
- Eco-development
- Technical assistance
- Survey Monkey

**Closing and invitation to Expo:**  *Austin City Councilmember Ann Kitchen*

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