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- **Announcement: Job opportunities**

The new host of the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition, the University Transportation Center, is currently hiring four positions including the Project Coordinator. Among the responsibilities of the Project Coordinator will be to coordinate Vermont Clean Cities Coalition activities. Postings can be found [here](#).

- **Fuels: Biodiesel availability map**

A map and directory of where you can buy biodiesel in Vermont is now available [here as a pdf](#). The directory includes information for companies that deliver, sell at the pump, or provide wholesale or retail biodiesel. A project of the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, the Vermont Biofuels Association, and the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association. [Source: [Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund](#)]

- **Fuels: Electric car conversion at Good News Garage**

Good News Garage, a non-profit that repairs donated vehicles and provides them to qualified low-income families in New England, is exploring the possibility of providing alternative fuel vehicles in the future. Their pilot program is seeking a donation of a gas-powered car to convert to a 100% battery powered plug-in electric car. They are looking for the following models: Toyota Corolla, Nissan Sentra, VW Jetta or Golf, Saturn, Honda Civic or Accord. Body and manual transmission must be in good condition. Motor, radiator, exhaust system, or gas tank do NOT have

to be in good condition. [Source: [Good News Garage](#)]

- **Fuels: Biofuels facilities guide (Wisconsin)**

Wisconsin recently released its first guide to citing and building biodiesel and ethanol facilities within the state. The document is available [here as a pdf](#). Although some details pertain to Wisconsin regulations, other sections may be useful to biofuel entrepreneurs elsewhere. [Source: [State of Wisconsin POWER Initiative](#)]

- **Bike & Ped: Walking paths in Lyndonville face challenges**

Efforts to improve “Little Steven’s Loop” by linking the bike trails in East Burke to Lyndonville are stymied by safety concerns and expenses. A possible alternative is for the local group advocating for this project to work directly with landowners to move the walking trail away from the road and closer to the Passumpsic River. [Source: [Caledonia Record](#)]

- **Bike & Ped: Biking Mortality of Children Low in Vermont**

A report released this month shows that Vermont leads the nation for the lowest accidental injury death rates of children during the summer. Previous research has shown biking to be the second most common cause of accidental injury deaths during the summer, after drowning. [Source: [Safe Kids USA](#)]

- **Bike & Ped: Bike & Ped Review**

An article this week spotlighted the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition, including a few of its initiatives in central Vermont. [Source: [Rutland Herald](#)]

- **Bike & Ped: Bike & Ped support by legislators**

Legislators and their constituents are showing support for biking and walking via a walk or ride today with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition. [Source: [Burlington Free Press](#)]

- **Policy Watch: Emissions labeling proposal**

The House Transportation Committee added an emission labeling proposal to a Senate bill for an exception for racing vehicles to the MTBE fuel additive ban. The full House voted Wednesday on the amendment. To track the bill’s progress, search for S.143 [here](#). [Source: [Burlington Free Press](#)]

- **Policy Watch: Public transit funding update**

The latest proposal by the Vermont Senate to beef up funding for public transit is to allocate \$12 million of the revenue that would come from the proposed tax on Vermont Yankee. The tax on Vermont Yankee is part of global warming bill H.520 currently under review. [Source: [Burlington Free Press](#)]

- **Policy Watch: Emission trial ends**

The trial on Vermont’s vehicle emissions standards has ended. Recent headlines and links to the stories are below:

- 5/1: On the defensive: State presents its side of story [[Boston Globe](#)]
- 5/3: NASA scientist testifies in trial over auto emission regulations [[Boston Globe](#)]
- 5/8: Auto Industry Delivers Closing Arguments In Emissions Trial [Source: [WPTZ](#)]
- 5/8: Emissions Trial Ends [[WCAX](#)]
- 5/9: Greenhouse gas emissions trial ends [[Burlington Free Press](#)]
- 5/9: Trial ends in auto emissions case [[Rutland Herald](#)]

- **Funding Opportunities:**

- Regional: Professional development programs for farmers. Pre-proposal due 5/31/07. [[View](#)]

- Federal: Rural cooperative development. Closes 6/8/07. [\[View\]](#)
- Federal, R&D: Hydrogen separation and storage. Colleges and Universities eligible. Closes 6/12/07. [\[View\]](#)
- Federal, capital projects: Buses and bus facilities. Government entities eligible. Closes 6/21/07. [\[View\]](#)
- Federal, Planning: Integrating transportation and resources planning to develop ecosystem based infrastructure projects. Closing date TBD. [\[View\]](#)

- **Events**

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| 5/7-11 Online | Way to Go! Week Alternative commuting week. You can still sign up! <i>Info:</i> www.waytogovt.org |
| 5/10, Thu Online | Biodiesel Training Free webcast for petroleum distributors. <i>Info:</i> http://www.biodiesel.org/misc/040307.shtm/ |
| 5/11, Fri NW, Central VT | Dime Day Ride CCTA and GMTA buses for just a dime. <i>Info:</i> 864-2282 (CCTA), 223-7827 (GMTA) |
| 5/12, Sat So. Burlington | Pedestrian and Bike Summit Charting the future of biking and walking in Chittenden County. 9am-12:30pm. 160 Hinesburg Road. <i>Info:</i> www.ccmppo.gov/BikePed |
| 5/31, Thu Burlington | Way to Go! Workplace Commuter Challenge Awards Ceremony 11:30am. Burlington Boathouse. <i>Info:</i> 660.4071 x14 |

More event listings:

[10% Challenge](#), [Vermont Peak Oil Network](#)

- **Weekly Petro-Stats**

| | Gas at the pump, VT [compiled from fuelgaugereport.com] | Crude oil futures [compiled from nymex.com] |
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| This week (May 2-8) | \$ 2.949/gallon | \$ 62.506/barrel |
| Last week (Apr 25-May 1) | \$ 2.845/gallon | \$ 65.494/barrel |

Clean Cities is a national program, coordinated by local coalitions in states and large cities, committed to advancing "the economic, environmental and energy security of the U.S." through cutting back on "*petroleum consumption in the transportation sector*". [More at the [Clean Cities](#) website].

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Best regards,
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