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AirCheckTexas Accepting Vehicle Replacement Applications

Legislature restores full funding to popular emissions-reduction program

Oct. 12, 2015 (Arlington, Texas) – The AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program has begun accepting applications for replacement vouchers after the Texas Legislature restored full funding to what has become one of the most successful air quality programs in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Administered locally by the North Central Texas Council of Governments, AirCheckTexas provides qualifying motorists vouchers worth up to \$3,000 toward vehicle replacement (\$3,500 for hybrids and some other fuel-efficient models) or repair vouchers of up to \$600.

The program will receive \$22 million per year over the next two fiscal years. The additional funding is anticipated to allow NCTCOG to provide vouchers for the replacement of approximately 6,000 vehicles.

Since 2011, when the Legislature reduced AirCheckTexas' funding as it sought to balance the budget, the program has offered a limited number of replacement vouchers each year while remaining open year-round for repair requests. In fiscal year 2015, 547 vehicles were replaced with the help of AirCheckTexas vouchers, pushing the total to 31,132 replacements since the program began in 2002.

North Texans whose vehicles have failed the emissions portion of the state inspection in the past 30 days or are at least 10 years old are encouraged to apply for assistance if they meet the income criteria. Vehicles must be registered in one of the participating counties (Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall or Tarrant). A family of four earning \$72,750 or less per year may receive assistance. A full list of requirements, including additional household income criteria, is available at NCTCOG.org/airchecktexas.

“The AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program has been an integral tool in our ongoing effort to improve air quality for more than a decade,” AirCheckTexas Program Administrator Dora Kelly said. “Not only has it assisted thousands of hard working North Texans repair or replace their vehicles, but the air quality benefits to the region will help us all to breathe cleaner. We are pleased the Legislature restored full funding to AirCheckTexas, and we look forward to many more years of this vital program.”

Applications and income documentation for all adults in the household must be submitted by fax, 817-608-2315, or mail. Assistance through this application-based program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered on the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 238 member governments including 16 counties, 169 cities, 22 school districts and 31 special districts. For more information on the NCTCOG Transportation Department, visit NCTCOG.org/trans.

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