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"Roadmap for Sustainability." Southern **Nevada Clean Cities Coalition Earns** Designation from U.S. Dept. of Energy

The Southern Nevada Clean Cities Coalition (SNCCC) earned designation into the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Clean Cities and Communities partnership today. With its DOE designation, the SNCCC has demonstrated its commitment to reducing petroleum dependency by collaborating with key community partners, offering education and outreach programs on alternative fuels and idling reduction and developing a five-year strategic program plan to serve as a "roadmap" to guide the Coalition's future success.



"Vehicle emission reduction has been one of our primary sustainability goals ever since launching the All-In Clark County sustainability and climate action initiative," said Marci Henson, director of Clark County's Department of Environment and Sustainability. "We celebrate our DOE designation in the Clean Cities and Communities partnership with several local municipalities, agencies and organizations that have been working for several years to reduce vehicle emissions and improve the quality of life in Clark County."

The Southern Nevada Clean Cities Coalition is an initiative through the Clark County's Department of Environment and Sustainability and the All-In Clark County Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. It strives to improve air quality and reduce petroleum dependency through the use of alternative fuels, vehicles, infrastructure and efficient technologies.

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"Since 2022, Southern Nevada Clean Cities Coalition has been working throughout Clark County to build strong local partnerships, provide expertise and tools to advance clean transportation," said Mark Smith, program manager at DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office. "DOE commends the coalition on its efforts throughout this process, and we are looking forward to collaborating with stakeholders in southern Nevada to strengthen the nation's environment, energy security, and economic prosperity."

Chaired by Deborah Reardon from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTCSNV), the SNCCC's advisory committee includes representatives from: City of Henderson, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, Clark County, Clark County School District, Las Vegas Valley Water District, Nevada Clean Energy Fund, Nevada Clinicians for Climate Action, Nevada Conservation League, Nevada Department of Transportation, NV Energy, Republic Services, RTCSNV, Southwest Gas and the University of Nevada, Reno.

"While we're proud of this accomplishment, the Southern Nevada Clean Cities Coalition regards DOE designation in the Clean Cities and Communities partnership as a beginning point, not the goal," said Nicole Wargo, who leads the SNCCC initiative for Clark County's Office of Sustainability. "Ultimately, the goal is cleaner air, fewer vehicle emissions and greater opportunities for alternative fuels to make Southern Nevada a sustainability model for the entire country."

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Located in Clark County, Nevada, the Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) is the region's air pollution control agency. DES also administers the Desert Conservation Program and leads the All-In Clark County initiative to address climate impacts in Southern Nevada. Whether it's protecting the air we share, protecting species like the desert tortoise or making home and vehicle electrification easier for residents, our team is united by our shared passion to create a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable Southern Nevada.

Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 11th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to 2.4 million citizens and 43 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The County also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to 1 million residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development.