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## Advocacy Position Statement

### **Alternative Fuel and Alternative Fuel Vehicles**

#### Statement of Purpose:

The American Public Works Association (APWA) urges all public entities, elected officials, transportation policy makers and decision makers, at all levels of government to support its position on alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles.

APWA further encourages all government agencies and departments to develop alternative fuel vehicle policies to promote the purchase and use of these vehicles.

#### Statement of Position:

APWA is a recognized authority in the public works community for providing direction and vision for the future of America.

APWA is the primary resource for public works agencies for providing the education, information and resources to better conduct public service while reducing the carbon footprint of our environment.

#### Background and Rationale

APWA supports, promotes and educates its membership, government leaders and policy makers in the use of low emission alternative fuel vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

APWA encourages and urges the use of appropriate alternative fuel vehicles that are reliable, efficient and cost-effective in providing services for its citizens.

- To reduce America's dependence on petroleum imports, to promote sustainability, and to cut greenhouse emission, APWA promotes increased purchase and use of alternative fuel vehicles.
- Transportation energy sector is responsible for producing a large portion of greenhouse gas emissions. Transportation accounts for 28% of total U.S. energy consumption U.S. Department of Energy, July, 2009.

- To maintain energy security, federal, state and local agencies should collaborate with all stakeholders in the installation of alternate and renewable fuels and infrastructure to support alternative fuel vehicles.
- APWA promotes the development of comprehensive programs by all agencies in the acquisition and utilization of alternative fuel vehicles.
- APWA suggests collaboration amongst all state, local and other parties to develop a conveniently accessible statewide network of fueling stations to support the alternative fuel vehicles.

All agencies should have guidelines that must include as part of the Annual Energy Reports an explanation of steps taken to implement strategies to reduce petroleum consumption and emissions through use of alternative fuels and improving vehicle fleet fuel efficiency by the purchase and use of alternate fueled vehicles. The purpose of the report is to demonstrate progress towards achieving the goal by all state, tribal and local agencies.

APWA supports (EPA) of 1992 as amended by various subsequent Energy Policy Acts and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) and urges all agencies (including those not mandated) to follow the provisions to purchase the alternative fuel vehicles.

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