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Tuesday marked one of the most significant days for Central Oklahoma regional air quality improvement.

FedEx Freight in partnership with Clean Energy Fuels held a grand opening ceremony for a new compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station that will eventually support more than 100 CNG trucks. The station, located at FedEx Freight's Oklahoma City Service Center, includes a four-lane fast-fill station and an overnight time-fill station with six zones and eighteen hoses.

ACOG Executive Director John Johnson and Clean Cities Coordinator Eric Pollard represented ACOG and Central Oklahoma Clean Cities at the event. Speakers included FedEx CEO Fred Smith, Fifth District U.S. Congressman Steve Russell, Governor Mary Fallin, Chairman and CEO of BP Capital and natural gas vehicle pioneer T. Boone Pickens, President and CEO of Clean Energy Fuels Andrew Littlefair, and President of Natural Gas Vehicle America Matthew Godlewski.

The CNG station and vehicle transition to CNG is projected to reduce 2.25 million gallons of petroleum fuel equivalents annually. To give perspective, the Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Coalition reported a total of 7.2 million gallons of petroleum reduced last year in Central and Western Oklahoma.

The greenhouse gas emissions reduced from this project is the equivalent to taking 4,224 passenger vehicles off of Oklahoma's roads annually.

ACOG staff will work with FedEx Freight and Clean Energy Fuels to calculate criteria pollutant emissions reductions as well. Criteria pollutants when combined with Oklahoma's sun and heat contribute to ground-level ozone pollution. While it's not known exactly how big the emissions reduction will be, we know this project will be of immense benefit in our region's effort to meet air quality standards.

FedEx Freight chose Oklahoma City as the first market where the company has committed most of its vehicles to CNG. The work of Central Oklahoma Clean Cities stakeholders in advancing compressed natural gas was a big part of FedEx Freight's decision to invest in our community.

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