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Shuttles will be first to use clean alternative fuel for Tucson Gem and Mineral Show

PAG’s Clean Cities program, City of Tucson team up with Southwest Gas, Clean Energy and Arizona Stagecoach to use natural gas in vehicles

TUCSON, Ariz. – Two shuttle vans operated by Arizona Stagecoach and fueled with clean and efficient natural gas from Southwest Gas and Clean Energy will allow Tucson Gem and Mineral Show visitors from far and near to shuttle between the frontage road gem shows and the Tucson Convention Center. The partnership is coordinated through Pima Association of Governments’ (PAG) Clean Cities program and the City of Tucson.

The partnership and shuttle route will be announced during the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show kickoff event at 3 p.m. on Feb. 1 at Linda Avenue and the Luis G. Gutierrez Bridge.

“Southwest Gas, Clean Energy and Arizona Stagecoach welcomed the opportunity to partner with us to showcase these shuttles that run on clean, cost-efficient compressed natural gas fuel,” said Colleen Crowninshield, manager of the Tucson Regional Clean Cities program at PAG. “They are committed to show our visitors that natural gas is clean, abundant and can greatly reduce America’s dependence on petroleum.”

According to a study on behalf of the California Energy Commission, natural gas vehicles can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 29 percent compared to gasoline vehicles and up to 22 percent when compared to diesel vehicles.

“This is a win-win situation for everyone,” said Andrew Squire, City liaison for the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. “Everyone involved can showcase to the world what alternative fuel options we
have in our region and how we are willing to partner with one another to demonstrate our local amenities to keep visitors coming back to our region.”

For more information on the Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil showcase, visit http://www.visittucson.org/events/gem-show/.

**About Southwest Gas**
Southwest Gas provides natural gas service to approximately 1.9 million customers in Arizona, California and Nevada. For more information on the benefits of natural gas, please visit [www.swgasliving.com](http://www.swgasliving.com) or [www.swgas.com](http://www.swgas.com).

**About Arizona Stagecoach**
Arizona Stagecoach is celebrating its 35th year of reliable and affordable Tucson transportation which averages 80,000 passengers a year since 1978 around Southern Arizona. We offer many services within a 100-mile radius of Tucson, Arizona, including, but not limited to [Airport Shuttle Service](http://www.azstagecoach.com/), [Wedding Transportation](http://www.azstagecoach.com/), [Event Transportation](http://www.azstagecoach.com/) and [Tours of Southern Arizona](http://www.azstagecoach.com/). Because we believe in the importance of keeping our environment clean we have added Compressed Natural Gas Systems (CNG) to replace some of our gasoline shuttle vans. For more information, visit [http://www.azstagecoach.com/](http://www.azstagecoach.com/).

**About Pima Association of Governments**
Pima Association of Governments is an association of local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, energy, watershed and air quality. PAG’s staff gather and analyze data, provide accurate information, and coordinate an open and cooperative planning process to promote good decision-making for the region. Please visit [www.PAGregion.com](http://www.PAGregion.com) for more information or [www.facebook.com/PAGregion](http://www.facebook.com/PAGregion).

**About Clean Cities**
Clean Cities is a voluntary program of the U.S. Department of Energy to expand the use of alternatives to gasoline and diesel fuel, accelerate the use of alternative fuel vehicles and build a local refueling infrastructure for these vehicles.

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