A message from Sam Lamerato, 
Fleet Services Committee Chair, 2016-17

Welcome to the Fleet Services Technical Committee homepage. This very active committee focuses on professional development and technical industry information related to the acquisition, management, maintenance, sustainability and disposal of public fleet assets and equipment. Following are highlights from the 2015 committee work plan.

**Fleet Manager Certification.** APWA launched this important program in September of 2006, and to date there are nearly 100 Certified Public Fleet Professionals (CPFP). The certification program includes an eligibility application process, a multiple-choice exam and a recertification application process. The CPFP examination is administered in computer-based formats, offered on a monthly basis. Participants can take at their place of employment or go to a local testing facility in their area. The 2015-2016 exam schedule and assessment center locations are available on the CPFP web pages.

**Publications.** Another major area of effort for the committee and APWA staff is the development of quality, technical publications that are easy to understand, loaded with useful information, and offered at the best possible cost. These publications are updated to stay current with the changing technologies and fleet requirements. They are designed to assist Fleet Managers, Public Works Directors and those interested in developing an understanding of the public fleet industry. All are available online at the APWA bookstore.

**FLEET PUBLICATIONS**
- The APWA Equipment Code Book
- Demonstrating the Value of Your Fleet Management Program (with CD)
- Managing Public Equipment
- Out-of-the-Box Funding Options for Public Fleets
- Planned Fleet Replacement Guide
- Public Fleet Management Training Course
- Public Fleet Professional DVD
- Spec Writing 101: A Quick Guide to Purchasing Public Works Vehicles and Equipment
- The Concise Manual for Calculating Public Fleet Rates
- Top Ten Performance Measures for Fleet Managers

**Educational Sessions.** The committee provides program development and planning for fleet technical sessions at the APWA North American Snow Conference and the PWX (formerly known as the International Public Works Congress & Exposition-“Best Show in Public Works”). Nationally recognized industry leaders are identified to deliver current topics of interest at both events. At the 2016 PWX, Fleet offered a workshop on Monday, “Challenges and Solutions for Public Fleet Managers”, plus additional seminars throughout PWX, offering over 10 hours of Fleet education and networking. This makes PWX a great value for Fleet attendees. If you would like further information please go to the education pages of the web site.

The committee also works with the education staff to identify topics, develop and plan in-depth, instructional, interactive, Internet-based, educational training that you watch on your PC. APWA
offers the Click, Listen and Learn sessions at no cost to members. Following completion of the live program, the presentation is packaged into handy programs that can be purchased and viewed at a later time. All are available online at the APWA bookstore.

- **Demonstrating the Value of Your Fleet (CD-ROM)**
- **How to Train Your Fleet**
- **Out-of-the-Box Funding Options for Public Fleets**
- **Public Fleet Professional DVD**
- **Understanding the Required EVT (Emergency Vehicle Training)**

In 2015 APWA entered into a collaborative agreement with Government Fleet aimed at coordinating solutions and resources to benefit public fleets. APWA and Government Fleet will coordinate efforts on education, events, tools and innovative solutions. Additionally, Government Fleet has made a strong commitment to enhancing the visibility and awareness of the Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP) certification.

**Members’ Library.** The Member’s Library is an online resource that provides a varied library of education resources to our Fleet community. Current educational sessions or online publications are available to browse at your convenience 24/7, as often as you like, without charge. If you have an interesting Fleet presentation or information that you would like to share with other Fleet professionals, please feel free to contact the Fleet Services Committee.

Watch for bulletins from APWA national headquarters for the latest information on educational training opportunities. We recognize that Fleet is a major partner in delivering public works services to our communities. We collaborate with other APWA Technical Committees, such as Emergency Management, and at a global level with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia and the International Federation of Municipal Engineers to share ideas, discuss training opportunities, and solve fleet challenges for our communities.

**Communication Network.** Members interested in discussing fleet operations issues with other APWA members are encouraged to subscribe to the infoNOW community – Fleet section. This forum connects you to other public sector fleet management professionals and provides opportunities to post and answer questions to your peers.

If you have suggestions for the Fleet Services Committee, or for future workshops or other information or want to get involved and volunteer your fleet expertise, please feel free to contact me.

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