



## Natural Gas Trucking

RNG Summit, The Transport Project – April 27, 2025



#### North American Council for Freight Efficiency



- Unbiased, fuel agnostic, non-profit
- Mission to double freight efficiency
- All stakeholders
- Scale available technologies, guide emerging change and Run on Less demonstrations.

www.NACFE.org
www.RunonLess.com
www.rmi.org





#### What is "The Messy Middle"?

#### **PRESENT**

- Technology immature
- Many unknowns & challenges



#### "MESSY MIDDLE"

- Many optimization solutions
- Growing infrastructure
- Multi-fuel choices

- Innovation & maturation
- Facts replacing estimates
- Learning curves



#### **FUTURE 2050**

- Fast charging
- Hydrogen everywhere
- Long-life, low-cost batteries
  - Acceptable weights & costs

**Messy Middle Report** 

- Legacy Diesels
- Natural Gas

- Diesel Advancements
- Natural Gas
- Hybrids
- Hydrogen ICE

- Battery Electric
- Hydrogen Fuel Cells
- Renewable Natural Gas & Diesel
- More

 CBEV & HFCEV from Clean Energy





#### **POWERTRAIN ALTERNATIVES**

Estimate of Technology Readiness by 2025

	ZEV	SUSTAINABILI Well-to-Wheels		RATIONAL Route Flex	INFRASTRUCTURE	INTEGRATION Challenges	MATURITY
DIESEL							
ICE RENEWABLE *							
NATURAL GAS							
HYDROGEN ICE							
BATTERY ELECTRIC							
HYDROGEN FUEL CELL							

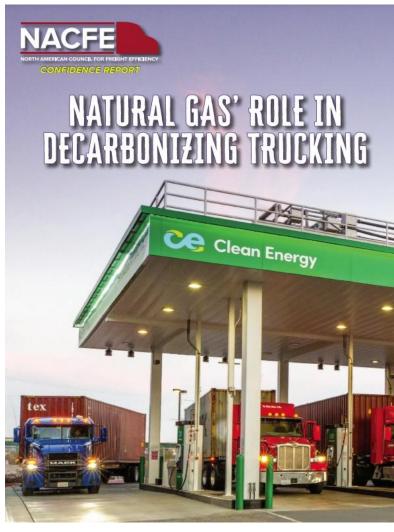
<sup>\*</sup> ICE Renewables = Renewable Natural Gas, Renewable Diesel, Renewable Propane, etc.







## NACFE CNG/RNG Findings (Mar '23)



Report: https://nacfe.org/research/powertrain/#natural in-decarbonizing-trucking October 2024

#### BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES





#### **Benefits**

- Can be near-zero sustainability
- Easier NOx solution
- Some existing fueling infrastructure
- Near diesel performance with new 15L engine
- RNG availability growing



#### Challenges

- Capacity and cost of RNG
- Methane leakage
- Enough time for payback until ZEVs are available
- Lower efficiency in miles per diesel equivalent
- Incentives may decrease or be eliminated
- Space onsite for fueling or access to public stations



#### Run on Less by NACFE

2017



2019



2021



2023



2025













7 Fleets 10.1 MPG

Regional Haul
10 Fleets
8.3 MPG

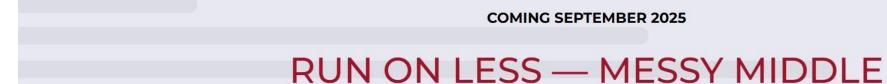
All BEVs
13 Fleets
EV Truck Pilots

BEV Depots
10 Depots
Infrastructure

Long Haul
Many
Solutions



## Run on Less – Messy Middle









### **Bootcamp Sessions (Feb – July)**

Diesel & Natural Gas Session 1: Diesel Drop-In Alternatives: Ultra-Low Sulfur, Bio-, and Renewable

February 11, 2025 – Video Available!

✓ Quiz available!



Diesel & Natural Gas Session 2: Decarbonizing with Natural Gas

February 25, 2025 - Video Available!

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Diesel & Natural Gas Session 3: Future Prices & Availability of Existing Infrastructure: What's Next?

March 11, 2025 - Video Available!

■ Quiz available!





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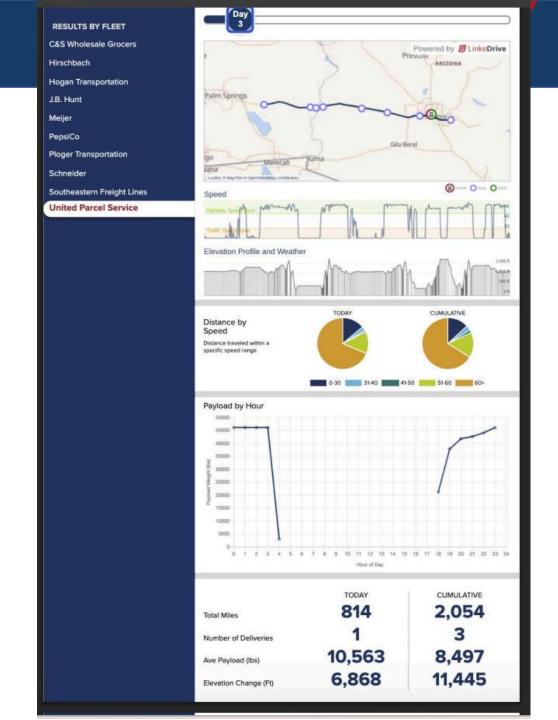


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https://runonless.com/bootcamp/

#### Run Metrics - Dashboard

- 18 days, September 8 through the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Four different but similar dashboards
  - Diesel
  - Natural Gas
  - Battery Electric
  - Hydrogen Fuel Cells
- Similar in nature to Run on Less Regional in 2019.
  - Route
  - Weather conditions
  - Elevation
  - Payload
  - Speed
  - Diesel gallon equivalent MPG



#### **Natural Gas Trucks**



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Rochester, NY



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