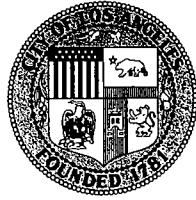


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Department of Transportation  
Board of Transportation Commissioners

RE: FREE METERED PARKING PILOT PROGRAM FOR HYBRID VEHICLES

At the meeting of the Council held JUNE 21, 2006, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted..... X  
Attached motion (-) adopted.....  
Attached resolution adopted.....  
FORTHWITH.....  
Mayor concurred .....  
To the Mayor FORTHWITH .....  
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....  
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)....  
Ordinance adopted.....  
Ordinance number.....

*Frank T. Martinez*

City Clerk  
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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Public Comments	<u>XX</u>	<u>—</u>

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Free Metered Parking Pilot Program for Hybrid Vehicles.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the pilot program enabling certain hybrid vehicles to park for free at City parking meters is achieving the goal of increasing the sales of hybrid vehicles.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance amending Sections 88.00, 88.07, 88.13, 88.57 and 88.63 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to make the Free Metered Parking Pilot Program for hybrid vehicles permanent by:
  - a. Establishing an hourly rate of \$0.00 (i.e. free) for Alternate Fuel Vehicles properly displaying California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Clean Air Vehicle Decals at all Department of Transportation (DOT) on- and off-street parking meters in the City of Los Angeles.
  - b. Exempting Alternate Fuel Vehicles properly displaying DMV Clean Air Vehicle Decals from the requirements to deposit coins in parking meters at Department of Transportation (DOT) on- and off-street parking meters in the City of Los Angeles until January 1, 2008.
3. DIRECT the DOT to extend the Free Metered Parking Pilot Program for Hybrid Vehicles as currently configured until the Ordinance modifying the program as described above in Recommendation No. 2.
4. DIRECT the DOT to publicize the changes to the Free Metered Parking Pilot Program for Hybrid Vehicles once the Ordinance described above in Recommendation No. 2 becomes effective.
5. DIRECT the DOT to issue warning notices instead of citations to any of the four, previously eligible, hybrid vehicles observed parked at expired City parking meters without properly displaying DMV Clean Air Vehicle Decals for 30 days after the Ordinance described above in Recommendation No. 2 becomes effective.
6. DIRECT the DOT to report back to Council in 6 months relative to the status of the Free Metered Parking Pilot Program for Hybrid Vehicles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DOT reports that at this time, only 261 eligible hybrid vehicles have been observed participating in the free metered parking pilot program resulting in an estimated annual revenue loss of between \$32,500 and \$65,000, or less than 0.31% of total annual meter

revenue. In spite of the potential for increased levels of hybrid ownership, the recommended linking of the program with the DMV's Clean Air Vehicle decal program is expected to limit any further decrease in parking meter revenue to the Special Parking Revenue Fund as well as any reduction in General Fund revenue from parking citations issued for parking meter violations.

Summary:

On September 28, 2004, Council directed the DOT to modify its parking enforcement policy to add four designated hybrid vehicles (Toyota Prius, Honda Civic Hybrid, Honda Insight and Ford Escape Hybrid) to the existing Zero Emission Vehicle/Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ZEV/SULEV) Free Metered Parking Program for the period from October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005. The current parking enforcement policy allows vehicles with Clean Air Vehicle decals issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to park for free at City parking meters as long as they obey all posted time limits and higher-order parking restrictions. The four hybrid vehicle models were added to the list of vehicles eligible to receive the free parking benefits of the program but were not required to display the Clean Air Vehicle decals. Subsequently, on March 23, 2005 Council extended the Program to May 31, 2005 and once again on May 3, 2005 to further extend the Program to June 30, 2006.

At its June 14, 2006 meeting, your Committee considered a June 2, 2006 DOT report relative to the Free Metered Parking Pilot Program for Hybrid Vehicles. According to the DOT, due to the success of the Program in achieving higher levels of hybrid vehicle ownership and the current, relatively small financial impact on City meter revenue, the DOT is recommending making the Program permanent through changes to existing City Ordinances but limiting eligibility to vehicles with Clean Air Vehicle decals issued through the DMV. LAMC Section 88.00 would need to be amended to establish a Citywide hourly rate of \$0.00 for eligible hybrid vehicles at all DOT on-street parking meters, and LAMC Section 88.57 would need a similar amendment to establish the same hourly rate at meters in the DOT's off-street parking lots. Several sections of the LAMC (e.g., 88.07, 88.13, 88.57 and 88.63) would also need to be amended to exempt the drivers of eligible hybrid vehicles from the requirement to immediately deposit money in the meter when parking at DOT's on- and off-street parking meters and to exempt the drivers of eligible hybrid vehicles from the penalties for failure to do so.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the June 2, 2006 DOT report. Additionally, the Committee moved to recommend directing the DOT to report back to Council in 6 months relative to the status of the Free Metered Parking Pilot Program for Hybrid Vehicles.

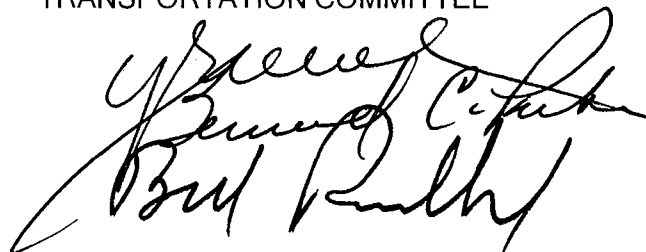
This matter is now being forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
GREUEL:	YES
PARKS:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
WESSON:	ABSENT
ROSENDAHL:	YES

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REPT.  
**ADOPTED**

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