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On October 12, 2007 the Chief Executive Office of the County of Los Angeles released a second status report on recommendations to encourage County employee's use of public transportation and/or private purchase of "green" vehicles.

The County is currently working on three strategies to increase the number of County employees that use public transportation or a green vehicle in their commute to work. The first strategy is to better enable County employees to use the Internal Revenue Code pre-tax allowance for mass transit and parking expenses. The use of the allowance in Los Angeles is difficult as the purchase of fare media or the actual fare media must be distributed directly to an employee by the County or a vendor acting on behalf of the County. The County does not currently have the administrative expertise or systems capability to undertake such an effort but is sending out a Request for Proposals to qualified vendors.

The second and third strategies focus on an employee incentive purchasing program for "green" vehicles. It has been recommended that the Director of the Internal Services Department be authorized to contract with automotive dealers to set guaranteed prices, terms and conditions for county employees to either purchase or lease hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs). The County is also advocating for policy change so that the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) recognizes hybrids and AFVs as eligible for the Rule 2202 Employee Commute Reduction Program credit.

In order to support the County in their efforts and to promote the use of public transportation and "green" vehicles by the City and City employees, the Council should instruct the City Administrative Officer with the assistance of the Personnel Department and the Environmental Affairs Department to report on efforts to have the City and City employees join in the County's efforts to purchase and use green vehicles or public transportation for their commute to work. Further, the report should discuss the possibility of entering into agreements with automobile dealers so that City employees can receive discounted prices on purchasing or leasing a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer with the assistance of the Personnel Department and the Environmental Affairs Department to report on efforts to have the City and City employees support the County's recommendations to encourage the use of public transportation and the purchase of green vehicles for their commute to work and on the possibility of entering into agreements with automobile dealers so that City employees can receive discounted prices when purchasing or leasing a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle.

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