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**Council File Number**

[04-1362](#)

**Title**

CLEAN AIR VEHICLES / HYBRID VEHICLES / ALTERNATE FUEL VEHICLES / FREE METERED PARKING

**Subject**

Motion - The City currently provides free parking at meters for electric and natural gas cars and trucks designated as Clean Air Vehicles by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Based on the success of this initiative, and in an effort to promote cleaner air, it has been proposed that this program be extended to owners of so-called hybrid vehicles as an incentive to encourage the acquisition and use of fuel-efficient vehicles, to promote reduced auto emissions, and to demonstrate the City's environmental leadership. Hybrid vehicles, which use a combination of gasoline and electric power, may provide the best potential to increase fuel economy on a miles-per-gallon- basis and, consequently, reduce air pollution. Los Angeles had more hybrids registered in 2003 (4,701) than any other city. The proposal for hybrid vehicle free parking contemplates an initial six month period, from September 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 in order to provide adequate time to evaluate the use and benefits of the program to the City and hybrid owners. It is also hoped that this will bring focus on the incentives for hybrids during the critical period of their introduction and public acceptance. As the use of hybrid vehicles increases, the Department of Transportation should analyze future cost and revenue impact beyond the pilot period and make a recommendation whether to continue the program. The City of San Jose, California , has operated a similar program for the past three years. The proposed program contemplates that initially hybrid owners will not need to do anything special to take advantage of the incentives. Parking enforcement officers would be trained to recognize the types of hybrid vehicles currently on the market and would simply not cite owners of such vehicles for not paying at parking meters . Vehicle owners would still be required to comply with posted time limits. In addition, should the Department of Motor Vehicles decide to include hybrids in the category of Clean Air Vehicles, then hybrid owners would be required to obtain a sticker from the State to qualify for free parking, as is the current practice with electric and natural gas vehicle owners. THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to report with recommendations for initiating a pilot six month hybrid-vehicle-free-parking-at-meters program from September 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 with a further report at the conclusion of the pilot analyzing future cost and revenue impact beyond the pilot period and making recommendations whether and how to continue the program.

**Last Change Date**

02/13/2009

**Expiration Date**

02/04/2011

**Mover**

ERIC GARCETTI

**Second**

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**Action History for Council File [04-1362](#)**

Date	Activity
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02/13/2009	File closed.
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02/10/2009	Council adopted action(s).
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02/04/2009	City Clerk scheduled item for Council on February 10, 2009.
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01/28/2009	Transportation Committee received and filed item(s). Terminate pilot program effective 3/1/09. DOT to perform outreach to Neighborhood Councils and effected constituency
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01/27/2009	Transportation Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on January 28, 2009.
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## Archive History

7-9-04 - This day's Council session

7-9-04 - Ref to Transportation Committee

7-9-04 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk

9-8-04 - For ref - Communication from the Department of Transportation relative to free metered parking for hybrid vehicles.

9-9-04 - Ref to Transportation Committee

9-10-04 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk

9-28-04 - Council Action - Transportation Committee report ADOPTED to:

1. DIRECT the Department of Transportation (DOT) to modify its parking enforcement policy to add four designated hybrid vehicles to the existing ZEV/SULEV free metered parking program for the period from October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

2. DIRECT the DOT to report back to the Council at the conclusion of the six-month hybrid-vehicle pilot program with an analysis of future cost and revenue impacts beyond the pilot period and making recommendations on whether and how to continue the program.

9-30-04 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk OK

10-1-04 - File in files

3-23-05 - This day's Council session - Motion - Garcetti Mover 2005 / Villaraigosa - On October 1, 2004, City Council enacted a 6-Month Pilot Program enabling hybrid vehicles to park at on-street and off-street parking meters in the City without depositing coins as long as they comply with any posted time limits and parking restrictions (Council File 04-1362). This program is an extension of the free parking at City parking meters program for Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) and Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (SULEVs) that are designated as "Clean Air Vehicles" by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Mayor and City Council supported this initiative in an effort to promote ownership of fuel-efficient vehicles and demonstrate environmental leadership. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently preparing a report analyzing the future cost and revenue impacts of extending the hybrid program on a permanent basis. However, it is unlikely that the Department of Transportation and City Council will have sufficient time to fully evaluate the hybrid program by the 6-Month Pilot Program expiration date of March 31, 2005.

THEREFORE MOVE that the 6-Month Pilot Program enabling hybrid vehicles to park for free at City parking meters be extended to a new termination date of May 31, 2005, so that this program can continue while its long-term financial impacts are under evaluation.

3-24-08 - Speaker Cards dated March 18, 2008, submitted in Transportation Committee - is attached to Council file.

FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to report to Transportation Committee how it has explained this program extension to its staff, to ensure that meter-enforcement personnel are aware that they should not ticket hybrid vehicles that are parked at City parking meters and are in compliance of posted time limits through May 31, 2005.

3-23-05 - File to Calendar Clerk for placement on next available Council agenda

3-30-05 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED \*AS AMENDED

3-30-05 - Council Action - \*Amending Motion - Garcetti Mover 2005 / Villaraigosa - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND Motion (Garcetti - Villaraigosa) (Item No. 52, CF 04-1362) relative to extending the pilot program enabling hybrid vehicles to park free at City parking meters to DIRECT the Department of Transportation to report to the Council on APRIL 1, 2005, on the implementation of this program.

4-1-05 - Council Action - CONTINUED TO APRIL 5, 2005

4-5-05 - No Council Action Taken

4-11-05 - File in files

5-20-05 - For ref - Communication from the Department of Transportation, dated May 18, 2005, relative to the extending the eight-month Pilot Program enabling certain hybrid vehicles to park for free at City parking meters.

5-20-05 - Ref to Transportation Committee

5-23-05 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk

5-31-05 - Council Action - Transportation Committee report ADOPTED to DIRECT the Department of Transportation (DOT) to:

a. Extend the eight-month pilot program enabling certain hybrid vehicles to park for free at City parking meters to a new termination date of June 30, 2006.

b. Publicize the free metered parking for hybrid vehicles pilot program and monitor participation in the program.

c. Report back to Council by May 1, 2006 with a report on the current number of hybrid vehicles registered statewide and an analysis of future cost and revenue impacts beyond the pilot period with recommendations whether and how to continue the program.

6-7-05 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk OK

6-7-05 - File in files

6-7-05 - For ref - Transmittal from the Mayor of a Board of Transportation Commissioners report, dated May 31, 2005, relative to the results of the free metered parking pilot program for hybrid vehicles.

6-8-05 - Ref to Transportation Committee

6-9-05 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk

6-5-06 - For ref - Communication from the Department of Transportation, dated June 2, 2006, relative to making the free metered parking program for hybrid vehicles permanent.

6-5-06 - Ref to Transportation Committee - to Committee Clerk

6-21-06 - Council Action - Transportation Committee report ADOPTED to:

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.

7-14-06 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk OK

7-14-06 - File in files

9-7-07 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R07-0321, dated September 5, 2007, relative to a draft ordinance amending Sections 88.00, 88.07, 88.13, 88.57, and 88.63 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to provide for free parking of certain alternate fuel vehicles at parking meters managed by the Department of Transportation through January 1, 2008.

9-10-07 - Ref to Transportation Committee

9-10-07 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk

10-4-07 - For ref - Communication from the Department of Transportation, dated October 3, 2007, relative to an ordinance establishing Free Metered Parking for Vehicles with Clean Air Vehicle Decals

10-5-07 - Ref to Transportation Committee - to Committee Clerk

12-4-07 - Public Speaker Card, dated December 3, 2007 - is attached to Council file.

12-5-07 - For ref - REVISED ordinance submitted by City Attorney relative to Sections 88.00, 88.07, 88.13, 88.57, and 88.63 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code by the City Attorney, December 5, 2007.

12-12-07 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to approve Transportation Committee Report recommendations.

12-19-07 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk OK

12-20-07 - File in files

1-18-08 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R08-0010, dated January 16, 2008, relative to a draft ordinance amending sections 88.00, 88.07, 88.13, 88.57 and 88.63 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to provide for free parking of certain alternate fuel vehicles at parking meters managed by the Department of Transportation through January 1, 2011.

1-22-08 - Ref to Transportation Committee

1-22-08 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk

3-14-08 - Speaker Cards dated March 18, 2008, submitted in Transportation Committee - is attached to Council file.

3-28-08 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to approve Transportation Committee Report recommendation - Ordinance ADOPTED.

4-1-08 - Council Action - Transportation Committee Report RECONSIDERED - REFERRED to Transportation Committee

4-9-08 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk