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City of Racine Announces Partnership with Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative, One of 127 Cities to Acquire EVs by 2020

On June 27th, at the second-annual Climate Mayors Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii, the [Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative](#) (“the Collaborative”) — with which the City of Racine is partnering to electrify its city fleet — announced that 127 cities and 15 counties from across 38 states, have joined the Collaborative and committed to purchasing more than 2100 electric vehicles (EVs) by the end of 2020. Since partnering with the Collaborative, the City of Racine has committed to purchase more than 3 EVs by the end of 2020 — helping to improve citywide air quality and public health.

By transitioning to EVs, cities like Racine are leading by example: helping to cut greenhouse gas emissions that are warming the planet, saving taxpayer money, improving public health, and reducing our nation’s dependency on oil. With 127 cities committing to the Collaborative by the end of 2020, the EV commitments have the potential to:

- Cut gas usage by up to 1 million gallons each year;
- Transition to 25 million electric miles driven each year; and
- Add more than \$75 million in purchasing power to the electric vehicle market¹.

“We are committed to reducing the city’s carbon footprint by thinking strategically about transportation,” **said Mayor Cory Mason**. “Three new electric vehicles within the city fleet by the end of 2020, in addition to the six electric buses to be acquired through the Volkswagen Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program, put us on track to considerably reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the transportation sector. At the same time, Racine’s Smart City designation allows for innovative partnerships that reduce costs associated with these technologies.”

“Cities across the country are demonstrating critical leadership by committing to transition their fleets to electrification - reducing our dependence on oil, while also improving our nation’s health, and our economic and national security,” **said Ben Prochazka, Vice President of the Electrification Coalition**. “We hope other mayors around the country will see this as a call to action and plug their fleets into the Climate Mayors EV Purchasing Collaborative.”

In agreeing to purchase electric vehicles through the Collaborative, public agencies gain access to competitively solicited EVs and charging infrastructure, as well as innovative leasing options that allow cities to reduce EV costs by accessing state and federal tax credits. The Collaborative also provides support with analysis and best practices for fleet electrification to cities as they consider switching to electric.

Launched in September 2018, [the Collaborative](#) is a partnership between [Climate Mayors](#), the [Electrification Coalition](#), and [Sourcewell](#). The program works with cities and other public agencies to accelerate the electrification of public fleets. The Collaborative provides technical expertise to purchasers and a program that reduces the costs and barriers to electrifying fleets.

¹ https://afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/electric_emissions_sources.html

Transportation is now the single largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. The Collaborative is an effort to reduce carbon emissions by accelerating the transition of city fleets to electric vehicles. The program is not only helping to transform our nation’s city fleets, it is also providing a highly-visible proof of concept to drive consumer adoption. Nationally, each plug-in will cut the CO2 footprint by more than half (when using a full battery electric vehicle – see Figure 1).

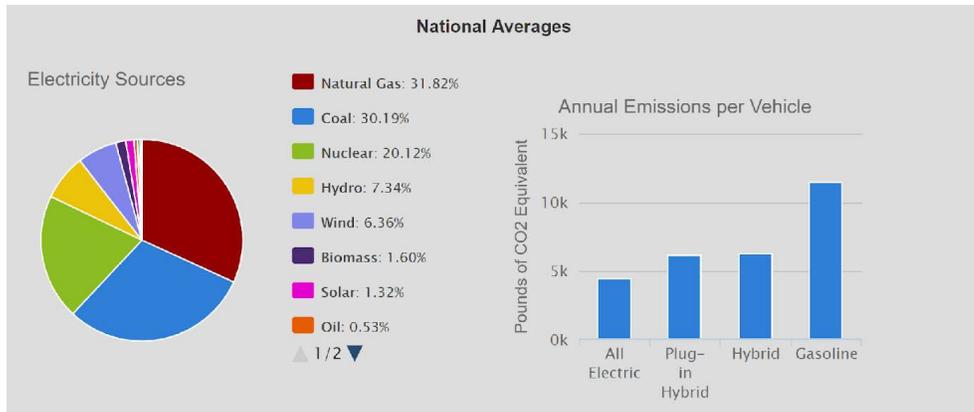


FIGURE 1: National averages of emissions per vehicle and sources of electricity
 Source: U.S. Department of Energy Alternative Fuels Data Center. https://www.afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/electric_emissions.php

About Climate Mayors

[Climate Mayors](#), founded in 2014, is a diverse network of U.S. city leaders who have committed to fighting climate change. In response to the Trump administration’s withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, the network’s ranks swelled to more than 400 U.S. mayors from across the country who have committed to taking ambitious action to meet each of their cities’ current climate goals, while working together towards achieving our national Paris targets. Climate Mayors is founded and Chaired by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Co-Chaired by Mayors Madeline Rogero (Knoxville), Sylvester Turner (Houston) and Marty Walsh (Boston).

About the City of Racine

With a population of 78,000, **Racine, Wisconsin** is the fifth largest municipality in the state of Wisconsin. It is home to manufacturing businesses that enjoy world-wide reputations, SC Johnson, CNH Industrial, Twin Disc, Modine, and In-Sink-Erator among them. Racine is also home to diverse cultures, a thriving downtown, and world-class beaches along the shores of Lake Michigan.

About the Electrification Coalition

[The Electrification Coalition \(EC\)](#) is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit group of business leaders committed to promoting policies and actions that facilitate the acceleration of electric vehicle adoption on a mass scale in order to combat the economic, environmental and national security dangers caused by our nation’s dependence on oil. The EC works through several approaches to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles including consumer education, fleet electrification, public-private partnerships, comprehensive EV accelerator communities, policy advocacy, and innovative program development. Since 2008, the EC has been developing leading best practices to help cities, states, and the private sector influence the adoption of EVs by consumers and fleets.

About Sourcewell

Sourcewell is a self-supporting government organization, partnering with education and government agencies throughout North America. They offer a cooperative purchasing program with over 300 awarded vendors on contract. On behalf of their 50,000 members, Sourcewell conducts competitive solicitations, awarding to the most responsive and responsible vendors. The result of this cooperative effort is a high-quality selection of nationally leveraged, competitively solicited contract solutions to help create efficiencies and meet the ever-challenging needs of current and future member agencies.