



**Item From Council**  
**CITY OF AUSTIN**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 48**  
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**Posting Language:** Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a program to create incentives to encourage the future purchase of flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles by Austin Energy customers.

**Proposed meeting date:** THU 03/03/2005

**Sponsor:** Mayor Will Wynn

**Co-sponsor 1:** Mayor Pro Tem Jackie Goodman      **Co-sponsor 2:**

**Date by which the City Manager is requested to report back to Council:**

**Draft Resolution/Ordinance attached:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 050303-\_\_**

**WHEREAS, on July 29, 2004, the City of Austin City Council directed Austin Energy to investigate the feasibility of the future integration of the electric and transportation sectors; and**

**WHEREAS, preliminary research by Austin Energy has shown that electric fuel for transportation would have a lower cost than fossil fuels and would result in fewer emissions in the Austin area; and**

**WHEREAS, the use of electric fuel in transportation will provide Austin Energy with increased revenue and desirable increased night time load; and**

**WHEREAS, Austin has joined the Electric Power Research Institute in their research and development of flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles, and Austin will receive such a vehicle for testing in late 2006;**

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**That the City Manager is directed to develop a program to create incentives to encourage the future purchase of flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles by Austin Energy customers; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

**That the City of Austin makes a commitment to support local, state and federal policies that will promote flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles; and the City of Austin will initiate, through active leadership and outreach, an effort to establish similar incentive programs in the 50 largest cities in the United States; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

**That the Austin City Council requests the help of the environmental community and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce to advocate for the future purchase of flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles.**