

MOTION OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Urging the Chief Executive and County Manager to evaluate, with all deliberate speed, the feasibility of replacing the County's entire vehicle fleet in order to modernize and improve its efficiency and cost-effectiveness while simultaneously improving its environmental soundness and providing an economic stimulus to local dealers of American-built vehicles.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County maintains and operates a fleet comprised of hundreds of vehicles, ranging from vans and light trucks to automobiles, lawnmowers, backhoes, and other heavy duty specialty vehicles, and

WHEREAS, these vehicles are manufactured by various companies and are in varying condition; and

WHEREAS, many of these vehicles are also aging; a recent report from the Department of Public Works indicates that many of these vehicles were manufactured decades ago, with some vehicles bearing manufacture dates in the late 1980s; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive overview of the ability of these aging vehicles to adequately and efficiently meet the needs of the County departments that rely upon them is not currently available; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of these vehicles, manufactured to obsolete standards for fuel efficiency, environmental impacts, and safety, may no longer be cost-effective and may, in some instances, even present dangers to the environment or the County's residents or County employees; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County recognizes that by improving the energy efficiency of its fleets, significant monetary savings may result in the long term; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Council wishes to ensure that purchases and expenditures of public monies are made in a manner consistent with the policy of improving local air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Council also desires to ensure that any modernization purchases be made from local dealers of American-made vehicles to the extent practicable in order to maximize the economic benefit of any modernization program for the region; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County recognizes that energy use associated with the operation of its motor vehicle fleets exacerbates local air quality problems and results in greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change; and

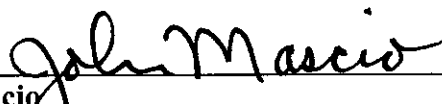
WHEREAS, Allegheny County further recognizes that its administrative departments have a significant role to play in improving local air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by improving the energy efficiency of its fleets and reducing emissions from fleet operations.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that the Chief Executive and County Manager evaluate the feasibility of replacing the County's entire vehicle fleet in order to modernize and improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the fleet. Such evaluation should be aimed at simultaneously improving the vehicle fleet's environmental soundness and providing an economic stimulus to local dealers of American-built vehicles, and should be undertaken with all deliberate speed. A written report thereon shall be delivered to County Council within ninety (90) days after the date hereof.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER McCULLOUGH
CO-SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER GASTGEB

In Council February 17, 2009. Read and Approved.


Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John R.

From: Mascio, John R.
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 10:54 AM
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Subject: Motion of Council - Bill No. 4636-09
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At the Regular Meeting of County Council held on February 17, 2009, Council approved the attached Motion (Bill No. 4636) sponsored by Council Members McCullough and Gastgeb. As you will read, the Motion urges the County Executive and County Manager to evaluate, with all deliberate speed, the feasibility of replacing the County's entire vehicle fleet in order to modernize and improve its efficiency and cost-effectiveness while simultaneously improving its environmental soundness and providing an economic stimulus to local dealers of American-built vehicles.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

2/26/2009