

Electric Vehicles and Alternative Fuels in MWCOG Jurisdictions

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By 2025, Indy will have a 100% post-oil fleet of non-pursuit vehicles.

Mayor Greg Ballard signed Executive Order #6 in December 2012, making Indianapolis the first major city in the US to pledge to convert its entire municipal non-police fleet to alternative fueled vehicles by 2025.



Indianapolis' results to date





Largest ever public fleet EV project in US

425 plug-in vehicles across Indy departments

Estimated \$8+ million in savings to city

113 EVs deployed as of March 2015

18,000 gallons of gas avoided to-date

Why aren't more fleets doing this? Numerous constraints – in financing, deploying and operating EVs – hold back adoption





How to address these obstacles? Look to other markets that faced similar challenges



By bundling costs of owning and operating a solar system, assuming operational responsibility and guaranteeing a lower rate, key obstacles were eliminated

Using similar principles, Vision Fleet developed a model that comprehensively addresses key adoption barriers









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Summary: <u>Approach</u> to assessing Washington DC's fleet

Vehicle-by-vehicle analysis conducted to compare the cost of running current Washington DC vehicles to the cost of running Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs)

Total costs analyzed by assessing fuel, maintenance, capital, telematics, fueling infrastructure, and financing costs

Washington DC's fleet data used for cost of current vehicles while observed costs for AFVs in other fleet deployments used for costs of proposed AFVs

Savings opportunity assessed over 8 years by identifying cost-effective replacement instances and rightsizing opportunities

Pursuit Vehicles and existing AFVs excluded from opportunity calculations due to lack of economic viability or suitable replacements

Total cost of ownership approach bundles together all key costs of owning and operating vehicles – and looks for savings





vehicle

Lower

fuel cost

Higher

purchase

price



AFV options evaluated for each vehicle classification







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	Vehicles	Vehicles without data issues	Years in Service	Vehicle Miles Traveled	Fuel Efficiency (MPG)	Yearly maintenance spend	Acquisition Price	AFVs	Vehicles under 5K yearly VMT	
Light	1,301	1,098	5.5	4,704	10.3	\$1,816	\$19,407	123	720	
Medium	345	277	5.5	6,055	7.8	\$3,074	\$38,445	4	161	
Heavy	435	399	7.3	4,322	3.6	\$10,589	\$98,808	4	276	
Other	98	91	7.2	7,022	10.5	\$13,252	\$115,099	2	62	
TOTAL	2,179	1,865	6.0	4,936	10.9	\$4,550	\$42,576	133	1,219	

Average within segment

Note: All statistics other than vehicle counts are computed using vehicle data without issues



Opportunity summary: \$4.5M of savings over 8 years

CapEx

Fuel

Maintenance



Proposed

Proposed

For replacement and rightsizing candidates

Current

Current

For entire fleet

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Current Proposed

0.27

0.28

0.09

Proposed

Current



Opportunity summary: Savings by AFV type

Preliminary analysis predicts an opportunity of <u>\$4.5 M over 8 years</u> when implementing new AFVs and rightsizing vehicles with low current VMT, net of infrastructure and other costs

Replacement Vehicles:

- <u>21 PHEVs result in \$218K of savings while 27 BEVs generate \$317K</u> in savings these figures include the cost of implementing the necessary charging stations
- <u>145 CNG vehicles (primarily vans and pickups) would provide \$3.1M of savings</u>, without taking into account the implementation of CNG fueling station or the upgrading of maintenance facilities

Rightsized Vehicles:

 Rightsizing the fleet to raise average VMT across the lowest use vehicles will implement <u>113 BEVs</u> and eliminate <u>89 vehicles</u> (leaving 59 unchanged), leading to savings of <u>\$793K</u>



AFV options evaluated for each vehicle classification

314 vehicles removed due to data issues





Assessment suggests substantial opportunities to right-size

261 vehicles considered						
Sedans	SUVs					
241	20					

Assumptions

- All had annual VMT below 5K; Assumed miles could be pooled within a department to reach 5K per vehicle
- Assumed right-typing as well: all vehicles rightsized replaced by one type of BEV
- If vehicles could not be eliminated, only replaced by BEV if economically viable

Results

<u>89</u> vehicles eliminated <u>\$793K</u> savings over 8 years

Could obtain **\$0.4M – \$1.2M** from sales of eliminated cars (assuming 10% - 30% salvage)

Example: Top 5 departments with highest savings

Department	Current Vehicles	Future Vehicles	Vehicles Eliminated	Current Average VMT	Future Average VMT	Current Cost	Future Cost	Savings
	Units	Units	Units	Miles (K)	Miles (K)	\$ (K)	\$ (K)	\$ (K)
Department of Public Works/FLEETSHARE	41	25	16	3.0	4.6	773	583	190
Department of Health	17	8	9	2.1	4.3	268	170	97
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs	36	23	13	3.1	4.6	616	538	78
District Department of Transportation	15	8	7	2.7	4.7	262	187	76
Department of General Services	30	12	18	1.9	4.6	337	263	74
Other						1,986	1,709	278
Total						4,243	3,449	793

Potential savings range from \$4M - \$6M based on gasoline price sensitivity analysis



Note: This sensitivity analysis only varies the price of gasoline and not that of electricity, diesel, CNG, E85, or any other type of fuel; these prices would however likely be interrelated (though natural gas and gasoline have been decoupled in the past 10 years)





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Can EVs deliver my fleet savings? Depends on suitability of use cases and relative costliness of vehicles to be retired



Three key factors lead to savings...



1-for-1 replacements

- Vehicles with annual miles >7,500
- Vehicles with suitable AFV replacement

Right-sizing

- Vehicles with annual miles <2,500
- Vehicles that can be pooled (central location or within a department)



Right-typing

Vehicles that are too large/over-equipped to accomplish current tasks and can be replaced by smaller vehicles

...particularly if current vehicles costly

Fuel

- Vehicles with low MPG and high fuel costs
- Tend to be older vehicles



Maintenance

Older vehicles that break down regularly and have high maintenance costs



What's the most economical sedan – Gas, BEV, or PHEV?

Most economical sedan (Gas, BEV or PHEV)

Annual VMT for sedan

		2,500	5,000	7,500	10,000	12,500	15,000
Avg. gas	\$2.00						
price over lifespan	\$2.50						
	\$3.00						
	\$3.50						
	\$4.00						

Additional learnings from Indianapolis



V Difficult to achieve bold goals acting alone – find capable partners

Comprehensive strategy needed – can't just drop in EVs and expect success

V Data and monitoring is critical to delivering expected value

Technology is reliable and proven – good, battle-tested EV options available today

V Potential financial benefit to fleet operator is substantial when done right





Assessments for Alexandria, Prince George County, and Frederick still underway

Vision Fleet happy to be a resource to other COG jurisdictions – please reach out!

For others seriously considering such an effort, rapid assessment may be helpful

- Time commitment from fleet team is modest if data quality is good
- Simply requires serious interest and accessible / reliable fleet data

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