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From: Alison Higgins [mailto:ahiggins@keywestcity.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 10:38 AM  
To: Donald Lee  
Subject: TCT Approval

Dear Chief Lee,

Thank you and your staff for bringing important new info to our most recent Transportation Coordination Team (TCT) meeting.

I commend your departments early adoption of our Green Fleet plan by pledging to purchase hybrid vehicles this year. I am also glad that Lt. Brandenburg did due diligence in researching the experience of other police fleets.

It is always important to consider all uses of our equipment, and since the current hybrids on the state bid sheet are not made for police work, the TCT was in agreement that they would not be suitable at this time. The payload capacity is a key factor in the vehicles ultimate upkeep, and if it's not suited for the work, it isn't sustainable, no matter what fuel it uses.

The TCT approves the purchase of the flex fuel vehicles instead, as it will make the Police Department 100% flex fuel capable and ready for the City's shift to higher ethanol blends this year. We also appreciate the identification of two admin vehicles in your department that could in the future go hybrid upon replacement.

Lastly, we look forward to working with you on other subjects discussed, including support on a reporting upgrade budget ask, and a safer bicycle system.

Sincerely,

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