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Southwest Clean Air Agency Praises City of Vancouver
City's "Green Fleet Shared Vehicle Project" Designed to Improve Air Quality

VANCOUVER – The Southwest Clean Air Agency's Board of Directors has approved a resolution praising a recent grant awarded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to the City of Vancouver.

On its own initiative, the City of Vancouver has applied for and been awarded a grant totaling \$63,876 to fund its "Green Fleet Shared Vehicle Project". The goal of the program is to reduce vehicle emissions within the City of Vancouver through the implementation of a car sharing program.

"The Southwest Clean Air Agency's Board of Directors appreciates the clean air leadership demonstrated by the City of Vancouver," said Board Chair and Clark County Commissioner, Craig Pridemore. "In addition to reducing vehicle emissions, this innovative program will help ease traffic congestion in the Vancouver-Portland region."

The proposed project will make Toyota Prius gasoline-electric vehicles available to members of the car sharing program. Funds received from the U.S. EPA for this project will be used to offset the costs of gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles, offer membership discounts to residents and purchase electric bicycles.

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The City of Vancouver is one of only 10 agencies in the United States to be awarded a grant from the U.S. EPA's Clean Air Transportation Communities program. The program has awarded \$1.27 million to 10 state, local or tribal agencies addressing air quality, transportation and climate change issues. Grant applicants are awarded funds for programs that promote ride sharing, reduce truck idling and encourage the use of low-emissions vehicles.

"The City of Vancouver has been a strong partner with the Southwest Clean Air Agency for 33 years," said Bob Elliott, Executive Director of the Agency. "It is our priority to continue this excellent partnership as we work to improve air quality throughout the City of Vancouver."

Founded in 1967, the mission of the Southwest Clean Air Agency is to preserve and enhance the air quality in Southwest Washington. Serving the counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum, the Southwest Clean Air Agency is responsible for enforcing federal, state and local air quality standards and regulations. For more information about the Southwest Clean Air Agency, call (360) 574-3058, ext. 39 or, visit the Agency online at www.swcleanair.org.

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