



CITY OF MARTINEZ

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
June 18, 2014**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michael Chandler, Senior Management Analyst
Joe Enke, Senior Engineer

SUBJECT: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Fees

DATE: June 11, 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution establishing a policy that the adopted fees for electric vehicle charging will not be enforced at the Pacheco Transit Hub.

BACKGROUND:

The City entered into a maintenance and support agreement with Caltrans for the new Pacheco Transit Hub Park and Ride Facility located at the intersection of Pacheco and Blum Road on November 29, 2012. City engineering staff subsequently secured grant funding from 511 Contra Costa (the transportation demand management program responsible for all jurisdictions within Contra Costa County) to pay for the procurement and installation of three dual-port 240V chargers at the Transit Hub. The installation was done under a change order and therefore not a consideration of the original maintenance and support agreement.

The City Council on February 5, 2014, amended Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Martinez Municipal Code and adopted fees for electric vehicle charging at various downtown locations as well as the Transit Hub. The Transit Hub fees were established as \$1 per hour with a cap of \$12 and a maximum occupancy of 24 hours. The Transit Hub had not yet opened and in April, as the project was in the final stages of preparation for opening to the public, representatives from Caltrans approached the City and expressed an objection to the proposed fees. The City explained its rationale for the fees as a means of cost recovery for the City's expense relative to the stations. Caltrans ultimately denied the City's request to charge on the basis that none of the other Caltrans-supported Park and Ride facilities in California have electric vehicle charging stations that impose a fee for use.

The electric vehicle charging stations have been inactive since the Park and Ride opened in April 2014 as a result of the Caltrans issue. The City would like to make these stations open to the public as soon as possible. The resolution for consideration will establish a policy that the adopted fees for electric vehicle charging at the Pacheco Transit Hub will not be enforced, but the maximum hourly time limit of 24 hours will remain in effect. Once adopted, the City will work to activate the stations as expeditiously as possible with no associated fee for use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

City costs for the new stations to be installed at the Pacheco Transit Hub will be dependent upon a number of factors, including, among others, the number and duration of charging sessions, and the maintenance, repair and replacement requirements of the stations. The City receives \$25,000 each year from Caltrans for the maintenance and support of the Transit Hub and will charge any expenses relative to the charging stations against this budget to the extent feasible.

ACTION:

Adopt a resolution establishing a policy that the adopted fees for electric vehicle charging will not be enforced at the Pacheco Transit Hub.

Attachment:
Resolution

APPROVED BY:


Interim City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. -14

ESTABLISHING A POLICY THAT THE ADOPTED FEES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING WILL NOT BE ENFORCED AT THE PACHECO TRANSIT HUB

WHEREAS, the City entered into a Maintenance and Support Agreement ("Agreement") with Caltrans on November 29, 2012, for the park and ride facility located at the intersection of Pacheco and Blum Road ("Pacheco Transit Hub"); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Agreement, the City secured grant funding for procurement and installation of three dual-port electric vehicle charging stations for public use at the Pacheco Transit Hub; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on February 5, 2014, amended Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Martinez Municipal Code to adopt fees for electric vehicle charging as a means of recovering some of the City's costs related to the operation and maintenance of the City's electric vehicle charging stations; and

WHEREAS, the adopted fees included the charging stations at the Pacheco Transit Hub and were established as \$1 per hour with a cap of \$12 and a maximum occupancy of 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Caltrans approached the City in April 2014 as the Pacheco Transit Hub was nearing completion to express an objection to the City charging fees for public use of the charging stations located there; and

WHEREAS, following further consideration of their position at the City's request, Caltrans ultimately provided the City official notice in late May 2014 that it would not allow the City to charge for public use of the electric vehicle charging stations located at the Pacheco Transit Hub; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to comply with Caltrans' request and therefore establish a policy that it will not enforce the adopted fees for electric vehicle charging at the Pacheco Transit Hub.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Martinez that the policy of the City will be to not enforce the adopted fees for public use of the electric vehicle charging stations at the Pacheco Transit Hub.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 18th day of June, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
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