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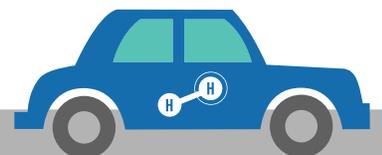
Providing consumer and business incentives and establishing a robust support infrastructure is critical to the successful implementation of any zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) or alternative fuel program.

From innovative purchasing policies to an array of incentives, Connecticut is taking great strides towards cutting its greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and reducing its dependence on fossil fuels, while improving its air quality. Hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles can play an exciting role in many of these programs!

- ▶ Signed on to the Multi-State ZEV Task Force, an initiative to put 3.3 million zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025, which will include hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles
- ▶ Adopted the Connecticut Low Emission Vehicle II Program, which requires all new vehicles sold in the state to be certified to the nation's most protective emissions standards and also requires that automakers sell increasing numbers of ZEVs in the state—a category that includes hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles

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POLICY

- The Clean Energy Community Program encourages cities and towns to deploy energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, including the construction of electric vehicle charging stations
- Recently-enacted legislation will help the state and its utilities, municipalities, and companies analyze the potential for hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles and other ZEVs to provide energy storage to the electric grid and identify strategies to ensure that the grid is prepared to support increased electric vehicle charging
- The Alternative Fuel and Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Acquisition and Emissions Reduction Requirements mandate that light-duty vehicles purchased by the state be hybrid or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, or capable of using an alternative fuel, such as hydrogen fuel cells
- The EVConnecticut partnership is introducing hydrogen fuel cell and battery electric vehicles throughout the state
- To better account for the state's hydrogen fuel cell, battery, and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, Connecticut requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to record and publicize the number of these vehicles registered in the state by January 1, 2018 on its website
- The Public Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Requirements mandate that owners and operators of public electric vehicle supply equipment provide multiple payment options to public users
- The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority now requires that electric distribution companies integrate electric vehicle charging load projections into distribution planning, as well as evaluate preferential rating for electric vehicle charging infrastructure

INCENTIVES & INVESTMENTS

- The Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate (CHEAPR) Program offers up to \$5,000 to state residents who purchase or lease a new hydrogen fuel cell, battery electric, or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle
- The Public Fleet EV and Public Workplace EV Charging Station Incentive Program offers rebates to municipalities and state agencies that purchase plug-in electric vehicles and install charging stations at municipal and state agency facilities
- The Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Program helps companies, towns, and local governments install publicly-accessible electric vehicle charging stations throughout the state
- The Reduced Registration Fee for Electric Vehicles offers a 50% discount on the state's registration fee to drivers of hydrogen fuel cell and other electric vehicles
- Connecticut offers the Electric Vehicle Emissions Inspection Exemption to vehicles powered exclusively by electricity
- The City of New Haven offers free metered parking to hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles and other alternative fuel vehicles
- The state's Clean Cities organizations – Capitol Clean Cities of Connecticut, Connecticut Southwestern Area Clean Cities, and Greater New Haven Clean Cities Coalition – are promoting hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles and other ZEV and alternative fuel vehicles through coalition building and stakeholder outreach