

September 22, 2009

Erika H. Myers
Renewable Energy Coordinator
South Carolina Energy Office
1200 Senate St.
408 Wade Hampton Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Ms. Myers:

I am pleased to share the City of Columbia's intent to participate in the Clean Cities / Plug In Carolina charging station deployment. The city of Columbia has a long history of advancing environmental initiatives and partnering with Plug In Carolina. The deployment of vehicle charging stations supports our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and our nation's dependence on foreign oil.

The charging stations will reside in city garages and be made available to the public. Locations under review include the following:

1. Arsenal Hill Garage 1812 Lincoln Street
2. Lady Street Garage 1100 Lady Street
3. Lincoln Street Garage 820 Washington Street
4. Park Street Garage 1007 Park Street
5. Sumter Street Garage 1400 Sumter Street
6. Taylor Street Garage 1100 Taylor Street
7. Washington Street Garage 1100 Washington Street

Moreover, to demonstrate our enthusiasm for this project, City Council will vote on our desire to pay for the electricity consumed over the three-year project. We look forward to participating in this program and appreciate the resources provided by the Clean Cities grant and Plug In Carolina.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Coble
City of Columbia

Planning for Plugin Vehicles

What do cities need to do to prepare for plugin vehicles?

Nissan, General Motors, Ford, and other automakers have announced they will be delivering plugin vehicles to the public in 2010. These new vehicles offer environmental and economic opportunities yet require some planning by cities. City managers, planners, sustainability directors, public works, fleet managers, and public affairs are invited to a half-day workshop to learn about these issues. The workshop will highlight the experience of the city of Raleigh, NC and will demonstrate how other cities may incorporate these vehicles into city planning. The workshop is free for municipal staff but requires registration by October 23rd. To register, please call James Poch at (843) 743-6736 or email jpoch@plugincarolina.org.

- Location:** **Columbia Museum of Art**
1515 Main St.
Columbia, SC 29201
Parking to be validated for the Sumter St. garage (across the street from the museum behind the Marriot at 1200 Hampton St.).
- Date:** **October 29, 2009**
- Hosts:** **City of Columbia, Nissan Automotive Company, SCE&G, Duke Energy, Progress Energy, Santee Cooper, PMPA, and Plug In Carolina**
- 11:00 am** **Welcome**
Mayor Bob Coble, City of Columbia
- 11:15 am** **Electric Vehicles 101**
Jeff Barghout, Advanced Energy
- 11:45 am** **City Infrastructure**
Mike Rowand, Director, Duke Energy
- 12:15 pm** **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:00 pm** **Case Study: City of Raleigh Readies Itself for Plugins**
Elizabeth Alley, City of Raleigh
- 1:45 pm** **Carolina Get Ready**
James Poch, Executive Director, Plug In Carolina
Tracy Woodard, Nissan Automotive Corporation
- 2:30 pm** **Group Discussion**
- 3:00 pm** **Conclusion**

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