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**Mayor Becker Declares November Alternative Fuel Vehicle Awareness Month**

Salt Lake City Announces Five New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

SALT LAKE CITY - Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker joined state representatives, mayors from municipalities across the state, UTA, AAA and the Utah Clean Cities Coalition today to declare November Alternative Fuel Vehicle Awareness Month. In line with the Becker Administration's goal of creating a greener, more sustainable and environmentally friendly capital city, Salt Lake City supports this initiative to promote electric vehicles to reduce dependence on foreign oil and improve air quality. The City displayed new Alternative Fuel fleet vehicles, and unveiled plans today for five new and publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations in Salt Lake City.

In 2005, Salt Lake City passed an ordinance to encourage the use of green vehicles and allow alternative fuel, fuel efficient, and low polluting vehicles to park without charge at Salt Lake City parking meters. To promote the use of green vehicles, five level 1 electric vehicle charging stations will be installed at parking stalls throughout the City. The five stalls will each provide a standard 120-volt, 20-amp outlet to recharge many models of electric vehicles. Parking in stalls will be restricted to electric vehicles actively charging their battery by use of the provided electrical outlets. The stalls will be established at the following locations:

1. Salt Lake City Main Library Parking Garage
2. 50 East 300 South (north side of road)
3. 135 South Main St. (east side of road)
4. Forest Dale Golf Course
5. Liberty Park (west side)

The charging station parking stalls represent the first of additional sites to come to support new models of electric vehicles being produced by auto manufacturers. As the recipient of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant through the Utah Clean Cities Coalition, Salt Lake City received funding to aid in the purchase of several compressed natural gas waste trucks as well as the conversion of a fire department vehicle to run on compressed natural gas. A grant from the AAA Greenlight program has allowed the City to purchase three T3 electric standup vehicles. These zero-emission vehicles will be used as part of the yard waste and recycling initiatives in the City.

“We continue our focus on furthering the livability and sustainability of Salt Lake City with initiatives like this to highlight alternative transportation options that promote health of our residents and our economy,” said Mayor Ralph Becker. “Adding five charging stations for the public to use within the City is an example of our dedication to seeing Salt Lake City become the greenest City in America.”

### **About Utah Clean Cities**

Utah Clean Cities is one of over 80 coalitions around the country that are part of the U.S. Department of Energy's strategy to reduce America's dependence on imported oil by one million barrels by 2020. In order to achieve this goal, the coalition promotes alternative fuel vehicles, low-fuel blends, fuel economy, hybrid electric vehicles, and idling reduction. For more information, please visit [www.utahcleancities.org](http://www.utahcleancities.org), or contact Utah Clean Cities Northern Director Carry Giles at [carrie.giles@slcgov.com](mailto:carrie.giles@slcgov.com).

### **About Salt Lake City Green**

Salt Lake City Green is comprised of award-winning environmental programs that work to conserve resources, reduce pollution, slow climate change and ensure a healthy, sustainable future for Salt Lake City. Information is available at [www.slccgreen.com](http://www.slccgreen.com), the Salt Lake City Green Facebook page, or follow SLCgreen on Twitter.

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