

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Standards

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the August 12, 2008 meeting, the Board approved fuel efficiency standards for certain vehicle purchases in the FY 2008-2009 budget. The standards approved by the Board were for small cars, sedans, utility vehicles, full-size trucks, compact trucks and police package vehicles. At that time the Board directed staff to purchase at least 2 hybrid vehicles out of those slated to be purchased and to delay where possible any vehicle purchases where new and better fuel technologies may be used for the 2009 models.

During the meeting staff also committed to work with department heads to evaluate departmental needs to determine which vehicles were best suited for their operations in order to find the most fuel efficient vehicles possible for those operations. As staff has been working with departments on this, we have determined that other options for vehicles may best suit the needs of a couple of departments. Therefore, staff is bringing back additional recommended standards for additional classes of vehicles as you will see in the bottom table of the attached document.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the additional fuel efficiency standards as proposed in the bottom table of the attached document.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board approve the additional fuel efficiency standards as proposed in the attached document.

Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Standards Approved on August 12, 2008

Vehicle	Standard MPG	
	City	Highway
Patrol cruisers	17	24
Full-size trucks	15	19
Small trucks	19	24
Sedans / Small cars	24	30
Hybrid/Compact utility vehicles	34	30

* Additionally, the Board of Commissioners directed staff to purchase at least 2 hybrid vehicles from those budgeted to be purchased during the current fiscal year, as well as to delay purchases where possible in order to purchase vehicles with newer fuel technology.

Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Standards Proposed September 2, 2008

Vehicle	Standard MPG	
	City	Highway
Small station wagons	22	28
Mid-size station wagons	17	24
4WD/crew cab/extended cab trucks	13	17
Cargo vans	13	17
Passenger vans	12	16
Minivans	17	24
Non-hybrid utility vehicles	20	27
Hybrid 4WD utility vehicles	29	27