



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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DATE: September 6, 2018

SUBJECT: National Drive Electric Week

The City of Bellevue has been a leader in the region and nationally in promoting electric vehicle adoption, through our investment in electric vehicle charging infrastructure, electric vehicles in our fleet, and education and outreach around the benefits of driving alternative fueled vehicles. In order to achieve our local and regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, transitioning to cleaner fuel vehicles will be a key strategy because over 40% of our local greenhouse gas emissions are from vehicles.

Bellevue is the home of two of the biggest electric car dealerships in the nation, Bellevue Nissan and the Bellevue Square Tesla dealership. Nissan sells more all-electric Leafs at its Bellevue dealership than any other dealership in the country. The Bellevue Square Tesla dealership was among the top locations in the nation for advanced sales of the new 2018 Tesla Model 3.

Bellevue was also the initial test city and now a hub for King County Metro's all-electric Proterra bus. King County is in the process of expanding this electric bus fleet by over 100 buses.

Bellevue looks to continue to be a leader in promoting the use of electric vehicles as a means to support sustainability for our region. We are proud to be hosting a National Drive Electric Week event at the Downtown Bellevue Park on Tuesday, September 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This event will provide the public an opportunity to learn about the latest electric vehicle technology and interact with residents and owners who use these vehicles every day. We hope this event will continue to inspire Bellevue residents and commuters to choose vehicles that support our sustainability goals.
