

## Briefing Note - Washington Zero-Emission Incentive Program (WAZIP)

**Purpose:** Inform Council of a potential funding and technical assistance opportunity that may support implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) actions related to municipal fleet electrification.

**Note:** This briefing is provided for informational purposes only. No Council action is requested at this time. Staff may continue evaluating the opportunity and report back if a viable implementation pathway emerges.

### Overview

WSDOT recently launched the Washington Zero-Emission Incentive Program (WAZIP), funded through Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The program provides **point-of-sale vouchers** to reduce the upfront cost of eligible zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment, along with technical assistance for charging infrastructure and fleet planning.

Voucher incentives may cover a significant portion of eligible vehicle equipment costs, with additional incentives available to public agencies. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Potential Relevance to LFP

WAZIP may be applicable to future replacement of certain City fleet vehicles and equipment, including:

- Maintenance, utility, and street service vehicles
- Dump trucks
- Landscaping and grounds equipment
- Forklifts
- Parks and maintenance equipment

Eligibility depends on vehicle class and the availability of approved models in the WAZIP catalog.

### \*\*Technical Assistance Opportunity\*\*

WAZIP offers **technical assistance related to charging infrastructure planning and fleet readiness**. This could help the City evaluate:

- Facility charging requirements
- Electrical infrastructure implications
- Site readiness
- Vehicle/charger compatibility
- Phased implementation options
- Potential future capital needs

This information could inform long-term fleet planning even if the City does not immediately pursue vehicle acquisition. WSU's Green Transportation Program may offer similar support.

### Key Considerations

Before pursuing participation, staff would likely need to evaluate:

- Suitability of available vehicles for Public Works operational needs
- **Charging infrastructure requirements and electrical capacity**
- Upfront procurement costs, even with incentives
- Staff familiarity and maintenance considerations
- Vehicle availability and procurement times