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RE: Mason County adds Hybrid Vehicle to Car Pool

The Mason County Board of Commissioners announced today that the County has taken delivery of the County's first hybrid vehicle, a new Toyota Prius. The Toyota Prius will be added to the County vehicle pool so that all departments will have the opportunity to evaluate the vehicle and see how it can be utilized in their daily business.

"While we fully expect to save fuel with the Prius, we will need to see how the Prius does operationally where our business takes us through out the county. In addition, we will need to start training our mechanics in the repair and maintenance of hybrid vehicles," said Charlie Butros, Director of Public Works.

Mason County is pleased to explore new ways to save energy and improve our environment.

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