

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Marci Henson, Director, Department of Environment and Sustainability

Recommendation:

Receive a status report from staff on the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 349, a bill to reduce smog pollution by reducing the number of vehicles on the roadway that do not meet the intended definition of “classic vehicle”; and other matters properly related thereto. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	N/A	Fund Name:	N/A
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	N/A		
Description:	N/A		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

BACKGROUND:

Amendment 375 to AB349 was introduced during the 2021 legislative session and signed into law on June 4, 2021. Its purpose is to reduce the number of vehicles that are registered as classic (i.e., have Classic Vehicle, Old Timer, or Classic Rod plates) but do not meet the intended interpretation of "classic vehicles," are not insured as such, and cannot pass emissions testing standards. The Board has requested that the Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) provide a status update on the provisions of AB349 as they relate to Clark County, as follows:

1. DES is developing a one-year pilot Vehicle Repair and Replace Program (VRRP) using the San Joaquin Valley program as a guide.
2. DES is researching a tiered approach to vehicle owner assistance based on household income. This may take the form of vouchers and/or monetary assistance for repair or replacement of vehicles that cannot meet current emission standards, no longer qualify for the classic-vehicle exemption, and will have to renew their registrations starting January 1, 2023.
3. DES plans to use federal census and environmental justice data, along with waiver and registration information from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), to determine areas of focus in the Las Vegas Valley.
4. DES is awaiting registration information from the DMV that will allow us to estimate the number of vehicles that cannot renew their classic-vehicle registration and pinpoint potential clusters of these vehicles as a guide to focusing outreach efforts ahead of the January 1, 2023, deadline.
5. The DMV recently furnished information for Clark County from 2021 showing the number and cost of repairs associated with the AB349 emissions requirements. This data will be used to estimate an effective dollar amount for assistance provided by the VRRP.
6. The Clark County Commission is authorized to add an additional fee to the existing emissions test fee in order to fund the VRRP in the future.

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