



AltWheels Presents New England's Second Alternative-Vehicle Caravan Under Alternately-Fueled State Police Escort on September 21

*Brookline-to-Cambridge parade to showcase sustainable, clean transportation
Thursday, 21 September 2006 – 4:00p to 7:00p*

Cambridge, MA–September 15, 2006 – AltWheels, New England's largest alternative-transportation festival, will present the region's second alternative-transportation caravan with more than 35 vehicles powered by alternative, hybrid and other more efficient, sustainable fuel systems. The Caravan is co-hosted by MIT's Environmental Programs Office and the Laboratory for Energy and the Environment, home to leading initiatives in environmentally friendly alternative-fuel vehicles. This year's Caravan will feature both innovative technologies and leaders from across the state who have committed to employ these technologies. The caravan includes CEOs from Zipcar and Massport, Mayors of Medford and Newton, and the first clean cab licensed for Boston. The vehicles participating in the caravan represent just a small preview of what will be at the AltWheels Festival the following two days on Boston City Hall Plaza. Caravan participants include ethanol, biodiesel and vegetable oil fueled vehicles, fuel cell and other hydrogen fuelled vehicles including a twelve passenger van, plus electric, hybrid and other low-emissions vehicles.

The Caravan will wind its way from the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline to MIT in Cambridge on Thursday, September 21 from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. From the Larz Anderson Auto Museum, the caravan will drive to the Jamaica Way, following it over Route 9, turning right on Brookline Avenue, through the Medical Area, by Fenway Park, and then onto Commonwealth Avenue through Kenmore Square. The Caravan will then turn left onto Massachusetts Avenue, and over the Harvard Bridge into Cambridge and MIT. At the third traffic signal after crossing over Memorial Drive, turn right onto Vassar Street. At the next stop light, turn right on to Main Street. Immediately turn right into MIT's East Parking Lot. The Stata Center is on the right. *(See map at the end of this press release. In case of rain, the welcoming remarks and reception will be held inside the Stata Center in the TSMC Lobby)*

The Caravan, the second of its kind in New England, kicks off the weekend's AltWheels Festival, being held on Boston's City Hall Plaza on Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23 and at Brookline's Larz Anderson Auto Museum on Sunday, September 24. The five-mile caravan route will end at MIT's Stata Center parking lot, where the public and press are invited to come free of charge to learn about the latest innovations in alternative transportation. There will be a reception with light refreshments for members of the media starting at 6:00 p.m.. The cars will assemble on the lawn of the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline at 4:00 p.m. for a photo opportunity before the Caravan begins.

At MIT Stata Center's outdoor amphitheater, Caravan participants and the public will be welcomed by the following: MIT Chancellor Phillip Clay; Professor John Heywood, director of the MIT Sloan Automotive Lab; and Simon Pitts, executive director of the Ford-MIT Alliance. Also offering remarks will be the following: James W. Hunt, chief of Environmental and Energy Services for the City of Boston; David Cash, director of Air, Energy and Waste Policy for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs; Scott Griffith, CEO of Zipcar; and Tom Kinton, CEO of Massport. A schedule for these remarks is listed below. A reception for the media and Introduction of the drivers and their vehicles, plus a reception for the media will directly follow the welcoming remarks.

“The goal of the AltWheels Caravan on September 21 and the AltWheels Festival that following weekend demonstrates to the public that alternative transportation is in use throughout New England in schools, cities and towns and some fleets,” said AltWheels founder Alison Sander. “Not only is this region a hotbed of research and technology in developing clean, sustainable fuel sources, but vehicles deploying these technologies are also being used by numerous municipal and state fleets in the region.”

The idea of clean, sustainable fuels is beginning to catch on in New England—from private individuals buying more hybrid-fuel passenger cars, to large public-transit providers using eco-friendly vehicles, to major conversions to alt-fuel fleets by municipalities, universities and businesses. Major universities such as Harvard, MIT and Tufts have taken steps to reduce auto emissions in and around their campuses. Public agencies such as Massport, MassHighway, the MBTA, the City of Boston, the City of Keene, the Boston Public Health Commission and others have taken leadership positions in addressing the need to reduce harmful transportation-related pollutants in their fleets.

The AltWheels Caravan is currently scheduled to include:

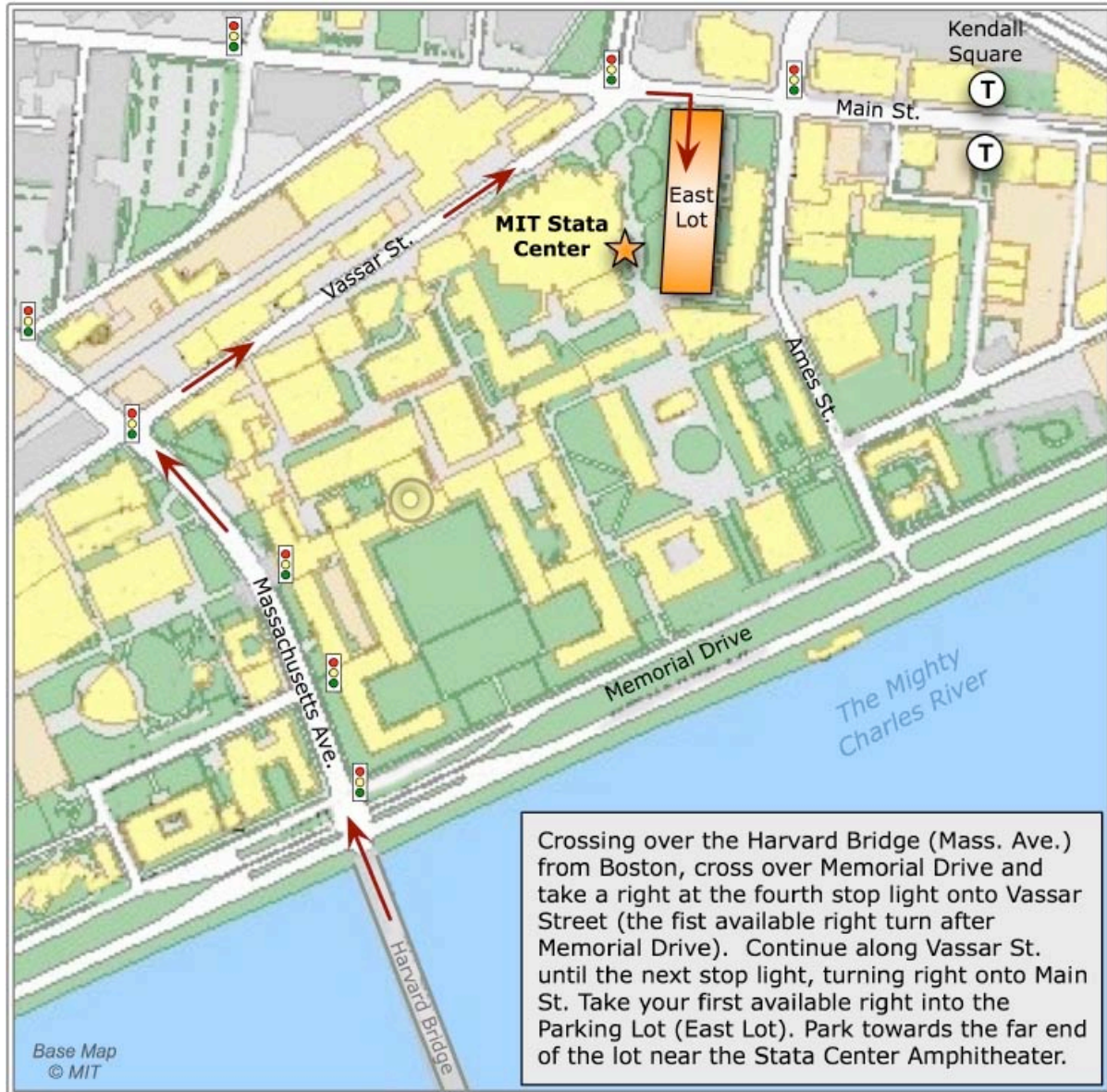
- State Police escort using a Ford Econoline E-250 CNG (compressed natural gas) van.
- Ford hydrogen-powered E-450 12-passenger shuttle bus driven by Bob Natkin, technical leader for hydrogen internal combustion engine applications at Ford. Ford recently began limited production of the world's first fleet of commercial hydrogen-powered internal combustion engine (H2 ICE) vehicles that produce near-zero emissions. The first eight E-450 shuttle busses will soon be delivered to tourist destinations in Florida.
- A Chevrolet Avalanche E-85 (Ethanol) 2006 vehicle.
- Zipcar MINI Cooper driven by Scott Griffith, Zipcar CEO.
- 2001 Toyota Prius driven by James W. Hunt, Chief of Environmental and Energy Services, the City of Boston
- Ford's 2006 Hybrid Escape—the first American-made hybrid SUV—driven by Massport CEO Tom Kinton.
- Massport F-150 CNG pick-up truck driven by Jacki Wilkins from Massport.
- A 2005 Toyota Prius owned by Bud Ris, President of the New England Aquarium and former executive director of Union of Concerned Scientists.
- Toyota Prius driven by Newton Mayor David Cohen.
- Ford Electric Think 2002 vehicle driven by Mayor Michael J. McGlynn from the City of Medford.
- Honda Civic CNG driven by Executive Office of Transportation Deputy Secretary Tom Cahir
- 2007 E85 Chevrolet Impala.
- 2007 Saturn Vue Hybrid Electric SUV.
- 2007 Chevrolet Uplander E85 Mini Van.
- Honda FCX Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered provided by the NY Office of General Services Clean Fueled Vehicle Program.
- Volkswagen's Prototype 50-State Jetta TDI, driven by Kristen Clevon
- Volkswagen's 2006 Pike's Peak Touareg TDI, driven by David Geanacopoulos.
- Volkswagen's 2004 Touran Hy-Motion hydrogen fueled vehicle, driven by John Tillman.
- An MBTA Clean Diesel passenger bus. The MBTA has now become the largest alternative-fuel user in New England
- Boston Public Health Commission Emergency Services Toyota Highlander hybrid driven by Paul Shoemaker from BPHC.
- A Harvard University 2005 Daimler-Chrysler 229 shuttle running on B20 biodiesel. Since 2004, Harvard has switched its transit fleet and University fleet to biodiesel and has more than 55 biodiesel vehicles.

- MIT Information Services and Technology Department 2005 Ford Escape Hybrid used on campus to support campus computing programs -- the first MIT department hybrid vehicle on campus.
- A 2000 Ford Crown Victoria cruiser powered by CNG, operated by Sgt. James Rooney of the Somerville Police Department.
- The Azure Dynamics 2006 Citivan, a diesel hybrid electric-powered delivery vehicle driven by Doug Alderton.
- John Moore driving one of first cleaner Boston CleanAir Cabs. 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid.
- Honda GX, the top-selling CNG vehicle, driven by Barry Carr.
- 1998 Solectria Force all-electric vehicle driven by Ken Olum
- 2005 Prius driven by Peter Smith, Urban Design Chair of the Boston Society of Architects.
- Comfort Inn & Suites Boston/ Airport CNG van.
- 2004 Toyota Prius adjusted to get up to 70 mpg, driven by Hobbit, winner of 2005 AltWheels "Best of Show" award.
- Toyota Prius, representing WheelsTV.net.
- The MIT Mitsubishi CNG-powered Box Truck used for MIT's recycling program.
- The New England Aquarium Dodge Ram 2001 CNG-fueled outreach van used to bring programs to schools and communities. The CNG van drove over 15,000 miles last year delivering educational program to thousands of students throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- Mark Howards from AltEnergy Oasis driving a 1998 VW Beetle running on used vegetable oil that gets 50 mpg.
- Massport CNG shuttle bus.
- Max Hall driving a multi-fuel diesel-electric hybrid built from a 1965 Innocenti Lambro.
- Truck 67 is the environmental flagship of Dennis K. Burke's fleet and runs on B20 biodiesel. This award-winning tanker reflects Burke's commitment to the environment. The driver's side offers an ocean-beach scene and the passenger side features a mountainside-lake scene.
- Steve Russell driving The City of Keene New Hampshire biodiesel F-450 truck representing Granite State Clean Cities.
- Jory Squibb from Camden, Maine driving Moonbeam, a microcar based on motorscooter technology built last winter to get 85-100 mpg. Expecting to come from, Camden Maine to Larz Anderson on 2 gallons of gas.
- Honda Civic Hybrid, driven by David Cash, Mass. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, rented as part of a new innovative rental contract with the Office of Vehicle Management (OVM) that requires hybrid availability.

Schedule for the Day, including Remarks:

- 4:00 p.m. Vehicles assemble on lawn of Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline. Directions on web site at www.mot.org.
- 5:00 p.m. Vehicles and procession leaves the Larz Anderson under State Police escort (CNG-fueled van).
- 5:45 p.m. Vehicles arrive at MIT Stata Center (East Parking Lot).
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome remarks at MIT Stata Center:
 - Professor Phillip Clay, Chancellor, MIT.
 - Professor John Heywood, Director, MIT Sloan Automotive Laboratory.
 - Simon Pitts, Executive Director, Ford-MIT Alliance.
 - Scott Griffith, CEO, Zipcar.
 - James W. Hunt, Chief of Environmental and Energy Services, City of Boston.
 - David Cash, Director of Air, Energy and Waste Policy, Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs; and
 - Tom Kinton, CEO, Massport.
- 6:30 p.m. Introduction of the Caravan Cars by Alison Sander, Founder, AltWheels Festival.
- 6:45 p.m. Reception for the media and public.

Stata Center location on MIT campus



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