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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL STATION TO OPEN AT CHICAGO O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

*Station on O'Hare property will offer compressed natural gas (CNG), biodiesel and fast-charge charging stations for electric vehicles.*

Today, Mayor Rahm Emanuel introduced an ordinance before City Council that will provide for the development of a 4,000-square-foot fueling station and travel center featuring a range of alternative fuels and food options on City-owned vacant land near O'Hare International Airport.

"Providing better access to alternative fuels at O'Hare provides multiple benefits for the City and the public," said Mayor Emanuel. "We are able to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, while at the same time generating revenue."

Located at the Southeast corner of Higgins Road and Patton Drive, the travel center will offer compressed natural gas (CNG), biodiesel and fast-charge charging stations for electric vehicles, as well as conventional gasoline.

The project is expected to create 73 construction jobs and 30 permanent positions. The CDA will receive a base rent of \$100,000 for the land and five percent of gross sales.

The travel center will be built and operated by PMG Airport Developers ([pmgairport.com](http://pmgairport.com)), builder and operator of cutting-edge travel plazas at airports across the country, and Clean Energy Fuels ([cleanenergyfuels.com](http://cleanenergyfuels.com)), the nation's leading provider of CNG, LNG and Redeem renewable natural gas (RNG) for transportation, with nearly 500 stations.

The developer was selected through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The CDA entered into an extensive negotiation process with the successful respondent and reached an agreement last month. The project will also require environmental approval from FAA, which is underway and expected by end of year.

The target opening date for the travel center at O'Hare is early 2016.

The travel center will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will feature a convenience store with central pay location, a quick-serve restaurant with walk-up and drive-through service, a car wash, flight information display screens, an ATM and Wi-Fi.

CNG will be provided by Clean Energy Fuels, the leading provider of natural gas fuel for transportation in North America. Clean Energy has a nationwide network of nearly 500 LNG and

CNG fueling stations – including several stations already in Chicagoland -- and fuels natural gas vehicles in about 37 major airports.

It will offer regular, mid-grade, premium conventional gas. Building out the infrastructure for CNG fuel is critical to increasing the number of green vehicles on the road. This CNG station will support airport traffic and serve as catalyst to help small businesses and larger fleets that are looking to improve their environmental footprint and their bottom line by switching to cost-efficient natural gas vehicles.

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