

Obama vows to put more hybrid cars on road

LOS ANGELES—President Barack Obama pledged yesterday that his administration is committed to developing plug-in hybrid cars so as to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

The president also announced "a 400-million-dollar down payment on the infrastructure needed to get hybrids on road," and 1-billion-dollar investment in upgrading the nation's power grid.

terday afternoon at the Miguel Contreras Learning Complex in Los Angeles and a visit to "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."



President Barack Obama tours the Edison Electric Vehicle Technical Center in Pomona (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

"And even as our economy has been transformed by new forms of technology, our electric grid looks largely the same as it did half a century ago," Obama said.

road by 2015. To achieve this goal, 7,500-US-dollar tax credits will be offered to people who buy them, said the president.

"We'll do this because we know that the nation that leads on energy will be the nation that leads the world in the 21st century," Obama said.

California has already received approval for 625 million dollars in federal funds for 57 projects.

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BOISE, Idaho - People with the oldest cars would see the largest percentage increase in registration fees, under Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's new 3-year plan to raise a total of \$31.6 million.

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