IGO Electric Vehicle Project: Solar Power Your Ride Building Consumer Demand for EVs







IGO Mission Create innovative and cost-effective mobility solutions for the region– making it possible to live well without owning a car

- 15,000 members 250 plus vehicles
- Reduced Emissions in 2011 by 45,718 metric tons.
- I-GO members saved more than \$48,000,000 annually.
- 73% of members either sell or postpone buying a car
- Job creation- 75 direct/500+ indirect
- Pilot test innovations
 - Electric Cars to reduce emissions
 - Demonstrate Solar Power effectiveness
 - Help jumpstart EV use in the region

HERE'S WHERE I-GO







History of EV Project



Started with test project in partnership with ComEd:

- Added two converted plug-in hybrids in 2009
- Member Surveys
- Great interest amongst members
- Didn't always plug in cars
- Usage high, energy usage low

IGO Solar Powered Vehicle Project





I-GO will have the largest electric vehicle fleet in the Midwest powered by solar power

- ►\$2.5 million project :
 - ♦ 16 solar canopies

Chicago, Evanston, Oak Park

- ♦ 36 electric vehicles
- ♦ 36 charging stations

Solar Canopy





Results so far

Four vehicles in service (more coming daily)

Date of first trip: March 22 Number of unique drivers: 79 Drivers Average mileage of trip: 19.3 Miles Average reservation hours: 3.28 Hours







Barriers and Opportunities

➤ Barriers:

- Distance Capabilities/Charge time
- Overcoming range anxiety
- Fixed locations
- ➤ Opportunities:
- Helping jumpstart EV usage in the region





- Reducing cost to I-GO associated paying for fuel and other maintenance.
- Providing option that has limited impact on the environment
- Demonstrating solar power and potential for community utility

Future Vision: Mobility Stations







Thank You

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Solar Power Your Ride

Join IGO CarSharing and drive a solar-powered car!

This solar roof collects energy to help power the newest wheels in IGO's carsharing program–fully solar-powered electric vehicles.



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IGO CarSharing—easy, affordable and eco-friendly

- Members get 24-hour access to a fleet of IGO cars in reserved parking spaces in 25 city neighborhoods and four suburbs.
- Gas and insurance are included in the low, hourly rate and 24-hour assistance is only a phone call away.
- Shared cars means less congestion and fewer carbon emissions.
- Vehicles can be reserved online-or call us 24/7/365, at (773) 278-4446.





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Must be 18-80 to join, other restrictions may apply. Check out goosets argieligibility for more information.

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