



“By reusing our existing poles and using clean solar power, these new Coin and Card meters are a win-win for customers, the city, and the environment,” added Mayor Villaraigosa.



Approximately 37% of the City's 40,000 meters have been upgraded to accept credit cards. These modern meters will generate more than 50% of the City's parking meter revenue.

The new meters have been operational approximately 99% of the time, and they call for repair if they are vandalized or malfunction. If a Coin & Card meter needs service, it sends a wireless message to a technician, improving the efficiency of repair to return failed meters to service quickly.

The new meters also are helping to advance the City's efforts to become more sustainable. The City of Los Angeles now has the most solar-powered parking meters in the country. They are more reliable, in part, because they use the solar battery instead of AA batteries which need frequent replacement.

The new Card & Coin Meters will prevent the need to dispose of 40,000 AA batteries per year through the use of solar power.

The meters are uniquely designed to replace just the top portion of the meter, reusing the existing pole and base. They are stronger and more vandal proof than the old coin meters. The new meters accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

Drivers are required to pay to park at every meter, and if payment is not accepted at a meter the driver must use another form of payment or find another meter to avoid a citation. A display on each meter provides information about the hours and rates for the meter. Also a sticker outlining the City's rules will be applied to each new meter.

Parking meters in the City cost between \$1 - \$4 per hour depending on the location and demand in the area.