

February 2, 2024

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Chair
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
563 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable John Petersburg, Republican Lead
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
217 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
3107 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable John Jasinski, Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
2227 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Erin Koegel, Chair
House Sustainable Infrastructure Policy Committee
445 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Mary Franson, Republican Lead
House Sustainable Infrastructure Policy Committee
303 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Re: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program Report

Dear Legislators,

As required by [Minn. Stat.174.47, Subd. 5](#), this letter provides information about the electric vehicle infrastructure program in Minnesota.

Federal Funds Spent

As of February 1, 2024, no federal funds were spent on the electric vehicle infrastructure program. On December 11, 2023, MnDOT published a Request for Proposals to build the first round of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at 18 locations along I-94 and I-35. Applications are due on February 9, 2024. MnDOT anticipates making conditional awards in late May 2024.

State Funds Spent

In FY 2023 MnDOT spent \$84,637.55 to conduct a feasibility assessment of potential sites for electric vehicle infrastructure and to develop a new procurement process for distributing federal and state funds for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. As of January 2024, MnDOT spent \$102,155.62 in FY 24 to advance the program.

Department Staff Related to the Program

In FY 23 MnDOT spent \$113,320 on salaries for a full-time planner related to the program. As of January 2024, MnDOT spent \$73,247 on salaries in FY 24 for one full-time planner and one full-time contracts and grants coordinator related to the program.

Minnesota Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan

The 2023 Minnesota Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan is available on MnDOT's website – [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program in Minnesota](#). The Minnesota Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan describes how Minnesota will spend the NEVI Formula Program funds. The EV Plan includes a vision and goals for a statewide fast charger network that provides convenient, reliable and accessible EV charging across Minnesota. The EV Plan identifies potential locations along Minnesota's two existing Alternatives Fuel Corridors (AFCs) – Interstate 35 (I-35) and Interstate 94 (I-94), where the agency will initially work with third parties to install fast chargers.

Locations of EV Infrastructure Created with the Program

At this time, no EV chargers have been installed under this program. MnDOT is in the process of a competitive RFP process that will result in project selection in calendar year 2024. Details about the project selection process are available at [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program in Minnesota](#).

Ensuring EV Infrastructure is Regionally Balanced

MnDOT will complete a statewide Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Needs Assessment by June 2025. The assessment will describe existing conditions and gaps in the EV charging network. The assessment will guide MnDOT and partners on where and when to install EV charging stations. It will also prioritize corridors and regions where infrastructure should be installed to increase the reliability and resilience of the alternative fuel network in Minnesota. This will support statewide efforts to reduce carbon emissions and increase the accessibility and reliability of EV charging throughout Minnesota.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can also contact Siri Simons at siri.simons@state.mn.us or by phone at 651-366-4834.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Daubenberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Commissioner