

# ADOT developing statewide EV fast charging station network

**More than \$76 million of federal tax dollars on the way to state**

**A**s more and more drivers get behind the wheel of an electric vehicle, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is working to ensure that Arizonans receive the maximum benefit from new federal funding sources by developing a federally required plan to implement a statewide network of EV charging stations.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act recently made \$5 billion available for deployment of a network of publicly accessible EV fast chargers along alternative fuel corridors nationwide, aiming to reduce range anxiety and encourage purchasers to consider EVs as a viable alternative to gasoline or diesel-powered vehicles.

Over the next five years, the state is set to receive \$76.5 million in federal dollars through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. The first step of the plan will focus on deploying EV fast chargers along Arizona's currently designated alternative fuel corridors—the Interstate highway system. Other highways could be eligible for charging stations in the future.

ADOT has hired AECOM Consultants to assist with the plan and is kicking off efforts to seek input from the public and key stakeholders, including EV industry representatives, utility providers and others who are critical to understanding related technical and implementation issues. Per federal requirements, the initial high-level plan will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration in August, with further plan refinements to follow.

The plan will evolve as new alternative fuel corridors are added and in response to new developments in the EV industry and usage patterns. Additional comments and suggestions will continue to be considered as ADOT works to refine the plan in the future.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:** As ADOT seeks comments and suggestions from a wide variety of agency and industry stakeholders and the public during the preparation of the initial plan, due in August, public outreach will include surveys and online and in-person public meetings.

**FOLLOW ALONG:** Since the initial plan will be high level, additional public input will occur after plan submission to work out the details of implementation. Public outreach will include surveys and online and in-person public meetings. Information about those activities will be provided on the study web page, with updates sent to those who sign up at:

[surveymonkey.com/r/AZEVPlanMailingList](https://surveymonkey.com/r/AZEVPlanMailingList)

**PUBLIC INPUT:** ADOT has scheduled a virtual public meeting on Thursday, July 14, to provide information and gather input about the plan currently being prepared. The event runs from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and can be accessed by phone or online:

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