



June 7, 2023

To: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
From: Town of Lyons  
Subject: Support & Partnership with Boulder County on CFI Grant Application to Install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Town of Lyons supports the DOT FHWA's program to strategically deploy publicly-accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and lead the way for other Colorado communities.

As a local municipality within Boulder County, we enthusiastically support this application's focus on filling gaps in access to charging infrastructure for both our residents and visitors while simultaneously reducing transportation-related emissions. Expanding access to charging infrastructure for low-and-moderate income neighborhoods, rural areas, and for those visitors who are headed up to Colorado's most visited destination, Rocky Mountain National Park, will significantly address the transportation sector's outsized contributions to climate change, encourage more EV adoption, without leaving parts of our community behind.

Our role in the proposed project includes:

- Assist with identifying appropriate locations for publicly-accessible EV charging infrastructure.
- Identify and connect with our local community organizations and leaders who could support community engagement related to transportation infrastructure, education, programs, and incentives. Provide input during the planning and the community engagement process. Provide leadership, facilitation, and administrative support for conversations and events hosted by Lyons.
- Identify and connect with local businesses and service organizations to support this project's effort to provide underserved community members with the opportunities to develop skills and certifications for good-paying jobs in the field of zero-emission vehicles and associated infrastructure.
- Support the development of Requests For Proposals, selection criteria, proposal reviews, and contractual agreements for any aspects of this project, as needed, as well as ongoing support and guidance for vendors and contractors supporting the project.
- Support as needed over the course of the project period, including, but not limited to, planning, input, outreach, progress monitoring, and reporting.
- Share information about this project and use the information to explore additional EV charging station projects and opportunities in our region.



The Town of Lyons is committed to sustainability and climate protection. Lyons supports the State of Colorado and federal goals for greater EV adoption.

We understand the importance of this project for EV charging stations as a solution to a set of complex challenges:

- The Boulder County region needs to achieve at least 1,263 more Level 2 and 404 more DCFC ports installed to align with expected EV adoption rates by 2030.
- The Colorado Energy Office worked with the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) to complete an analysis and report to inform EV infrastructure planning and investment. The report found that Boulder County has high EV uptake but lower infrastructure deployment than what will be needed by 2030 to meet Statewide EV adoption goals.
- Existing charging stations are not equitably serving enough lower income or disproportionately impacted community members.

Electric vehicles can support a transportation system that is affordable, reliable, equitable, climate-friendly, and safe. We encourage you to fully fund Boulder County's proposal which aims to lead the State of Colorado in ensuring EV charging infrastructure serves all members of our communities.

Sincerely,

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