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Re: 2025 TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PLAN, 2025 INTEGRATED DISTRIBUTION PLAN DOCKET NO. E002/M-25-142

Dear Ms. Bergman

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is providing this letter as an update on our work around electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure development as it relates to Xcel Energy's 2025 Transportation Electrification Plan.

Xcel Energy's 2025 Transportation Electrification Plan includes a new Commercial EV Infrastructure Rebate and Advisory Program that could provide a source of funds to support EV Supply Equipment (EVSE) and EV Supply Infrastructure (EVSU). Because these funds could be used by future MnDOT grantees, we believe this update will be beneficial to you and the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

The federally funded [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Formula Program](#) provides funds to states to build a fast-charging network for EVs across the country. The program's formula funds must first be used to install Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) for EV charging along any Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) designated by the states. After receiving certification from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that their AFC's are fully built out, states can use the remaining funds on other roadways within their state. In Minnesota, our AFCs are I-35, I-90, and I-94.

Minnesota received its fully built out certification from the FHWA on December 8, 2025. Minnesota has a total of 24 locations in various stages of development. We are now in the process of planning our next round of funding, with \$41.8 million available to use for up to 74 clusters around the State. Approximately 12 of these clusters are within Xcel service territory.

The tentative timeline for this procurement effort is noted below:

- March to June, 2026 — Request for Information (RFI) to gather feedback on the potential cluster locations and procurement process improvements;
- August/September, 2026 — open round three Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP will likely be a subset of the 74 locations;

- October/November, 2026 — close the round three RFP, score applications; and
- December, 2026 — make conditional awards.

Start and end dates are subject to change based on RFI responses. MnDOT will likely do another RFP round for any remaining locations and funds in 2027. Rebates from Xcel Energy would be eligible as a match to help cover project costs for EVSI and EVSE. Updates on this program can be found on the [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program in Minnesota webpage](#).

Greater Minnesota EV Infrastructure Community Program

MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation's new program is designed to partner with eligible organizations interested in establishing EV infrastructure. As a community based program, the [Greater Minnesota EV Infrastructure Community Program](#) provides customized support to identify and develop up to 42 EV charging sites, mostly level two, outside of the Twin Cities' seven-county metro area. Special considerations will be given to projects that enhance mobility hubs, shared use sites/fleets, and rural charging solutions located near multifamily housing units serving low income or traditionally underserved populations.

This program includes two phases:

- Phase 1: Preconstruction (now open); and
- Phase 2: Construction (Summer 2027).

Phase 1 timeline:

- February 10, 2026 — program information webinar;
- February 28, 2026 — deadline to submit EV interest form;
- March, 2026 — full application period begins;
- April 30, 2026 — deadline to submit full application;
- May, 2026 — program participants are selected, notifications sent by email;
- June, 2026 — participants attend program launch meeting, work begins with consultants;
- July, 2027 — deadline to complete projects; and
- Summer, 2027 — prepare for Phase 2, Construction (pending funding).

Rebates from Xcel Energy could be used to provide financial support for EVSE and EVSI needs for these locations after Phase 1 preconstruction planning and development work is completed, and these sites transition to Phase 2 construction.

I hope this letter provides you with a sufficient overview of MnDOT's plans to support public EV charging infrastructure and potential intersections with utility efforts. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this update further, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 651-341-4405, or by email at jon.solberg@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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