

The Honorable Shailen Bhatt, Administrator  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
(Federal Highway Administration)  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001



April 17, 2023

Dear Administrator Bhatt,

As Chair of Alexandria's Environmental Policy Commission whose 13 Council-appointed members advise our City Council on environmental issues, I am writing in strong support for the City of Alexandria, Virginia's 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program application. The proposed application will bring critical charging infrastructure needed to support the growing adoption of electric vehicles in the region and further the Administration's Justice40 Initiative.

The City is a regional leader in advancing transportation electrification. The City has developed an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Readiness Strategy (EVRS) to act as a roadmap to meet the electric vehicle charging infrastructure and technical needs of City residents, workforce members, and visitors as electric vehicle adoption increases. The EVRS includes 31 recommendations that will build an effective, innovative, and sustainable electric vehicle ecosystem. The EVRS includes recommendations around meeting the charging demand of the community, equity, and workforce development that will accelerate the CFI Program.

The proposed community project will support the implementation of the EVRS recommendations through the installation of publicly accessible Level 2 and DC Fast Chargers at multiple sites across the City, such as public parks, libraries, and on-street locations. The chargers will be located in areas that will benefit disadvantaged communities and serve areas with a high concentration of multi-unit, workforce dwellings and limited off-street parking. The City of Alexandria residents are adopting electric vehicles at a rate faster than the national average, and this project will help meet the needs of the community.

The EPC is committed to continuing our support for the City of Alexandria to bring this project to completion to deploy charging infrastructure and support the electrification of our transportation systems, which will improve air quality and combat climate change, benefiting the region's communities, residents, and stakeholders.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the **City of Alexandria's** grant application. Should you have questions, please contact Kathie Hoekstra at [kathlynhoekstra@icloud.com](mailto:kathlynhoekstra@icloud.com).

Sincerely,

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