# Transportation Commission

February 21, 2024 7PM



#### **Notice**

The February 21 meeting of the Transportation Commission is being held electronically on Zoom. Members of the Transportation Commission and staff are participating from a remote location through video conference call. The meeting can be accessed by the public inperson or via Zoom.



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## **Public Comment Period**

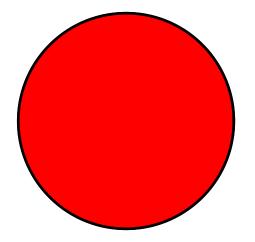


#### **Public Comment**

- For speakers not discussing items related to the public hearings.
- For virtual attendees:
  - Raise hand or press \*9
  - Mute or unmute press \*6
  - 3 minutes per speaker



3 Minute Timer Announcement will sound automatically when time is up





# **Transportation Commission Minutes: January 17, 2023**



## Electric Vehicle Planning



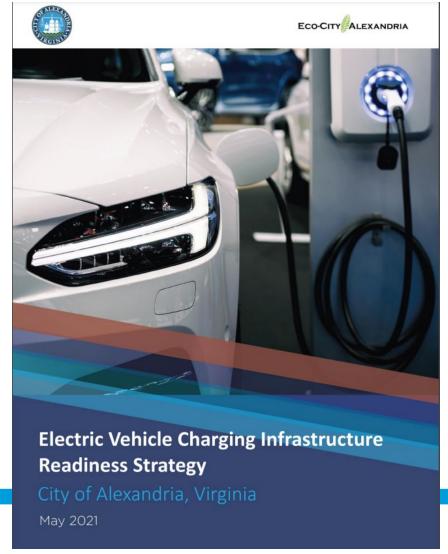
#### **Agenda**

- EV Program Overview
- Multi-family Dwelling/Condo Association EV Charging Peer Group
- Publicly Accessible EV Charging
- Right-of-way EV Charging Pilot
- Municipal Fleet & DASH Transition





# Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Readiness Strategy (EVRS)



 30+ recommendations for supporting EV adoption and addressing EV charging needs



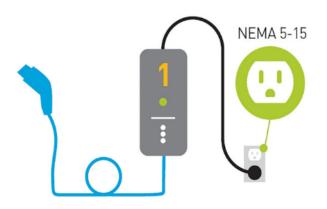
**Access the EVRS** 



#### **EV Charger Types**

#### Level 1 charging station

Level 1: 110V



**Good for:** Plug-in hybrid, such as the Kia Niro **Miles/charge time:** 5 miles per hour of charge

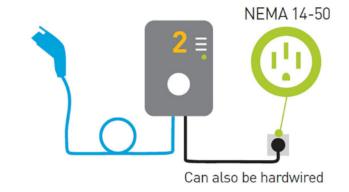
Voltage: 110V

Source: PGE

#### Level 2 charging station

Level 2: 240V

May require service upgrade



**Good for:** Battery EVs, such as the Tesla Model 3 **Miles/charge time:** 13 to 25 miles per hour of charge

Voltage: 240V

#### DC fast-charging station

Level 3: 480V DC Fast Charging/Commercial



**Good for:** Most battery EVs. Check your manufacturer details.

Miles/charge time: 10 to 30 minutes for a full charge

Voltage: 480V-500V



#### EV Program Overview (Select Projects Shown)

FY24 (July 2023 – June 2024) FY25 (July 2024 – June 2025) **Program Planning Peer Group Meetings EV Charging Peer** Group **Technical Assistance & Outreach Materials** Planned Franchise issue, Procurement Planning, RFII Issue pending Council schedule **Public EV Charging Procurement Development & Award; Charger Installation** RFII Issue **Sidewalk Charging Pilot Design Sidewalk Charging Pilot Rollout & Evaluation** Sidewalk ROW **Curbside Charging Pilot Rollout & Charging Pilots Curbside Charging Pilot Design Evaluation Fleet Transition Fleet Transition Plan Charger Installation Procurement Planning, RFII Issue** and EV Charging RFII Issue

#### **EV** Charging Peer Group

20+ Condo Associations

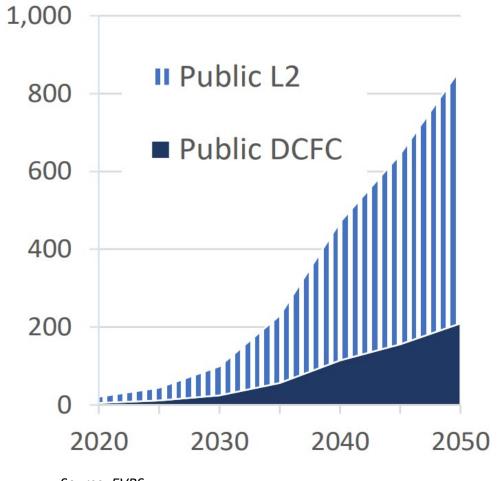
- Meeting topics
  - November 2023: Introduction and Park Place's Approach
  - January 2024: Funding Incentives for EV Charging
  - April 2024 (planned): EV Charging Success Stories
  - May 2024 (planned): EV Fire Risk Data and Mitigation
- Virtual meetings in the evenings, everyone is welcome!



#### Public EV Charging in Alexandria

 Issued RFI – 23 responses for vendors interested in public charging

 Will be issuing procurement in this summer for public chargers at no-cost to the City



#### Sidewalk EV Charging Pilot

- Level 1 cords can cross the sidewalk
- Highly visible cord ramp
- Must remove the cord and ramp when not in use
- Does not reserve parking space in front of house





Source: City of Vancouver

#### **Curbside EV Charging Pilot**

 All cords and conduit installed underground

Residential Permit Parking rules apply

 Some vendors offer revenue sharing with property owners for utilizing electric circuit



Source: Autoweek

#### **City Fleet & DASH Transition**

#### **City Fleet**

- 19 RFII respondents interested in public charging
- Fleet Transition Plan
- EV charging procurement



#### **DASH Fleet**

- FY 2024 LowNo award
- Facility expansion
- Bus Exportable Power Systems (BEPS) Pilot







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# Action Item: Consideration of Submitting a Letter to WMATA on the FY25 Budget



#### **Operating Budget Shortfall**

- \$750M operating budget gap in FY25, due to several factors:
  - Low ridership revenue
  - Depletion of federal pandemic relief funds
  - Collective bargaining agreements
  - Historic inflation



#### Original Proposed Budget Summary

- Widespread, draconian cuts to bus service
  - Eliminate service on 8W, 11Y, 21C, Metroway, NH2, REX
  - Reduced service on 7A, 28A, 29K, 29N
- Reduced rail frequency and station closures
  - 15 min weekday, 20 min weekend on Blue and Yellow Lines
  - Closure of 10 low-ridership stations across Metro system
- Drastic fare increases
  - Up to 25% during all periods



#### **Revised Budget Summary**

- Aggressive cost-saving measures by WMATA
- More targeted rail service
- Maintain current bus service
- Increase fares
- Short-term increased subsidy
  - Alx Share ~ \$10 million





#### **Next Steps**

Public comment period is ongoing

Public hearings will be held in late February 2024

- Anticipated budget adoption in April 2024
- Implementation by the start of FY 2025



#### **Draft Letter For Comment Period**

- Commend WMATA for aggressive cost-saving measures
- Prioritize consistent bus and rail service and frequencies
- Accept fare increases as necessary to keep up with higher costs
- Accept short-term increased subsidy as necessary
- Prioritize reducing or eliminating the need for additional measures for the projected FY26 operating gap

#### Recommendation

That the Chair submit a letter to WMATA during the public comment period on the FY25 budget.



## Commissioner Updates



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### **Items for Consent**



## **Other Business**



# Adjourn Transportation Commission Meeting

Next meeting: March 20, 2024

