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Electric Vehicle Community Charging Hubs for Multi-Unit Dwellings

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Project Overview



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Project Background

- Electric vehicle (EV) adoption is on the rise in Maryland! 100% of new vehicles sold in MD will be zero emission by 2035
- [Advanced Clean Cars II Act]
- chargers at home or work need public access to chargers
- About 80% of all EV charging takes place at home People who live in high-density areas and do not have access to





Electric vehicle charging [Forbes]



Types of parking available to multifamily residents. [U.S. DOT Volpe Center]



Project Overview

Develop a plan to provide EV charging opportunities for residents in high-density residential areas across the Baltimore region

What will the plan include?

- Recommendations on how to implement EV chargers in high-density residential areas
- Fact sheets to share with elected officials, colleagues, and community members about EV charging
- Potential locations for community charging hubs



What are community charging hubs?



Key Characteristics

- **Reliable** charging infrastructure (it works; wait times are reasonable)
- Convenient location to high-density multi-family housing, employment centers, and/or other destinations such as shopping centers or community centers
- Connections to transit or other transportation services • Inclusive public space with integrated wayfinding, travel
- information, and payment options
- On-site services such as restrooms or convenience store are optional amenities
- **Equitably distributed** throughout communities









OUC Charging Station | Orlando, FL



St. Frances EV Charging Station | Baltimore, MD



What guidance is available?

National publications provide guidance on how to fund and install EV charging infrastructure.



Plug-in Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Guidelines for



California Plug In EV Collaborative (2013)

Fuels Institute

EVC ELECTRIC VEHICLE

A BEST PRACTICE GUIDE FOR Installing and Operating Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Fuels Institute (2021)

What guidance is available?

Planning documents from other cities, regions, and states provide examples of how to cite and leverage partnerships to implement community charging hubs.



Project Outcomes

- members about EV charging
- high-density residential areas
- hubs





What are community charging hubs? ideshare, transit, micromobility) while their vehicles charge.

Why do communities need charging hubs?

- 80% of current EV owners charge at home overnight, NREL.
- multi-family dwellings with shared or no parking.

What are the key features of a community charging hub?

Reliable charging infrastructure

Convenient location to high-density multi-family housing, employment centers, and/or other destinations such as shopping centers or community centers

Accessible public space with integrated wayfinding, travel information, and payment options



• Fact sheets to share with elected officials, colleagues, and community

Guide with recommendations on how to implement EV chargers in

• **Case studies** that highlight potential locations for community charging

Community charging hubs are designated locations where community members can reliably charge their Electric Vehicles (EV) near multi-family housing, high-density employment centers, local destinations, or additional transportation options (i.e.

Many single-family homes have parking or garages for charging. However, many residents in the Baltimore region live in

· These residents will rely on public-access chargers and community charging hubs near homes or workplaces



On-site services (i.e., lighting, security, restrooms, convenience stores) Smart charging capabilities to

optimize charging schedules, manage

energy consumption, and provide

real-time monitoring and control Connections to transit or other transportation services for long-

duration charging sessions Equitably distributed

throughout communities



Unprecedented Electric Vehicle Funding

The growth of Electric Vehicles (EV) in the US was sparked by recent legislative initiatives that aimed to address the negative nvironmental impacts of fossil fuel vehicles and to create clean energy jobs. The legislative initiatives included:

- The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) accelerated transportation electrification by providing federal money for charging infrastructure and tax credits for consumers and manufacturers of EVs or batteries that upgrade or build new facilities (Electrification Coalition).
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, established a National EV Infrastructure (NEVI) Program "to provide funding to States to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and to establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability" (<u>Federal Highway Administration</u>)
- The BIL also created the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. CFI is a competitive grant program to strategically deploy publicly acce sible EV charging and alternative fu eople live and work - urban and rural areas alike - in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (Federal, Highway Administration).

Identify EV Funding Opportunities

With unprecedented funding available, the process for identifying and applying for the proper funding can seem daunting. For this reason, the Electrification Coalition created the EV Funding Finder which helps eligible recipients identify available federal funds for transportation.



Fact Sheet Topics



Electric Vehicles 101



Community Charging Hubs



Preparing for the Next Grant Cycle



Workforce Development Opportunities

Statewide Incentives





Use the fact sheets to...

- Engage with community members, colleagues, and elected officials about the benefits of EVs
- Discuss the types of EV chargers and locations the types can be used most effectively
- Direct colleagues to best practices for planning, siting, and designing hubs Identify EV funding opportunities
- Learn more about EV-related jobs
- Share strategies for equitable workforce development •





Guidebook Outline

- Executive Summary
- Community Charging Hubs
- Planning Toolbox
- Next Steps
- Appendix A: Case Studies
- Appendix B: Budgeting & Funding
- Appendix C: Funding and Procurement Options •



Planning Toolbox



Case Study Examples

Where have community charging hubs been used?

Community charging hubs have been successfully implemented in Europe and are being piloted in several locations in the United States. In Europe, the following cities have successfully implemented innovative solutions to provide EV charging opportunities in urban areas and for multi-family housing:

Hamburg, Germany

- Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Cologne, Germany

London, UK

Oslo, Norway

Local Examples



Pennsylvania Ave Market Lot

- Baltimore, Maryland
- City-owned parking lot
- 4 Level 2 chargers, 2 Level 3 fast chargers



Saint Frances Academy

- Baltimore, Maryland
- Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) in collaboration with the Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership, Lyft, St. Frances Academy, and the Johnston Square neighborhood planned this charging hub.
- 3 Level 3 fast chargers, 2 dual-port Level 2 chargers



Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library

- Annapolis, Maryland
- County-owned library in residential area
- 4 Level 2 chargers, 1 Level 3 charger

Clean Cities Partnership: The GUMBO Initiative

The GUMBO (Guaranteeing Access to Underserved and Marginalized Populations by Building Employment Opportunities) initiative provides EV educational curriculum to regional and national training partners. Initially developed by Louisiana Clean Fuels and Baton Rouge Community College, it received Department of Energy funding. Now, multiple partners, including Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition and Virginia Clean Cities, are involved. Maryland Clean Cities and Communities Coalition may also benefit from exploring this partnership.



Key points of workforce development from the GUMBO initiative include:

- Practical Training: Hands-on training in installing, maintaining, and servicing electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), directly addressing the growing need for skilled technicians in the EV sector.
- Career Opportunities: New career pathways in the EV infrastructure, with technicians specializing in EVSE installation and maintenance potentially earning between \$40,000 and \$65,000 annually.
- Supporting Underserved Populations: Access to training and employment opportunities explicitly targeting underserved and marginalized populations.
- Curriculum Development: Curriculum for EVSE installation and operations will be made publicly available, enabling broader access to education and skill-building.

Next Steps

- Download and share the fact sheets lacksquare
- Look out for the guidebook available at the end of this year
- Contact Anna Marshall (<u>amarshall@baltometro.org</u>) for more information



Fact sheets are available now! Scan QR code or visit baltometro.org.