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AEA and DOT&PF Invite Public Input to Update FY25 Alaska NEVI Plan

(Anchorage) — The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), are seeking help from the public to update Alaska's Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Implementation Plan (The Plan). Comments on the <u>fiscal year 2025</u> <u>draft</u> plan are welcome by emailing <u>electricvehicles@akenergyauthority.org</u> until Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 5 p.m.

"Input from the public is essential to building Alaska's EV charging infrastructure. The feedback we receive will help us understand community needs and preferences for charging stations, and guide the program's strategy moving forward," **said AEA Executive Director Curtis W. Thayer.** "Anyone with an interest in electric transportation is encouraged to participate."

"Stakeholder engagement is crucial to successful transportation infrastructure projects," **said DOT&PF Commissioner Ryan Anderson.** "Each region, community, and charging site host faces its own needs and constraints. By coordinating early and often with key stakeholders, we can help ensure that their unique transportation needs meet diverse community needs and support fair access to EV charging infrastructure."

The evolving draft plan describes Alaska's strategy, vision, and goals for spending Alaska's \$52 million share of federal funds over the next five years under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula (NEVI) Program. The NEVI Program was established through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fund direct-current EV charging infrastructure along interstate and United States highway corridors over the next five years.

The Plan is considered a living document as AEA and DOT&PF engage with communities, laws or policies change, adoption projects alter, and additional guidance from the federal government is published. The Plan is not intended to impede other DOT&PF infrastructure improvements. These formula funds are being used to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish a statewide EV fast-charging network and community-based charging sites in rural and urban areas across Alaska.

The NEVI program requires yearly updates to each state's plan and must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

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About the Alaska Energy Authority

The Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state. Its mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska. To achieve this mission, AEA strives to diversify Alaska's energy portfolio increasing resiliency, reliability, and redundancy. To learn more, visit <u>akenergyauthority.org</u>.

About the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities oversees 237 airports, 9 ferries serving 35 communities along 3,500 marine miles, over 5,600 miles of highway and 839 public facilities throughout the state of Alaska. The mission of the department is to "Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure."