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AEA and DOT&PF Secure FHWA Approval for FY25 Alaska NEVI Plan

The announcement unlocks an additional \$11 million for fiscal year 2025

ANCHORAGE, January 13, 2025 — The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), in collaboration with the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), is pleased to announce that the third annual Alaska National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Plan has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This approval secures an additional \$11 million in federal funding for the continued expansion of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure across Alaska.

This latest funding allocation builds on the \$30 million designated for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024, bringing the total federal investment in Alaska's EV charging infrastructure to \$41 million. The FY25 NEVI Plan outlines strategies to increase reliable, fast EV charging, ensuring a consistent charging experience for residents and travelers. It also includes renewed approval for discretionary exceptions, providing greater flexibility for placement of charging stations along the Alternative Fuel Corridor (AFC) between Anchorage and Fairbanks. These exceptions will specifically benefit areas like Trapper Creek to Cantwell, Wasilla to Trapper Creek, and Healy to Nenana.

With this funding, AEA and DOT&PF aim to complete Phase One, focused on building NEVI-compliant charging stations along the AFC between Anchorage and Fairbanks. The NEVI-funded stations will include at least four Combined Charging System (CCS) ports, each capable of delivering 150 kilowatts of power. Some stations will even offer up to eight CCS charging ports.

"This funding allows us to leverage available federal resources to directly benefit Alaskans," **said AEA Executive Director Curtis W. Thayer.** "Developing EV charging infrastructure ensures our state remains connected and is well-prepared for the future, while also addressing Alaska's unique transportation challenges."

"The approval of the FY25 NEVI Plan is a significant step forward for Alaska's transportation network. Expanding EV charging infrastructure gives Alaskans more travel options while the department continues to build a reliable and resilient transportation system across the state for all users," said DOT&PF Commissioner Ryan Anderson.

Once the AFC is fully built out and meets FHWA criteria, anticipated at the end of 2025, the program will transition to Phase Two. This phase will focus on connecting smaller urban areas, rural communities on the road system, and Alaska's road network to Canada. It will also extend infrastructure along the Alaska Marine Highway System to serve coastal communities.

AEA and DOT&PF sincerely thanks Alaskans for their valuable input during the planning process. Community feedback has played a crucial role in shaping a plan that effectively addresses local needs and priorities.

The NEVI program, established through the historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, provides dedicated federal funding to states to support the strategic deployment of EV Level 3 Direct Current Fast Charging infrastructure. The goal is to create an interconnected, reliable charging network, focusing on locations near interstate highway exits. Alaska is expected to receive \$52 million over five years, with updated plans to be submitted annually to the FHWA detailing how the funds will be spent.

For more information, check out the updated Alaska EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan <u>here</u>. To learn about future community engagement opportunities, visit <u>akenergyauthority.org/evs</u>.

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About the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities oversees 237 airports, 9 ferries serving 33 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."