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## **AEA Seeks Public Input to Update Alaska's NEVI Plan**

(Anchorage) — The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is working with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and numerous stakeholders across the state to update the Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Implementation Plan (The Plan), as required by the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. Through the NEVI program, Alaska expects to receive roughly \$52 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of EV charging in the state.

These formula funds will be used to build a statewide EV fast-charging network and community-based charging sites in rural and urban areas throughout Alaska. This funding will be administered by AEA to strategically deploy publicly accessible EV supply equipment. Alaska's efforts are part of a national initiative to develop a network of 500,000 reliable chargers across the United States to accommodate the growing adoption of EVs.

This Plan is intended to be a living document as AEA engages with communities, laws or policies change, adoption projects alter, and additional guidance from the federal government is published. This Plan is not intended to impede other DOT&PF infrastructure improvements. To receive the allocated funds, AEA must submit an updated EV Infrastructure Implementation Plan to the Federal Highway Administration on an annual basis. The Plan must depict how AEA will successfully deploy the NEVI Formula Program funds within Alaska.

The draft plan for the fiscal year 2024 can be found <u>here</u>. Comments on The Plan may be sent to <u>electricvehicles@akenergyauthority.org</u> or submitted online <u>here</u>. The comment period is open until Monday, July 17, 2023, at 5 p.m.

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## **About the Alaska Energy Authority**

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