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## Nearly \$23 Million Awarded to Locations Across Michigan to Expand State's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Development of new EV charging stations will increase accessibility and reliability for Michiganders as they travel the state

**LANSING, Mich.** – The Michigan Infrastructure Office (MIO), in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation, today announced that nearly \$23 million has been awarded to more than 40 locations across the state under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program, increasing EV accessibility for Michiganders and marks a major step forward in Michigan's transition to a cleaner, more sustainable transportation ecosystem.

With the passage of President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and its support from members of the Michigan congressional delegation, Michigan stands to receive approximately \$110 million in NEVI Formula Program funding over the next five years to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure statewide. The first round of funding includes 41 planned charging stations in every region across the state, from Detroit and Sault Ste. Marie to Benton Harbor and Lansing.

"As Michigan continues to lead the nation in advancing clean energy and sustainable infrastructure, the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program represents a significant milestone in our state's journey towards a greener future," said **Zachary Kolodin, Michigan's chief infrastructure officer and director of the Michigan Infrastructure Office**. "By strategically deploying EV charging infrastructure, we are not only supporting the widespread adoption of electric vehicles but also driving economic growth, job creation, and environmental stewardship."

Selected locations have five years to complete their projects with construction on some expected to be completed this year. These projects will change Michigan's transportation landscape, making EV charging more accessible to residents and paving the way for a future powered by clean energy. "The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is creating good-paying Michigan jobs, growing our economy, and helping to combat the climate crisis," said **U.S. Representative Dan Kildee.** "By expanding electric vehicle charging stations across Michigan, we can make electric vehicles a more reliable option for consumers. My hometown of Flint put the world on wheels, and now I'm working to ensure union workers help lead the way in building electric vehicles."

"Michigan put the world on wheels, and now we are leading the transition to electric vehicles. Thanks to this funding we secured in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we will be able to significantly build out our EV charging infrastructure across the state, helping to make EVs more practical and accessible," said **U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell**." I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress and in Michigan to invest in the research, development, and manufacturing necessary to keep our state and country at the forefront of the EV transition."

"This announcement shows once again how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is paying dividends for Michigan," said **U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin**. "With 40 locations across the state – including five in the 7th District – set to receive nearly \$23 million, this funding will help our state build out its electric

vehicle infrastructure and expand charger access. We're building the next generation of cars here in Michigan, and this new investment will help make sure Michiganders can drive those cars here at home."

"This nearly \$23 million investment under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, enabled by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, demonstrates our unified commitment to advancing sustainable transportation across Michigan," said **U.S. Representative Shri Thanedar**. "It's a testament to our dedication to a greener future and the well-being of our communities."

"Michigan has always been on the cutting edge of mobility, and I'm thrilled that our state has received \$23 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which I helped pass through Congress, to develop new EV charging stations across the state, including in the MI-11 District," said **U.S. Representative Haley Stevens.** "This is yet another example of the rubber meeting the road and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law helping usher in a clean mobility future for everyday Michiganders."

The NEVI Formula Program complements existing clean energy initiatives in Michigan, including the MI Healthy Climate Plan and <u>Charge Up Michigan</u>. Michigan has secured more than \$150 million through Charge Up Michigan and the BIL to build Michigan's electric vehicle charging network, which now includes more than 2,600 EV chargers.

"The award of these NEVI funds will help the MDOT team continue a tradition of enhancing mobility through creative thinking," said **MDOT Director Bradley C. Wieferich**. "Expanding our electric vehicle charging network will help Michigan drivers as well as the millions of tourists who explore our beautiful state each year."

The first round of selections under the NEVI Formula Program can be found <a href="here">here</a>. For additional information about the state's investments in EV infrastructure, please visit the <a href="Michigan Infrastructure">Michigan Infrastructure</a> <a href="Office website">Office website</a>.

## ABOUT THE MICHIGAN INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE

The Michigan Infrastructure Office is responsible for organizing and executing Governor Whitmer's vision for infrastructure, coordinating across state government, marshaling resources, and partnering with local officials, federal partners, and outside stakeholders to ensure resources sent to Michigan through BIL, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), are used efficiently and effectively.