



## Virtual Public Information Center

### NJDOT Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment along New Jersey Alternative Fuel Corridors October 11 – October 25, 2023

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and costs. NJDOT is holding a **Virtual Public Information Center (PIC)** to provide residents, officials, and businesses with information on the **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Program**. New Jersey has designated the Interstate Highways as Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs), to be equipped with electric vehicle fast chargers no more than 50 miles apart, and within 1 mile of an exit. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments via the website comment section, email, or mail.

#### **Virtual PIC**

This Public Information Center meeting is being held virtually to reach as many stakeholders as possible. Please visit the following website any time between October 11, 2023 through October 25, 2023 to learn more about the project and leave comments:

<https://www.NJDOTNEVI.com>

You will have an opportunity to review a presentation, submit questions, and leave feedback. Property owners with rental units are advised to share this information with their tenants who are also invited and encouraged to participate. If you are unable to view the presentation but are interested in learning about this project, please contact us at the telephone numbers or email addresses listed below.

#### **Background**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program funds the deployment of Electric Vehicle (EV) fast chargers along designated electric vehicle corridors to establish an interconnected EV charging network across each state and the nation. It is the NJDOT's intent to strategically deploy EV charging stations in New Jersey and to establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. Funding is available for up to 80% of eligible project costs, including:

- The acquisition, installation, and network connection of EV charging stations to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability
- Proper operation and maintenance of EV charging stations
- Long-term EV charging station data sharing

EV charging stations must be non-proprietary, allow for open-access payment methods, be publicly available, and be located along New Jersey's AFCs. All applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements apply, in accordance with the NEVI Standards and Requirements, a Rule by the Federal Highway Administration published in the Federal Register on 02/28/2023, see: [Federal Register NEVI Standards and Requirements](#). NJDOT's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Program will include requirements specific to New Jersey and to the Department's needs.

[www.njdot.nj.gov](http://www.njdot.nj.gov)

It is the Department's intent to issue a construction advertisement for the first phase of New Jersey's NEVI EV chargers during Fall 2023. This work shall consist of the installation, operation, and maintenance of Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFCs) in accordance with the NEVI Formula Program and the New Jersey NEVI Plan. NJ Electrical licensing is required to perform any electrical work.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process established a supplemental mandate for Federal agencies to consider the potential environmental consequences of their proposals, document the analysis, and make this information available to the public for comment prior to implementation. This coordinated review process includes input from the public to guarantee that all environmental protections, as well as all other issues are addressed in the best overall public interest. Information about FHWA's NEPA process is available at [https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/nepa/nepa\\_projDev.aspx](https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/nepa/nepa_projDev.aspx).

#### Cultural Resources

Federal regulations pertaining to the protection of historic properties, referred to as the Section 106 process, require the NJDOT to take into account the effect of proposed projects upon historic resources listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. NJDOT will complete Section 106 Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process which will occur in the design phase. Information about the process is available at <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf>.

#### **Estimated Schedule**

- Fall 2023 - Advertisement
- Winter 2024 – Project Award
- Winter 2025 – Construction Begins

For further information, or if special accommodations are required, please contact:

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