

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Transportation Local Charging Infrastructure

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

On May 11th, the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$15,000,000 for publicly accessible fast charging in up to ten communities throughout Oregon.

The intent of this grant is to provide communities - particularly those who are underserved - with access to publicly available charging. Access to charging will promote the adoption of electric vehicles, which will help reduce emissions and meet state climate goals. Charging facilities funded with this grant would be located in areas that promote public access to charging, such as local retail centers, commercial districts, and within multifamily dwelling complexes.

A portion of grant funds can be utilized for communication and outreach, which ODOT will direct toward identifying interested and eligible communities. Matching funds of at least 20% are required, and will be met by private sector partners which will install and operate the infrastructure.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.