Vermont Agency of Transportation

Memorandum

To: House Transportation Committee

From: Andrea Wright, Environmental Policy Manager

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Date: January 26, 2025

Subject: Environmental Policy and Sustainability testimony follow-up

Chair Walker and Members of the Committee,

Last week during testimony Tuesday for Electric Vehicle (EV) Incentives and Thursday for the Environmental Policy and Sustainability Overview, committee members asked several questions that required a follow-up.

- Representative Burke requested a summary of EV Incentives appropriations and inquired about the awards made through the Mobility and Transportation Innovations grant using Carbon Reduction Program Funds.
- Representative Pouech inquired about a list of EV charging vendors and Representative Corcoran about specific charging locations.

The attached table summarizes EV Incentives appropriations to date.

As enabled by the Legislature with the passage of the 2020 Transportation Bill (Act 121), the Mobility and Transportation Innovation (MTI) Grant Program is designed to support innovative strategies and projects that improve mobility and access to services for transit-dependent Vermonters, reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to funds provided through the authorization of the Transportation Bill, the 2025 MTI Grant Program included funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). These additional CRP funds will specifically support the expansion of travel demand management projects that encourage less carbon-intensive means of travel. A full list of the 2025 MTI Grant Awards program can be found on the Agency's MTI Webpage - the grantees receiving CRP funds include Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association (CATMA), Neighborhood Connections, Vital Communities, CarShare VT, Community Rides VT, and the City of Burlington.

On December 12th, 2024, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) announced the award of eleven electric vehicle (EV) public fast-charger projects that will contribute toward the build out of Vermont's charging network to federal and state specifications. Award details are posted to the Contract Administration award page on the AOT website and includes a list of locations, contractor (vendor), and award amounts. The 11 sites will be contracted with four vendors: Norwich Technologies, Inc, Gridwealth EV LLC, Flo Services USA Inc., and EVGo Services, LLC. Specific locations are being managed through the vendors via site host agreements with property owners. Those agreements are in various stages of completion and details on specific locations are unavailable at this time.

Overall Summary of Appropriations and Transfers for Incentive Programs

				Amendment to the 2021									
	2019 Act 59 TBill	2020 Act 121 TBill	2021 Act 55 TBill	TBill (Act 184 of 2022)	2022 Act 184 TBill	2023 Act 3 BAA	2023 Act 62 TBill	2024 Act 87 BAA	2024 Act 148 TBill	July 2024 Transfer	Sept 2024 Transfer	Jan 2025 Transfer	
	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	SFY 2022	SFY 2023	SFY 2023	SFY 2024	SFY 2024	SFY 2025	SFY 2025	SFY 2025	SFY 2025	Total
MileageSmart	\$900,000	\$50,000	\$1,250,000		\$3,000,000			\$1,000,000		\$400,000		-\$175,000	\$6,425,000
New PEV	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000	\$3,000,000		\$12,000,000						-\$210,000	\$175,000	\$17,115,000
Replace Your Ride			\$1,500,000	-\$5,000	\$3,000,000	-\$100,000	-\$550,000	-\$1,000,000		-\$400,000	\$210,000		\$2,655,000
eBike			\$50,000	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$50,000		\$70,000				\$325,000
Electrify Your Fleet							\$500,000						\$500,000
Total	\$2,000,000	\$1,100,000	\$5,800,000	\$ -	\$18,050,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$70,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,020,000