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Notice of Intent – Montgomery County to Make County Property Available for EV Charging



Montgomery County, Maryland intends to make certain County properties available to lease for the purposes of installing and operating electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. To achieve the County's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2027 and 100% by 2035, the County seeks to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles. To increase access and fill gaps in the County's charging network, County plans to install EV charging infrastructure at County facilities, leveraging funding from federal programs, grants, and private partners.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program will provide over \$60 million to the State of Maryland over 5 years to build a network of direct current fast charging stations (DC Fast Charging) along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) in the State. On January 16, 2024, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) released a request for proposals (RFP) to award contracts to develop sites through the NEVI program. Eligible vendors of EV charging equipment, installation, and operation services are invited to submit offers to develop specific sites under contract with the State by April 10, 2024.

Certain County-owned properties are located within the Target Areas identified in the <u>NEVI RFP</u>. These sites are surface parking lots within 1-mile of designated AFCs, including MD-200 and I-495, specifically:

Table 1 Properties Eligible for 2024 N	Maryland NEVI	Program
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Site Name	Site Street Address
Briggs Chaney Park and Ride Lot	Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904
Colesville Park and Ride Lot	13504 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20904
Parking Lot 48	9401 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Parking Lot 12	1920 Seminary Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Land Disposition

Leasing County property is regulated under <u>COMCOR § 11B.45.01 - Disposition of Real Property</u> which specifies the process for land disposition. The County may not commit land for development to a third-party prior to approval from Council through the land disposition process. This notice serves to announce that the County will initiate a land disposition process for the properties listed in Table 1. The County may propose additional properties for disposition for EV charging.

The land disposition process is expected to take at least 60 days from initiation to approval.

Including County Sites in NEVI Proposals

Vendors are invited to submit offers to MDOT for the 2024 Maryland NEVI Program that include proposals to develop eligible sites. If the County Council approves the disposition of this property, it is the County's intent to negotiate with the vendor(s) selected by the State to lease properties for the development of EV charging under the NEVI program.

The County would seek to finalize lease agreements with State-selected vendors prior to any deadline to execute contracts with the State. Due to the expected timeline for land disposition, the County cannot provide a site host agreement or contingent memorandum of understanding (MOU) by April 10, 2024.

The County does not guarantee that vendors will be able to secure real property rights to develop County property. Vendors that submit an offer to the State to develop County sites do so at their own risk.

As required in the RFP, the County, in its discretion, may provide to vendors a right of entry agreement or a signed "Attachment Q – Site Access Landowner Authorization Form" upon request. Vendors may access public property for the purposes of evaluation and developing technical proposals.

This notice may be attached to proposals to demonstrate County's interest in potential vendors including the County's four eligible Target Area sites in their proposals to the State.

Please direct any questions and expressions of interest to:

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Updates on the land disposition process will be posted to: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/energy/zev/EV-planning.html.