

IDOT Awarded \$7.1 Million In Federal Funds To Fix, Replace Electric Vehicle Chargers Across State

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SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today it has been awarded \$7.1 million in federal funds to fix electric vehicle chargers available to

the public statewide. The funding, made possible through the Federal Highway Administration's <u>Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Program</u>, helps support Gov. JB Pritzker's goal to have 1 million EVs on the road in Illinois by 2030.

"This investment will help to improve the reliability and accessibility of charging stations throughout the state," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "Under Gov. Pritzker, IDOT is committed to modernizing transportation and expanding green practices. This award is an important step in that direction."

The grant will repair, replace or upgrade an estimated 93 Level 2 ports and 34 Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) ports at various locations throughout the state. A complete list can be found on IDOT's website, <u>idot.illinois.gov</u>, or by clicking <u>here</u>.

The new funding for EV charging infrastructure further expands the state's efforts toward a clean energy future. Progress under Gov. Pritzker includes the 2021 signing of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which places Illinois on a path to 100% clean energy by 2045. IDOT is administering the state's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program, targeting release of the first notice of funding opportunity in early 2024. For more information, visit IDOT's <u>Drive Electric Illinois</u> page.

Last week, Gov. Pritzker announced that the Illinois Finance Authority will receive \$14.9 million to <u>support construction of new charging stations</u> as part of the State of Illinois Community Charging Program, expanding the network statewide, filling in gaps and providing better service to disadvantaged communities.