



Cities Charging Ahead! - EV Peer Learning Cohort

About CCA: Led by the Great Plains Institute (GPI) and Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), Cities Charging Ahead! is a peer cohort of 28 cities working together across Minnesota exploring electric vehicle readiness. Participating cities receive technical assistance focused on actions and best practices, based on the GreenStep Cities program, that cities can implement to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles such as:

- Including electric vehicles in city purchasing plans
- Installing electric charging infrastructure in public parking areas
- Providing guidance on electric vehicle - ready development in the private sector

Funding is provided through the Carolyn Foundation, Energy Foundation, and in partnership with Xcel Energy, which provides resources in line with the company's long-term clean energy plan to electrify transportation.

Activities:

- Meetings
 - 4 educational webinars in 2018 (March 8, June 14, Sept. 13, Dec. 13- all 10am-11:30am)
 - 4-6 in-person meetings per regional cohort (Metro, Southeast, Northeast, North & West Central)
 - Quarterly or every other month
- Joint Action
 - 3-6 cities doing fleet analysis for incorporation of EVs into their fleet
 - 8-15 cities are exploring adding EVs into their purchasing plans
 - Each cohort explores installing charging infrastructure at strategic community locations
 - Goal to be Level 2 or DC fast charger
- Communications
 - 1-3 blog posts about the cohort & progress
 - 2-4 case studies demonstrating EVs in LUG fleets
- Creation of tools/resources/guides for LUGs related to EVs & charging
 - EV decision tree/FAQ (should I get Level 2 or DC Fast Charger?)
 - EV calculator to support decision-making

Cities involved:

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| 1. Albert Lea | 15. Hastings |
| 2. Bloomington | 16. Inver Grove Heights |
| 3. Burnsville | 17. Maplewood |
| 4. Coon Rapids | 18. Marine on St. Croix |
| 5. Duluth | 19. Morris |
| 6. Eagan | 20. Red Wing |
| 7. Edina | 21. Richfield |
| 8. Elk River | 22. Rochester |
| 9. Falcon Heights | 23. St. Louis Park |
| 10. Faribault | 24. Virginia |
| 11. Fond du Lac Tribe | 25. Warren |
| 12. Fridley | 26. White Bear Lake |
| 13. Grand Marais | 27. Winona |
| 14. Hackensack | 28. Woodbury |

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