#### Team Kentucky EV Charging Program

Disadvantaged Community Working Group Meeting #2

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#### Introductions





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### Agenda



02 03 04 05 06 01 Welcome and Discussion: Discussion: Schedule and Meeting #1: **EV Program** Introductions Progress A Recap Measuring Next Steps DAC Outreach Success Plan



# **EV Program Progress**



## **Building a National Charging Network**

- + NEVI is the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program.
- + It was established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
- + Funding to states is to strategically deploy charging stations.
- + The goal is to build an interconnected network.









A reliable, accessible, convenient, and affordable EV charging network that supports transportation choices, energy diversification, economic development, and environmental sustainability for all Kentuckians.



## Team Kentucky: Leading the Charge



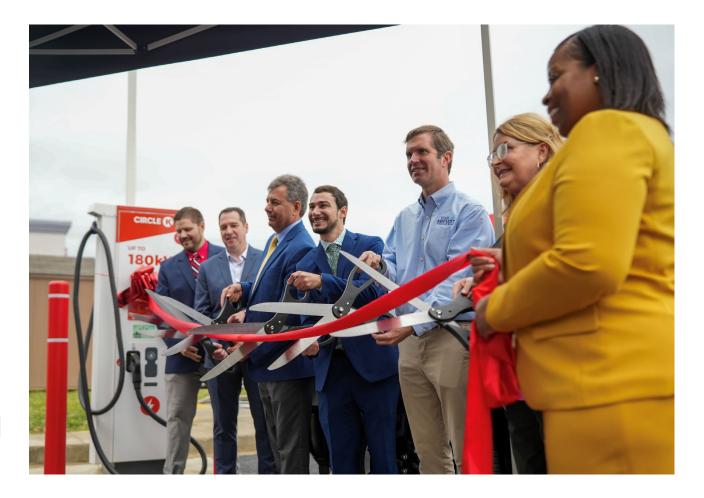
- + Thirty-eight fast charging stations from 9 developers have been approved in Kentucky.
- + A total of \$25 million in federal formula funds awarded in Kentucky to date.
- + KY is expected to receive nearly \$70 million in total from the NEVI formula program.



## Team Kentucky: Leading the Charge



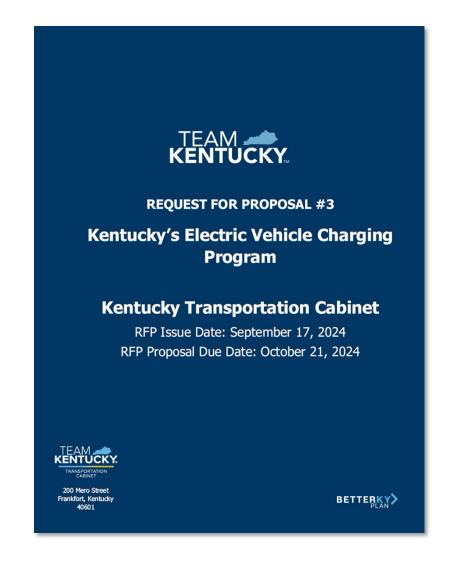
- + First EV fast charging station built with NEVI formula funds now open in Richmond, KY
- + Not only the first federally funded station in KY, but first in the Southeastern US
- + All located along Kentucky's 11 interstates and 8 parkways
- + Third RFP (Request for Proposals) could identify around a dozen additional stations

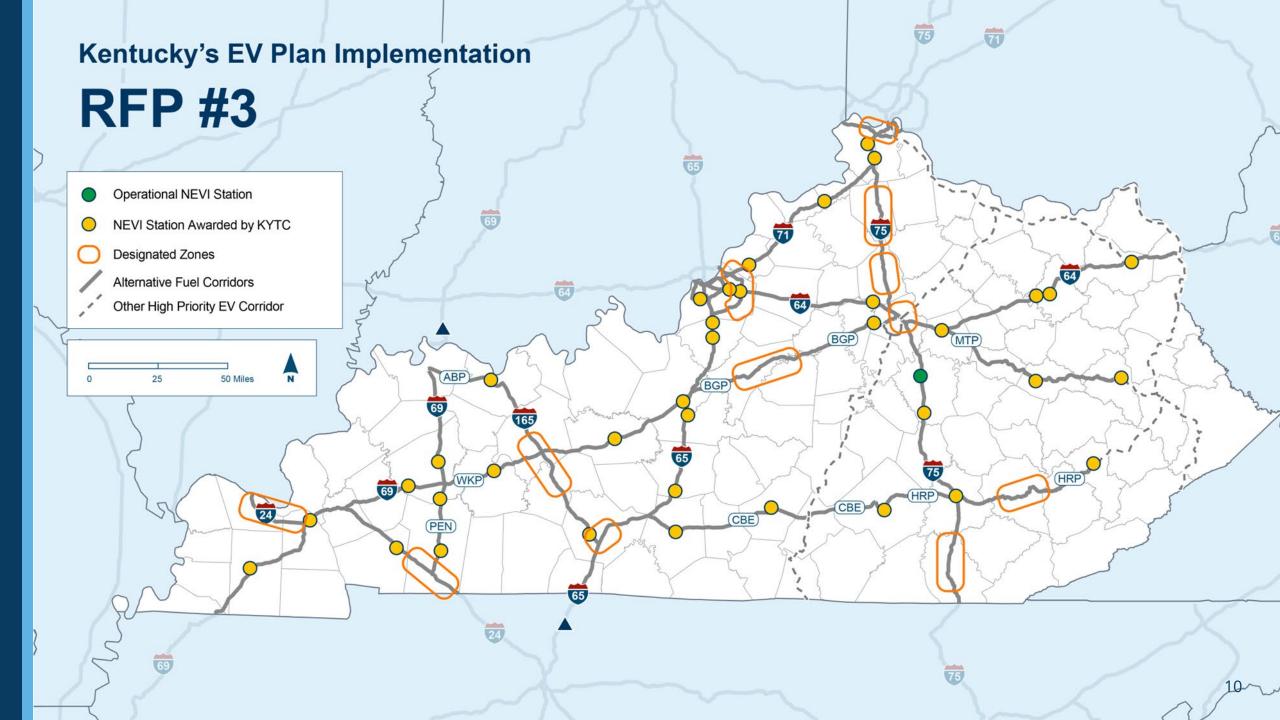






- + RFP #3 requests proposals to construct, own, operate, and maintain NEVI-compliant DC fast charging stations in Designated Zones across Kentucky.
- + **12 Designated Zones** are identified to build out the Alternative Fuel Corridor network.
- + Proposals were due Oct. 21.
- + Notice of Awards expected in December.
- + Notices to Proceed expected in February 2025.





### **EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan**

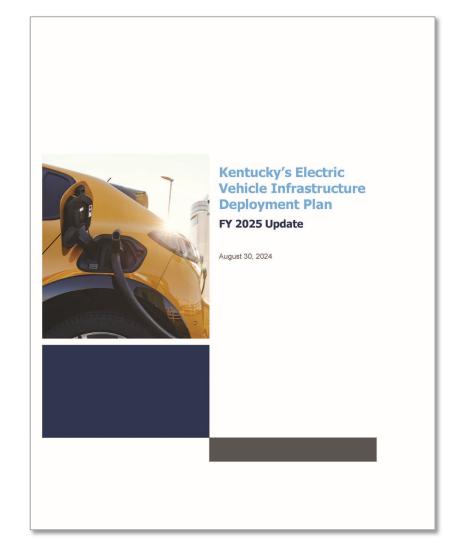


Oct. 2024
FHWA-Approval
Anticipated





\$
~69.5 Million
Total 5-year Funding







#### **Powering the KY EV Charging Program**



FY 2022

**FY 2023** 

FY 2024

**FY 2025** 

**FY 2026** 

FY 2027

EV Infrastructure Plan Elements Build-Out Interstates and Parkways
Phase 1 – Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs), ongoing

NEVI Formula Funds Awarded

Other Priority Corridors (Phase 2)

Community Charging (Phase 3)







- + More flexibility with Phases 2 and 3
  - + Will need to follow future federal guidance
- + Public input will be important





# DAC Working Group Meeting #1 A Recap



## **Key Terms for Discussion**

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- + **Equity** = fair and impartial
- + Environmental Justice (EJ) = the just treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of income, race, color, national origin, or disability
- + **Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)** = Communities with EJ concerns, unrepresented or rural groups
- + Justice40 = Federal initiative to deliver at least 40% of overall benefits of federal investments in climate and clean energy to DACs









WhiteHouse.gov/EnvironmentalJustice/Justice40/

# Disadvantaged Community Working Group



- + The purpose of the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Working Group is to identify local needs, priorities, and concerns in communities statewide.
- + Representatives of local, regional, and statewide groups like:
  - Community foundations
  - Service agencies
  - Urban Leagues
  - NAACP chapters
  - Clean Cities Coalitions
  - Ride share groups

We want the EV charging network being built now to serve all Kentuckians

for many years to come.

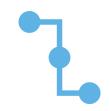


### **DAC Working Group Members**





**Discuss** issues with the potential to impact low-income, minority, or rural populations



**Serve** as a liaison between the community organization and the EV Charging Program Team



**Share** views and identify local concerns in two-way communications with the team



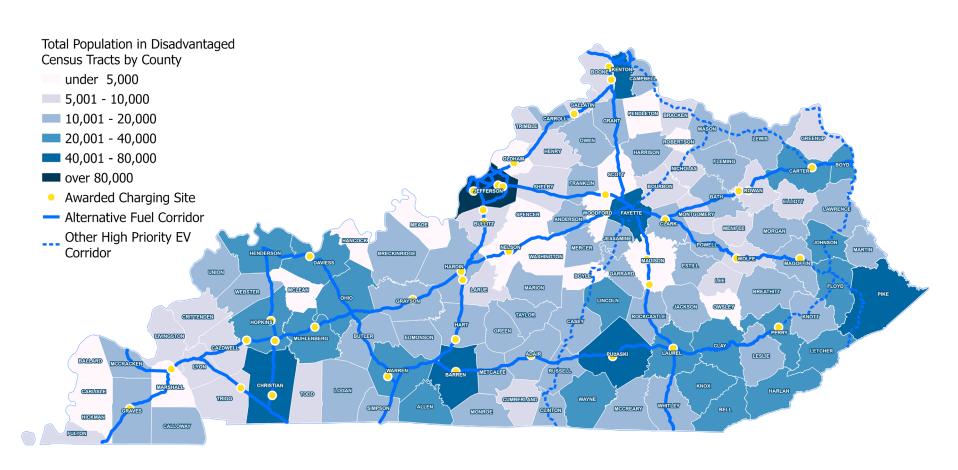
**Act** as an advisor and share project information with others

## **DACs and Selected Charging Sites in KY**



48% of sites in DACs

90% of sites within 3 miles of a DAC



The Justice40 Initiative goal is that **at least 40 percent of the benefits** of the NEVI Program be distributed to disadvantaged communities

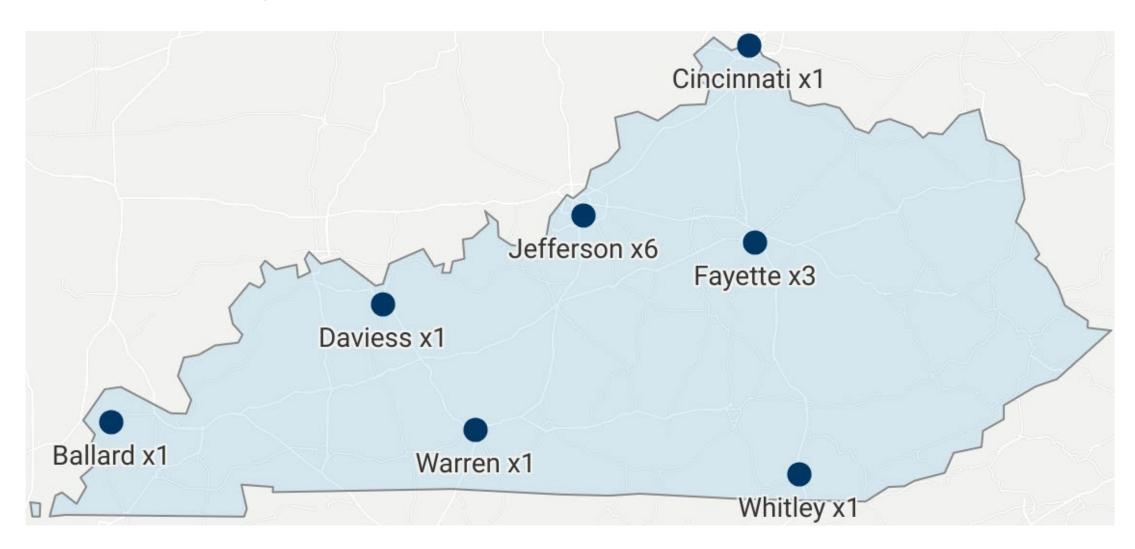


# DAC Working Group Meeting #1 Survey Results



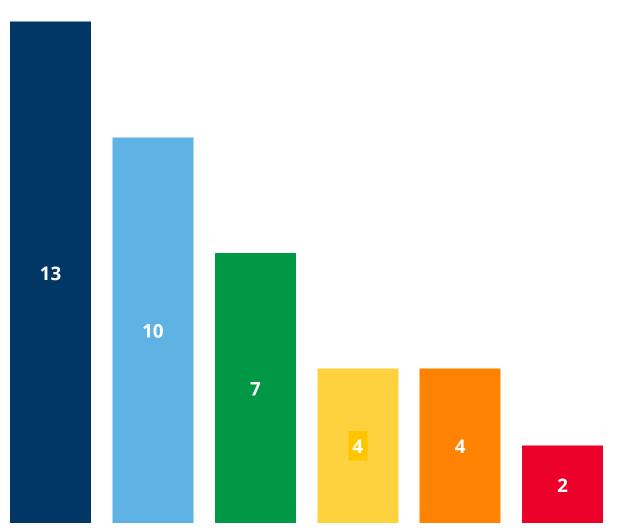








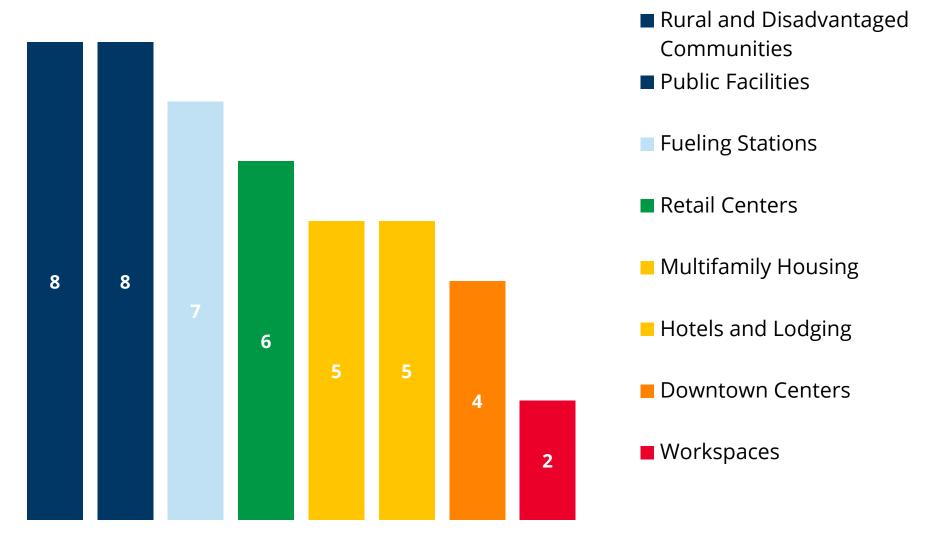
# What's the best way to engage with and share information with Disadvantaged Communities?



- Through local community groups and organizations
- Through the media (news stories, etc.)
- In-person public meetings
- Flyers/materials at community locations
- Email and text (stakeholder sign-up)
- Virtual meetings



# What community charging locations would you like to see considered most for future EV charging sites?



# What specific locations or areas (e.g. communities, highways or regions) should Kentucky consider for deploying charging stations?

Generalized	Suggestions
In Rural Areas	<ul> <li>At agencies with multiple locations such as West KY Allied Services</li> <li>Local community action agencies</li> <li>Extension offices</li> <li>Area development districts</li> <li>Places where community members congregate</li> <li>Retrofitting homes for charging capabilities</li> </ul>
In Cities	<ul><li>Side streets in towns</li><li>Local community centers</li><li>Workplace</li></ul>
On/Near Highways	<ul><li>I-165</li><li>Public parking areas and rest stops</li></ul>
Louisville	<ul> <li>Any direct route to Louisville to better facilitate addiction recovery care</li> <li>West Broadway between S 1st Street and S 9th Street</li> <li>East Market Street between S 1st Street and S Jackson Street</li> </ul>



# How can we help ensure disadvantage communities are getting value from the NEVI Formula Program?



Availability and Access



**Affordability** 



Training and Education



**Public Outreach** 





# Disadvantaged Communities Outreach Plan







#### The outreach plan is being developed.

This will serve as a blueprint for outreach to disadvantaged communities.

#### Will include:

- Tools & Tactics
- Target Audiences
- List of Stakeholders









#### Let's talk about:

Best tools and tactics

Audiences we need to reach

Stakeholders we should include

Ambassadors to assist





#### **More Areas for Discussion**

Best time to begin outreach

**In-Person** 

VS

**Virtual Outreach** 

**Prepared video or meeting?** 

Stand-alone meetings

VS

Participation in community events



# Measuring Success: Group Discussion

#### What does success look like?

How do we measure benefits of the EV program for disadvantaged communities?

Program development/next phases will be based on federal guidance.







Discussion today is informing development of the Disadvantaged Communities Outreach Plan.



A draft plan will be developed by the team.



The draft plan will be circulated for review by the DAC Working Group prior to the next meeting in January.



Input and comments will be discussed at the January meeting.





## **Continuing the Conversation**

- Regional public meetings
  - In-person or virtual
  - Best sites
  - Best ways to encourage attendance
- E-blasts and newsletters
- Social media posts on KYTC channels
- DAC Working Group outreach expected to surround public meetings and milestones.







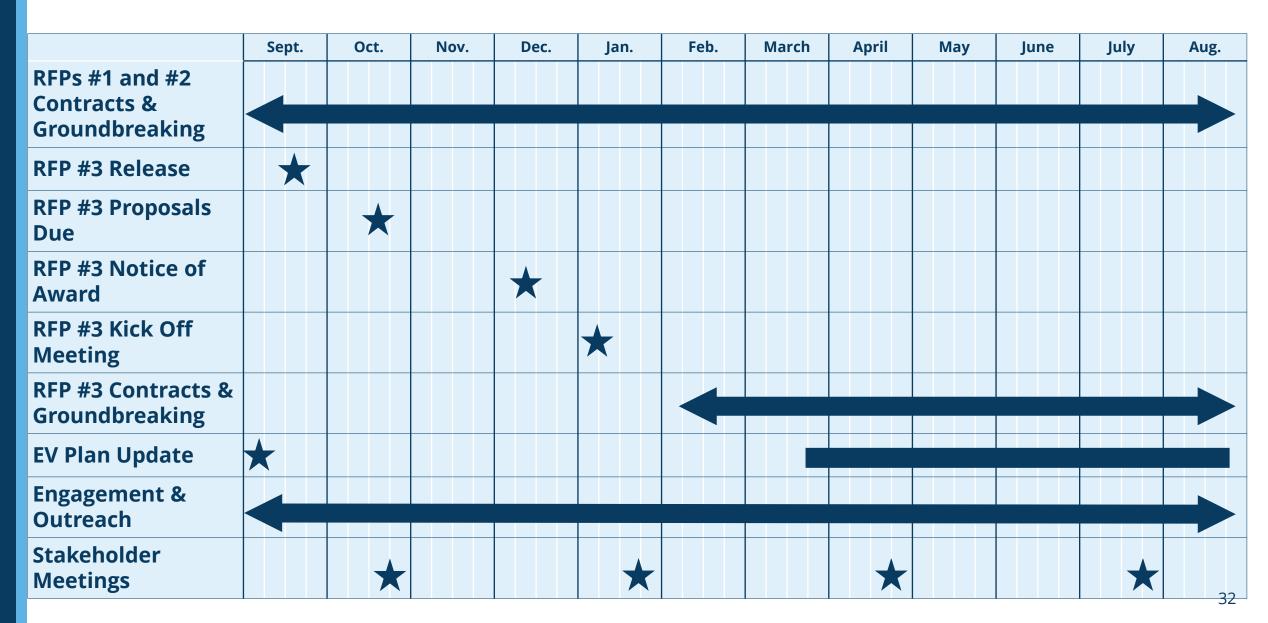


# Schedule and Next Steps



### **Current 2024/25 Schedule**



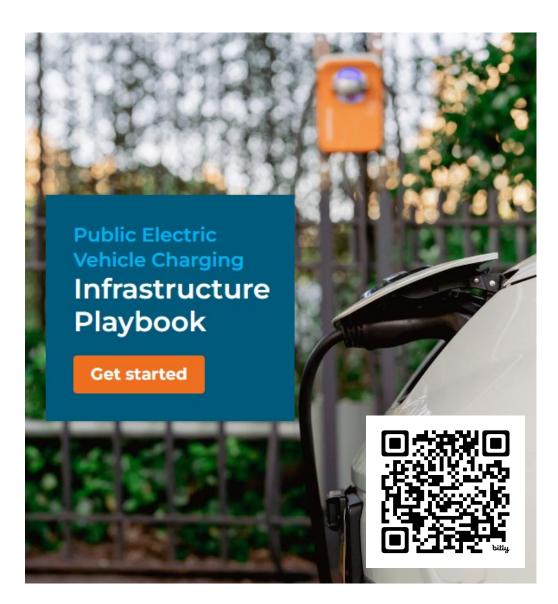






- + The playbook offers interactive resources to help communities build the infrastructure needed to support a zero-emission transportation system.
- + The modules include guiding questions, videos, worksheets, and additional resources to drive local progress.
- + Modules can be followed in the order presented or used as stand-alone resources to help with specific priorities.

<u>DriveElectric.gov/EV-Infrastructure-Playbook</u>



# Wrapping It Up



+ Quarterly virtual meetings anticipated; next meeting expected in January.



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# Thank You

