

**RESOLUTION NO. 022 (2024/2025)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEVADA, IOWA TO SUBMIT SITES TO A REGIONAL JOINT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM (CFI) FOR SITES AT 1032 5<sup>th</sup> STREET AND 1717 FAWCETT PARKWAY TO THE DES MOINES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) FOR INCLUSION AND FURTHER APPROVING THE APPLICATION WHICH OBLIGATES THE CITY OF NEVADA TO MATCHING FUNDS OF AT LEAST 20% FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PROJECT IF FUNDING IS GRANTED**

WHEREAS, the City of Nevada, Iowa is a full member of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration's Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program provides funding to local jurisdictions for the construction of eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will be submitting a joint regional application to the program based on the cumulation of each interested jurisdiction's proposed sites.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, IOWA THAT:

1. The City Council supports and approves the attached proposed sites for the Federal Highway Administration's Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program to be added to the regional application funding.
2. The City Council hereby commits the City of Nevada to matching monies as required by the Federal Highway Administration's Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program funding (at least 20% match).
3. The City of Nevada hereby commits to the standards and reporting required of this funding program and will work with the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to collect that data.
4. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to approve and execute the application on behalf of the City of Nevada. Passed and approved on the 26th day of August, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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Brett Barker, Mayor

Attest:

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Kerin Wright, City Clerk



August 16, 2024

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration  
Office of Planning, Environment and Realty (HEP)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Central Iowa's Application to the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program

Dear Staff and Reviewers:

On behalf of Nevada Economic Development Commission, I would like to express our support for the Central Iowa Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program (CFI) proposal. The level of collaboration within the region has never been stronger to assist the exponential increase of electric vehicles across the Central Iowa region. The gaps in access projects will bring benefits to urban, suburban, and rural communities and further position Iowa as a leader in clean transportation.

The Nevada Economic Development Commission strongly encourages the FHWA to award funding to Des Moines Area MPO through the CFI Grant Program because the clean infrastructure deployments would greatly assist the communities' efforts to equitably provide cleaner air, better jobs, and further adoption of clean transportation in Iowa. The emission reductions are a clear benefit to communities including those of highest priority. Public charging infrastructure is pivotal to those considering personal and fleet investments into transportation electrification and these additional locations have the potential to be the reason to make the switch. These communities are also located in utility service territories that strive to provide the cleanest possible grid electricity and are proud partners committed to our clean energy transition across all sectors.

Furthermore, the Nevada Economic Development is proud to support an initiative that the FHWA administration also sees as a major goal: the seamless transition to cleaner transportation. Cleaner transportation for Iowans will advance economic, environmental, and energy security by increasing access to affordable domestic transportation fuels and technologies. Any transition comes with hurdles, but the Nevada Economic Development Commission is committed to supporting all entities involved with this project beyond initial installation to ensure a positive experience.

If you require additional information about our support for this proposal, please reach out by phone or email listed below.

Sincerely,

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**Subject: Support for Central Iowa's Application to the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program**

Dear Staff and Reviewers,

I am writing on behalf of the Ames Regional Economic Alliance to convey our enthusiastic support for the Central Iowa Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program proposal. This initiative represents a crucial step forward in addressing the rapidly growing demand for electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure in our region.

The Central Iowa region has demonstrated unprecedented levels of collaboration, uniting urban, suburban, and rural communities to meet the challenges and opportunities presented by the increase in electric vehicles. The proposed infrastructure projects will significantly bridge existing gaps, delivering substantial benefits across our diverse communities and reinforcing Iowa's position as a leader in sustainable transportation.

We strongly advocate for awarding funding to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) through the CFI Grant Program. The implementation of this clean infrastructure will be instrumental in our efforts to enhance air quality, create job opportunities, and facilitate the broader adoption of clean transportation technologies in Iowa. Public charging infrastructure is essential for encouraging both personal and fleet investments in EVs, and these proposed locations have the potential to be pivotal in accelerating this transition.

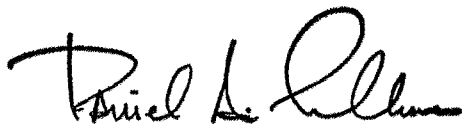
Moreover, the communities targeted by this initiative are serviced by utilities committed to providing the cleanest possible electricity, further supporting our collective goal of a comprehensive clean energy transition. By aligning with the FHWA's objective of fostering a seamless shift to cleaner transportation, this project will advance economic growth, environmental sustainability, and energy security for Iowans.

We acknowledge that transitioning to cleaner transportation is a complex endeavor, but we are dedicated to supporting all stakeholders involved throughout the project lifecycle, ensuring a successful and positive outcome.

Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss our support in further detail, please feel free to contact me at the information provided above.

Thank you for considering our endorsement of this transformative initiative.

Sincerely,

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Daniel A. Culhane, President & CEO  
Ames Regional Economic Alliance





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Dear Staff and Reviewers:

On behalf of the Nevada Community School District (NCSD), I would like to express our support for the Central Iowa Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program (CFI) proposal. The level of collaboration within the region has never been stronger to assist the exponential increase of electric vehicles across the Central Iowa region. The gaps in access projects will bring benefits to urban, suburban, and rural communities and further position Iowa as a leader in clean transportation.

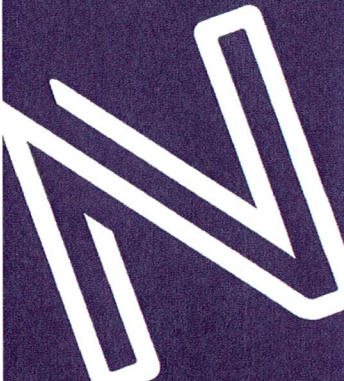
NCSD encourages the FHWA to award funding to Des Moines Area MPO through the CFI Grant Program because the clean infrastructure deployments would greatly assist the communities' efforts to equitably provide cleaner air, better jobs, and further adoption of clean transportation in Iowa. The emission reductions are a clear benefit to communities including those of highest priority. Public charging infrastructure is pivotal to those considering personal and fleet investments into transportation electrification and these additional locations have the potential to be the reason to make the switch. These communities are also located in utility service territories that strive to provide the cleanest possible grid electricity and are proud partners committed to our clean energy transition across all sectors.

Furthermore, NCSD is proud to support an initiative that the FHWA administration also sees as a major goal: the seamless transition to cleaner transportation. Cleaner transportation for Iowans will advance economic, environmental, and energy security by increasing access to affordable domestic transportation fuels and technologies.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Steve Gray, Nevada CSD Superintendent





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Subject: Central Iowa's Application to the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program

Dear Staff and Reviewers:

On behalf of Main Street Nevada, I would like to express our support for the Central Iowa Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program (CFI) proposal. The level of collaboration within the region has never been stronger to assist the exponential increase of electric vehicles across the Central Iowa region. The gaps in access projects will bring benefits to urban, suburban, and rural communities and further position Iowa as a leader in clean transportation.

Main Street Nevada strongly encourages the FHWA to award funding to Des Moines Area MPO through the CFI Grant Program because the clean infrastructure deployments would greatly assist the communities' efforts to equitably provide cleaner air, better jobs, and further adoption of clean transportation in Iowa. The emission reductions are a clear benefit to communities including those of highest priority. Public charging infrastructure is pivotal to those considering personal and fleet investments into transportation electrification and these additional locations have the potential to be the reason to make the switch. These communities are also located in utility service territories that strive to provide the cleanest possible grid electricity and are proud partners committed to our clean energy transition across all sectors.

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Sincerely,

Emily Schaack

Executive Director, Main Street Nevada