

2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

LOCALLY FUNDED PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS



ELECTRIC VEHICLE PUBLIC CHARGING ANALYSIS

Project Overview

The 2021-2022 study, [A Path to Accelerate Electric Vehicle Adoption in the Twin Cities](#), included an analysis of public charging needs at an aggregate level at various levels of electric vehicle market share. This technical analysis will extend that work to consider the more detailed ecosystem of public charging needed if the region is to accommodate and accelerate light-duty electric vehicle adoption. **The study results will identify and prioritize remaining gaps in charging infrastructure investment needs beyond what exists and the investments anticipated from utilities, the private sector, and available federal funding.**

Key Tasks & Deliverables

- Identify the existing charging network and additional investments expected from utilities, the private sector and public investments using available funding.
- Identify ranges of expected charging needs under differing adoption rates for electric vehicles in the region.
- Geographically describe various gaps in the charging system that we might anticipate in the Twin Cities region and an efficient mix of charging investments that might fill that gap.
- Identify any known or expected issues and investment needs for the regional energy transmission network.
- Identify criteria and measures to prioritize public funding for charging network gaps.

Schedule & Budget

☒ Project Initiated Before 2026

☐ Project to be Initiated in 2026

Estimated Project Dates: Q2 2025 – Q3 2026

Estimated Total Budget	Estimated 2026 Budget
\$175,000	\$75,000

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ELECTRIC VEHICLE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & CITY SUPPORT

Project Overview

Individuals and cities will play a central role in determining how fast the benefits of transportation electrification are realized. **This work will develop and provide the information these important stakeholders need to make decisions related to charging infrastructure and electric vehicles and accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles.**

Key Tasks & Deliverables

- Review available public engagement materials and develop materials to fill in needs that are not yet addressed.
- Develop a public engagement plan, address stakeholder feedback, and implement the plan.
- Collect and report metrics describing outcomes of public engagement.
- Review city technical support materials and develop materials to fill in needs that are not yet addressed.
- Develop a city technical support plan, address stakeholder feedback and implement the plan.
- Collect and report metrics describing outcomes of city technical support.

Schedule & Budget

☒ Project Initiated Before 2026

☐ Project to be Initiated in 2026

Estimated Project Dates: Q4 2025 – Q4 2027

Estimated Total Budget	Estimated 2026 Budget
\$300,000 - \$400,000	\$100,000

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COMMUNITY CONSIDERATIONS FRAMEWORK TOOL TRAINING

Project Overview

This project focuses on best practices for community engagement and understanding community data to identify transportation needs and developing community support and understanding of potential projects. It also seeks to implement lessons learned from the recently completed Equity Evaluation of Regional Transportation Investment Processes project regarding community engagement and the need to engage and involve representatives from overburdened communities in project identification, development and decision making. This training is primarily for local partners on the use and application of the Equity Framework and Tool at the project purpose and need phase and also will assist Regional Solicitation applicants in understanding expectations and what constitutes good community engagement and involvement for the community considerations criteria.

Key Tasks & Deliverables

- Develop training plan and schedule
- Deliver training sessions
- Review session evaluations and implement any needed changes for future training

Schedule & Budget

- ☒ Project Initiated Before 2026 ☐ Project to be Initiated in 2026
- ☐ Local or State Funded

Estimated Project Dates: Q4 2023 – Q3 2026

Estimated Total Budget	Estimated 2026 Budget
\$100,000	\$50,000

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2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Project Overview

This project will develop technical assistance materials to support cities, townships, and counties in developing their comprehensive plan updates to meet or be consistent with the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan. This technical assistance will include materials like policy fact sheets, guides, workshops or training videos, technical resources like spreadsheet tools, and other support. The Council is working with local partners to identify the specific topics that will benefit from technical assistance and Council staff will then assess which topics need consultant support. This effort may be funded through multiple contracts, depending on identified topics.

Key Tasks & Deliverables

- Assess technical assistance needs and determine which are high priority that will require consultant support.
- Hire consultant(s) to develop roughly three to six technical assistance materials based on prioritized list.

Schedule & Budget

☐ Project Initiated Before 2026

☒ Project to be Initiated in 2026

Estimated Project Dates: Q1 2026 – Q4 2026

Estimated Total Budget	Estimated 2026 Budget
\$25,000	\$25,000

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