

CHARGE UP DANE COUNTY

Program Update

EV Advisory Commission Meeting (January 12, 2026)

This is a quick summary of the status of various aspects of Charge Up Dane County.

Host Site Selection & Planning

Working with KL Engineering, we have completed preliminary design, cost estimates and the environmental paperwork (NEPA Categorical Exclusion forms) for 31 sites. We submitted the NEPA/CE paperwork to the Federal Highway Administration's Wisconsin office (FHWA-WI) on December 15. We met with our FHWA-WI project officer on December 19 to discuss those NEPA/CE drafts and, based on that meeting KL is making some updates to the files which will be submitted in early January. We are very grateful for the thorough and thoughtful support we are receiving from our FHWA-WI project officer relative to these filings and we are optimistic that we will have FHWA-WI approval for the first 31 sites in January 2026.

Additionally, KL is working on preliminary designs, cost estimates and the NEPA/CE paperwork for an addition 23 sites. This cohort includes sites that applied in the Round 2 RFP and a couple of sites previously on hold from the Round 1 RFP. (We revisited all the sites in Round 1 that fit at least one priority and identified a few that now seemed more viable given KL's experience doing designs and cost estimates for the first cohort.)

Lists of both Round 1 and Round 2 sites appear at the end of this summary. You can also see the sites on the map that is posted online at <https://www.daneclimateaction.org/Initiatives/Charge-Up-Dane-Co/Site-Host-for-EV-Charging>.

The 54 sites moving forward represents good progress on the contract goal of installing charging stations at 68 sites across Dane County.

We will discuss next steps in selecting site host locations at our January meeting.

The other good news is that the KL cost estimates are coming in lower than anticipated in our original project budget. We can't be certain that there are cost savings, of course, until we get the actual bids for construction but at this point we are cautiously optimistic.

Prepping for the Construction Phase

We have been working with the KL team to prepare for the construction phase of this project. Recall that we shared a document outlining the legal requirements associated with the construction/hardware/software/operations and maintenance at the November 2025 meeting.

As a reminder, we cannot proceed with construction until we get FHWA-WI approval for the sites, including the NEPA/CE approval. Once FHWA-WI approves the NEPA/CE documents for the sites, we will need FHWA-Headquarters (HQ) to issue a budget amendment authorizing the release of construction dollars. (Note the distinction here; we interact regularly with FHWA-WI staff and it is those staff who will approve the NEPA/CE paperwork; the contract amendment, though, has to originate at FHWA-HQ in Washington, DC.) As noted in the last

update, we are aware that other Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grantees around the US have achieved NEPA/CE approval for sites and those grantees are still waiting for FHWA-HQ to issue their budget amendments. There has been no progress on that issue since the last update.

Nevertheless, we continue to do preliminary planning for the construction phase. At our November 17 EV Advisory Commission meeting we talked about vendor requirements associated with construction, hardware, software and the operations and maintenance services. That discussion was very helpful in terms of identifying possible metrics to use in the RFP. And on January 5 we are hosting a webinar for our site hosts to discuss that same topic, getting site host perspectives on the RFP. Our aim is to be ready to issue an RFP as quickly as we can after we get our contract amendment.

Operations & Maintenance Framework

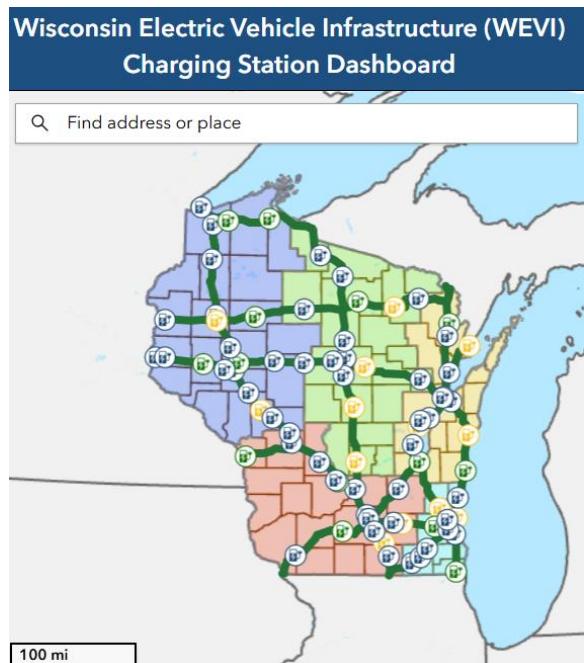
As per our EV Advisory Commission discussion in November 2025, the federal requirements around operations and maintenance (O&M) are less specific than other federal requirements under the CFI program. Essentially, we are required to keep the charging stations at a 97% uptime for five years but there are not specific maintenance standards required. The KL team created a recommended framework for the O&M that includes on-site maintenance every six months as well as protocols for responding to outages. This document will be used in the RFP to ensure that all vendors are committing to the same standard of service. And creating the document enabled the team to better estimate O&M costs associated with the stations.

WEVI Update

Separate from our grant, the State of Wisconsin received \$78M in formula funding for the Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (WEVI) program where the first priority is to install EV charging stations along the state's designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). In Wisconsin, the AFCs are the interstate highways and other major US and state highways. Once the AFCs are fully built out (with charging every 50 miles) the state will have flexibility relative to where it prioritizes charging stations with the remaining funds.

To date the state has conducted two rounds of RFPs where they awarded a total of 79 Level 3 Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) stations totaling \$37.3M in federal funding. (The map shows all 79 sites with green sites being fully operational. You can access this map [here](#); note that there are five WEVI-funded charging station sites in Dane County, one of which is already open in Mount Horeb.)

It is likely that these past two rounds will fully build out the AFC corridors, which means that Wisconsin will have about \$40M remaining, available for more flexible EV funding. We think it is likely that WisDOT will solicit public input into priorities for the remaining WEVI funding during 2026. It is possible that the WEVI program could address other fast charging needs in Dane County that are beyond the scope of our Charge Up program.



CFI Legal Update

As noted above, several CFI grantees in other states have met the NEPA/CE approval requirement but are still waiting to receive their budget amendment from FHWA-HQ. Withholding those funds is inconsistent with the CFI contract agreement and the will of the US Congress in creating the CFI program. Recognizing this, a coalition of state attorney generals have filed suit against the Trump Administration. There is more on that lawsuit here:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/donald-trump-hit-by-lawsuit-from-17-attorneys-general/ar-AA1SxIha?ocid=winp2fptaskbarhover&cvid=6942bbf0e63c421893651d69539e8d96&ei=12>.

Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul is part of the national lawsuit where he is representing the interests of EV owners in Wisconsin. See AG Kaul's statement at <https://www.wisdoj.gov/PressReleases/12.16.2025-EV-Charging-Infrastructure-Programs-Multistate.pdf>.

Note that this lawsuit is separate from the lawsuit that attorney generals filed previously to force the Trump Administration to release to states the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program funding. States were successful in the earlier NEVI lawsuit, which restored funding to the Wisconsin WEVI program.

Current Site Hosts

Round 1 (submitted to FHWA-WI in December 2025)

Host Site	Address
Access Community Health Centers, Inc.	1270 W Main St., Sun Prairie
Blackhawk Church Evangelical Free Church, Inc.	9620 Brader Way, Middleton
Christ Presbyterian Church	944 E Gorham St, Madison
City of Middleton - Market Street Public Parking Lot	8476 Market St, Middleton
City of Middleton – Lakeview Park	6300 Mendota Ave., Middleton
City of Stoughton – Mand Park	701 S. Fourth St. Stoughton
City of Sun Prairie – Park & Ride	2751 O'Keeffe Ave., Sun Prairie0
City of Sun Prairie	125 Columbus St., Sun Prairie
City of Sun Prairie	251 E Lane St., Sun Prairie
City of Verona	102 E Park Lane, Verona
City of Verona – City Hall	111 Lincoln Street, Verona
City of Verona Public Library	500 Silent Street, Verona
Covenant Presbyterian Church	326 South Segoe Road, Madison
Madison Metropolitan School District – Sherman Middle School	1601 N Sherman Ave, Madison
Madison Metropolitan School District – Olson Elementary	801 Redan Dr. Verona
Madison Metropolitan School District – Gompers Elementary	1502 Wyoming Way, Madison
MDM LLC	1081 Acker Ln, Verona
Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District – Glacier Creek Elementary	2800 N. Military Rd, Cross Plains
Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District – District Office	7106 South Ave., Middleton, WI 53562
Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District – Middleton high School	2100 Bristol St, Middleton, WI 53562
RRS Operations Inc. – Staybridge Suites – Madison-Fitchburg	2916 Hardrock Road, Fitchburg, WI 53719
Sun Prairie Area School District – Central Heights Middle School	220 Kroncke Dr, Sun Prairie WI 53590
Sun Prairie School District – District Office	501 S Bird Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590
The River Food Pantry	3301 Packers Avenue, Madison, WI 53704
T.R. McKenzie Inc. – Stone Creek Apartments	6902 E. Pass, Madison, WI 53719
Village of McFarland – Village Parking Lot	6001 Exchange St, McFarland, WI 53558
Village of McFarland – Public Safety Center	6001 Broadhead Street, McFarland, WI, 53558
Village of Waunakee – Public Library	201 N Madison Street, Waunakee, WI 53597
Wildwood Family Clinic	251 E. Cottage Grove Rd. Cottage Grove, WI 53527
Village of Oregon – Senior Center	219 Park Street Oregon
Village of Oregon – Village Hall	101 N. Alpine Parkway, Oregon

Round 2 (To submit in February 2026)

Site Host Name	Name of Site	Address
City of Sun Prairie	Wetmore Park	555 North St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590
City of Verona	Hometown USA Community Park	451 E Verona Ave, Verona WI
Boys & Girls Club of Dane County	Allied Family Boys & Girls Clubs	4719 Jenewein Road Madison, WI 53711
City of Fitchburg	McKee Farms Park	2930 Chapel Valley Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711
City of Madison Housing Authority	East Madison Community Center	3538 Straubel St, Madison, WI 53704
City of Madison Housing Authority	Monona Shores Apartments	2 Waunona Woods Ct #102, Madison, WI 53713
Madison Metro	Junction Road Park and Ride	432 S Jct Rd, Madison, WI 53719
City of Madison Housing Authority	Villager on Park	2300 S Park St, Madison, WI 53713
Madison Metropolitan School District	Akira Toki Middle School	5602 Russett Rd, Madison, WI 53711
Madison Metropolitan School District	Cherokee Heights Middle School	4301 Cherokee Drive, Madison, WI 53711
Madison Metropolitan School District	MSCR West	7333 West Towne Way Madison, WI 53719
Madison Metropolitan School District	Mendota Elementary	4002 School Road, Madison WI 53704
Madison Metropolitan School District	Hawthorne Elementary	3344 Concord Ave, Madison, WI, 53714
Madison Metropolitan School District	Shorewood Hills Elementary School	1105 Shorewood Blvd., Shorewood Hills, WI
Madison Metropolitan School District	Glenn Stephens Elementary	120 South Rosa Road, Madison WI 53705
Northpointe Development	The Klassik	410 W Verona Ave, Verona WI 53593
United Residences- Madison, LLC	United Residences	709 Northport Drive, Madison WI 53704
Broadway- Monona, LLC	Broadway Lofts Apartments	1216 E Broadway, Monona
Argus-Verona, LLC	The Argus Apartments	1050 N Edge Trail, Verona
Patterson and Richardson Properties, LLC	Evergreen Office Center	550-638 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison
Sunnyside Development	Greenway Cross	1810-1814 Greenway Cross, Fitchburg, WI 53713
Sugar River United Methodist Church	Sugar River United Methodist Church	415 W Verona Ave., Verona
Village of Windsor	Fireman's Park	4431 Windsor Road, Windsor