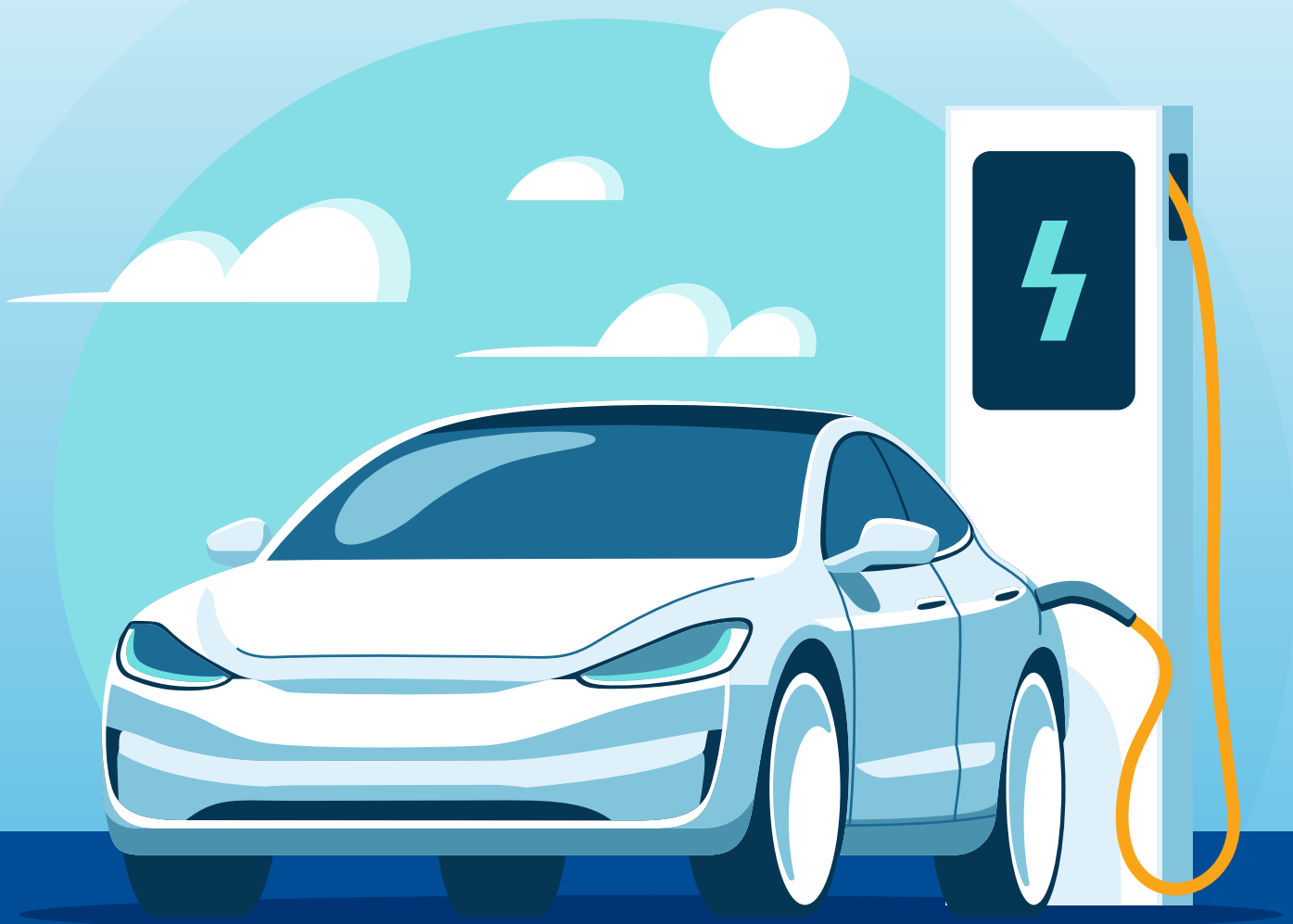


National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program

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Fast Electric Vehicle Charging for Oklahoma Communities

NEVI COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS THE NEVI PROGRAM?

The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program helps Oklahoma install reliable electric vehicle charging stations along key highways and travel corridors. These chargers support drivers, strengthen local economies and prepare communities for the future of transportation.

WHY NEVI MATTERS FOR OKLAHOMA COMMUNITIES



Supports Local Businesses

Fast charging typically takes 20 to 40 minutes. During that time, drivers often eat, shop or use nearby services. Charging stations are placed near existing businesses whenever possible.



Improves Travel and Connectivity

NEVI chargers help ensure reliable travel for commuters, travelers and tourists while keeping communities connected to regional and national routes.



Supports Economic Growth and Tourism

Charging access encourages travelers to stop rather than pass through, helping communities capture travel-related spending.



Funded Without Local Tax Increases

NEVI charging stations are primarily funded with federal dollars. Private partners build and operate the stations while the state oversees planning and standards.



Built to National Standards

All NEVI charging stations meet strict federal requirements, including high-speed charging, consistent reliability and ADA accessibility. Stations are designed to serve communities for years to come.

WHAT A TYPICAL NEVI CHARGING SITE INCLUDES:

- Four or more fast chargers
- Clear lighting and signage
- ADA-accessible design
- Located near restrooms, food or retail when available

COMMUNITY FAQ

Will this cost our community money?

No. NEVI charging stations are primarily funded through federal dollars. Local funding is not required.

Does our community have to host a site?

No. Communities are not required to host a charging station. All locations are evaluated before development.

Who owns and operates the chargers?

Private companies selected through a competitive process build and operate the stations. The state oversees planning, standards and compliance.

Will a charging site require a change in zoning or land use?

No. NEVI does not require zoning changes. Sites are typically located on existing commercial properties.

Does every community get a charging site?

No. NEVI does not guarantee a site in every community. Locations must meet specific federal and state criteria.

How long do drivers usually stay?

Fast charging typically takes 20 to 40 minutes. Many drivers use that time to visit nearby businesses.

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Oklahoma Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan

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MYTH VS. FACT



MYTH: EV charging stations will strain Oklahoma's power grid.



FACT: NEVI stations go in along major highway corridors already served by established electrical infrastructure. Federal planning requirements spread stations every 50 miles. The load spans hundreds of miles of corridor, not a single location. Oklahoma's grid serves large industrial and commercial loads today.

MYTH: Oklahoma taxpayers are paying for these stations.



FACT: The federal government funds NEVI at no cost to Oklahoma's transportation budget. Private operators fund any share that the federal program does not cover. ODOT (the Oklahoma Department of Transportation) manages the competitive selection process for which companies build and where they build.

MYTH: NEVI chargers are only for Tesla or expensive electric vehicles.



FACT: NEVI program agreements require every station to work with any EV make or model. No membership required. Stations must accept credit and debit cards. A driver with a Chevrolet Bolt and a driver with a Rivian pull up and pay the same way.

SOURCE FACTS: FHWA NEVI PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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Setting the Record Straight on NEVI in Oklahoma

NEVI MYTH VS. FACT

MYTH: Public chargers break and stay broken.



FACT: NEVI operators must meet the uptime requirements under their agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). When a charger goes down, the federal agreement requires the operator to respond. ODOT oversees compliance. Uptime is a contractual obligation, not a preference.

MYTH: These chargers are too slow to be useful on a road trip.



FACT: NEVI stations use DC fast chargers delivering 150 kilowatts or more, the fastest category of public charger widely available. Many vehicles equipped for high-speed charging can add 100 to 200 miles of range in about 20 to 30 minutes, depending on the vehicle's charging rate. A standard household outlet adds about 3 to 5 miles per hour.

MYTH: Rural Oklahoma communities won't see any benefit.



FACT: NEVI requirements call for stations every 50 miles or less, within 1 mile of the highway. This requirement puts NEVI sites in corridor communities across Oklahoma, not only metro areas. Small towns along I-35, I-40, and I-44 are in the coverage area because the program requires it.

MYTH: Private companies are getting a federal handout.



FACT: ODOT runs a competitive selection process. Companies apply to build at specific locations. ODOT evaluates them on merit. Award decisions are public. Selected operators receive federal funding and federal compliance obligations: uptime, maintenance, public access and reporting under their agreement with FHWA. NEVI builds accountability in by design.

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NEVI Downloadable Social Media Assets

FOR USE ON SOCIAL MEDIA WITHOUT MODIFICATION

\$5 BILLION.

Federal funding is building the national EV charging network.

**OKLAHOMA'S SHARE:
MORE THAN \$66 MILLION.**

ODOT selects private companies to build and operate stations along Oklahoma's major corridors.



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**A CHARGING STOP RUNS
20 TO 30 MINUTES.**

**DRIVERS EAT, SHOP, AND TAKE
A BREAK WHILE THEY WAIT.**



Businesses near NEVI corridor sites gain new customers on every trip down the highway.



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MYTH



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