



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 18, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order that will authorize the Department of Transportation (“BTD”) to enter into two contracts, with terms of up to 10 years, to deploy curbside electric vehicle (“EV”) charging stations through a public/private partnership and at no cost to the City with the potential for revenue share. BTD has identified two vendors through the public procurement process that offer different models that address the distinct challenges to locating curbside EV charging.

The adoption of EVs in Boston has been slowed due to a lack of access to affordable charging infrastructure. There are a little more than 1,000 Level 2 and 50 Level 3 EV charging ports the public can access, and 99% of these charging ports are on private property, behind a “paywall”, and concentrated in the Downtown neighborhoods. This is a hurdle to EV ownership for residents who rely upon public access to a charging station.

The City is working to address this inequity. The City has installed 70 Level 2 charging ports in municipal parking lots and anticipates installing an additional 160 Level 2 and 8 Level 3 charging ports by year’s end. To meet these goals the City must work with private operators of EV charging stations.

For this purpose, the City released an RFP for a public/private partnership. The selected partners will incur the costs to install and operate EV charging stations, at no cost to the City.

I urge this Honorable body to adopt this Order so the City can deploy curbside electric vehicle (“EV”) charging stations through a public/private partnership and at no cost to the City.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO TWO CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS FOR TERMS OF UP TO TEN YEARS

ORDERED: That the Transportation Department, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into two contracts for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and services for a period of up to ten years pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 30B, § 12(b).

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY _____

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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