

The MMC Environment Committee will kick off its listening sessions for *Designing an EV Ready Program for Municipalities*. Please join us for this important meeting, share your input to help us design an EV Ready program.

November 12, 2019

10:00 AM to noon; optional tour of EV charging infrastructure to follow

Hosted by the Village of Oak Park

Oak Park Village Hall, Community Conference Room 101, 123 Madison St., Oak Park *

Electric vehicles (EV) offer great promise for sustainable transportation that significantly reduces environmental impacts compared to internal combustion engines. What is needed to support expansion of electric vehicles across the region? What have municipalities considered when purchasing EVs or installing EV charging stations? What should municipalities do to prepare for further electrification of transportation? Are municipalities ready if grant funds were available for EVs or EV service equipment (EVSE)?

In [October 2018](#), the Environment Committee discussed the need for municipal “EV readiness” and proposed a program to help municipalities support sensible, safe and effective expansion of EV charging infrastructure in their communities and strategically in the region. We are very pleased to announce support from the Joyce Foundation has been received to design this new EV Ready program.

We are kicking off the first in a series of listening sessions to discover the opportunities and barriers municipalities have faced when purchasing and installing EVs and EV charging stations. **Please join us in discussing municipal strategies for EV readiness – see discussion questions in the agenda.** We are seeking input and conducting research to design an EV Ready program for municipalities. The program will be similar to [SolSmart](#) in that it will eventually provide guidance and a checklist for municipalities that are purchasing and installing EVs and EV charging infrastructure. These listening sessions will help us design that checklist and identify resources needed by municipalities.

Over the winter, we will continue the conversation and listening sessions with councils of government (COGs) and professional groups who have recommendations on preparing for an increase of EVs. The Environment Committee input will be valuable to help guide and set objectives for these future listening sessions. It is also expected that future funds could be available to support EVs and EVSE through the [IL VW Beneficiary Mitigation Plan](#) and [recent capital bill](#).

This meeting is hosted by the Village of Oak Park, which has several EV charging stations and municipal EV policies. An optional tour of the EV charging stations at Village Hall will follow the meeting.

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