Becoming EV Ready
SolSmart Success

- Streamline solar codes
- Extensive checklist & point system
- Work collaboratively
- 5800% in rooftop solar in Schaumburg

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Becoming EV Ready Project

- Listening Sessions
- Checklist
- Decision Guide

THANK YOU TO THE JOYCE FOUNDATION!
Listening Sessions

- Municipalities
  - Elected Officials
  - Planners
  - Building code officials
  - Fire safety
- EV Industry
  - EV dealers
  - Electrical contractors
  - Charging station vendors
- ComEd
- Downtown business association
- Environmental advocates

The EV Ready Team held a listening session on March 3, 2020, at the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) Transportation Committee.
## EV Readiness Checklist

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Full checklist at: [mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment/becoming-ev-ready/](mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment/becoming-ev-ready/)
**Zoning and Planning**

| Clarify or establish new zoning rules to facilitate EVCS installation. |
| Define transportation electrification technologies (EVs, EVCSs) to be considered. |
| Review zoning requirements and remove restrictions that intentionally or unintentionally hinder EVCS installations. |
| Establish EVCS parking, signage, and wayfinding appearance rules. |
| Establish EVCS zoning siting criteria. |
| Establish zoning rules based on facility type, safety and risk. |
| Establish regulations for the commercial operation of EVCSs. |
| Explain rules for advertising on EVSE. |
| Clearly and concisely communicate EVCS zoning rules. |
# EV Ready Checklist: Example

**Permitting**

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<th><strong>Adopt a STANDARD EVCS permit process primarily for Level 2 non-residential, workplace and multiple-unit dwelling installations.</strong></th>
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<td>Clearly describe any basis for rejecting a permit up front.</td>
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<th><strong>Adopt a SPECIAL EVCS permit process for Level 3/DC Fast Chargers, and large, complex Level 2 installations.</strong></th>
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<td>Define when special permits are required, based on power level, project complexity, project scope, and/or uniqueness.</td>
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<td>Follow STANDARD EVCS permit process and establish requirement(s) for special permits: professional certifications/stamps, design deliverables, review and approval processes.</td>
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## EV Ready Checklist: Example

### New Construction

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<td>Incentivize or require new construction to be EV CAPABLE or EV READY to reduce costs of future EVCS installation.</td>
<td><strong>EV CAPABLE</strong> includes power supply, breakers and conduit near EV parking areas or spaces, terminated in outlets or junction boxes. <strong>EV READY</strong> includes <strong>EV CAPABLE</strong> plus wiring to outlet or junction box and EVSE.</td>
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<td>Establish standard electrical amperage requirements for as-built electrical panels and EVCS circuits to make structure <strong>EV READY</strong> or <strong>EV CAPABLE</strong>.</td>
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**EV-Capable**

Install electrical panel capacity with a dedicated branch circuit and a continuous raceway from the panel to the future EV parking spot.

**EVSE-Ready Outlet**

Install electrical panel capacity and raceway with conduit to terminate in a junction box or 240-volt charging outlet (typical clothing dryer outlet).

[Graphics: Southwest Energy Efficiency Project]
EV Ready Checklist: Example

Establish parking policies to balance constituent needs and support growth in EV readiness.

Require safe cord management, such as retractable cords to accommodate all EVs and avoid trip hazards.

Establish parking enforcement policies and procedures.

Identify and promote EVCSs.

Provide wayfinding signage to direct EV drivers to EVCSs.

Recommend registration of public EVCSs on websites such as the Alternative Fuels Data Center to help EV drivers find EVCSs.
What part of the EV Readiness Checklist are you most interested in? (Check as many that apply.)

Zoom poll, question 1

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EV Readiness Decision Guide: Support Local Governments

- Making purchase decisions - EVs, EV Charging
- Planning / deploying EV Charging Projects
- Measuring Success
  - Sustainability and fleet operation impacts and business cases
- Policies and incentives
- Parking considerations
- Connecting Regionally
- Utility and the grid
- Electrifying Public Fleets
- Looking Forward

Available at: https://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/environment/becoming-ev-ready/
EV Readiness Decision Guide

- EV and EV Charging Choices, options and features explained plus useful links
  - ABCs of EVs
  - Types, availability and timing of EVs
  - Types of EV Chargers
  - EV batteries & range
  - EV charging best practice
  - Charging levels
  - Costs, ROIs and project justifications
  - Charging at public, workplace, Multiple Unit Dwelling sites
  - Finding chargers
  - Selecting EV Charger sites

Electric Vehicle Connector Standards

In the interest of safety and to provide for a functional safe and efficient technical infrastructure, various technical organizations have established regulatory and standards related to the hardware, software, and the integration of all the exchanges.

EVs built in the US use the Society for Automotive Engineers (SAE) J1772 connector (Figure 4) to charge with Level 1 and Level 2 chargers. All EVs have a connection receptacle that plugs into the EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment).

For Level 3, DC Fast Charge connectors, this requires a different, second connector. Currently in the US, the standard is called the SAE J1772 Combined Charging System (CCS). This connection provides for a 240-volt Level 2 SAE J1772 connection plus a higher power (Level 3) connection in the same connection device. For Japanese-manufactured EVs, they use a different system.

Figure 4: Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J1772 Connector for Level 1 and 2.

Upper left = male connector, upper right, female receptacle and bottom showing charging connection.
EV Readiness Decision Guide: Excerpts

- EV Choices, options, features, standards and links

5. MAKING PURCHASING DECISIONS

This chapter introduces materials and services integral to EV Readiness, including the vehicles, the charging devices, and the connected charging infrastructure. The goal is to prepare decision-makers and other stakeholders in understanding planning, procurement and execution steps in the realm of EVs. Many sections provide context and related footnotes and resource links to allow the reader to explore beyond this Guide. Some additional resources are provided in the REFERENCES section, including Useful EV Resource Links and Endnotes sections for those that may want to drill down on some subjects. Hyperlinks are embedded in the electronic version, but key links are also available in textual form in the Endnotes.

Selecting EVs

When considering purchasing electric cars, trucks, buses, and specialty vehicles (generally referred to as “EVs”), the selection is typically based on the following criteria:

- Electric Vehicle Choices, Options and Features
- Available EVs and Links
- EV Selection Factors
- EV Servicing and Warranties

Each of these topics is discussed next.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHOICES, OPTIONS AND FEATURES

EV choices may be characterized by:

- Plugin Capabilities
- Energy Storage Capabilities
- Energy Recovery Systems
- Type and use of EV
- Typical vehicle features and options

The basic group of Electric Vehicles (EVs) are listed in Table 1.
EV Readiness Decision Guide: Excerpts

- EV Charging Levels, Charge Times, Links

**EV CHARGING LEVELS**

There are three standard charging levels (1, 2 and 3). Level 1 and Level 2 EVSE’s output Volts AC (VAC), which are converted to Volts Direct Current (VDC) on board the vehicle. Level 3 most commonly outputs Volts DC and is commonly referred to as a DC Fast Charger. The standard charging levels in the United States (refer to Table 2 for more details):

1. **Level 1:** 110 to 120 VAC, typically 5 to 15-amp power range is from 880 Watt (0.88 kilowatts, kW) to 1920 kW (1.92 kW). 110/120 VAC is the same voltage as in your home or office. Level 1 uses the standard, grounded, three-prong 120-volt outlet (NEMA 5-15) with ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) typically already available at any facility.

2. **Level 2:** 208 to 240 VAC, typically 16 to 80 Amps (and most commonly 30 to 32 A), meaning the power range is from 3.3 kW to 19.2 kW and most commonly 6.2 to 7.2 kW. 208/240 VAC is used for electric clothes dryers, air conditioners and other appliances in homes and in offices. Level 2 uses the standard, grounded, three-prong 240-volt outlet (e.g. NEMA 14-50) with ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) typically already available at a facility.

3. **Level 3:** supplied with 3 phase 480 VAC or higher. Level 3 chargers can output either VAC or VDC. The currently most common standard is VDC, meaning the electricity flows from the charger to the EV’s battery directly as direct current. The range of options in Level 3 power levels starts at 25 kW up to 600 kW. For retail applications, the typical range is 50 to 150 kW. Level 3 charging using VAC is currently uncommon.

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### AVAILABLE EVSES / LINKS

For those wanting to research the types of EVSE, station finders, infrastructure standards, and other EVSE information, some links are provided. Sites are intended for information and are not supplier endorsements.

**EVSE Manufacturers**

- [Robotics and Automation News Website](https://www.robotics24-7.com), “EV Charging Station Companies”
- [Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Manufacturer & Vendors - Plug in Recharge Website](https://www.evselocator.com)
- [EVSE LLC Overhead Garage EVSEs](https://www.evse.com)

**DC Fast Charger EVSES**

- [Charged EVs Website](https://www.chargedevs.com), “Which companies are the top DC Fast Charger Manufacturers?”

**Electrify America Program**

- [Electrify America EV Charging Program](https://www.electrifyamerica.com)
EV Readiness Decision Guide: Excerpts

• Quantifying EV Charging Needs

Quantifying EV Charging Needs

For an EVCS project, the number of EVs predicted or planned to be charged on a regular basis and the respective target range miles to be supplied, defines the demand and the EVCS need to provide the supply to match. This decision further relates to the number and levels of EVSEs to install now vs. the future. All of these decision factors must be assessed case-by-case, such as:

- Application type (fleet, public/private, workplace, multiple unit dwelling, residential)
- Estimates of the amount of energy (kWh) needed on hourly, daily, weekly, and annual basis
  - Current and near-term EVs planned to be charged (e.g., fleet EVs)
  - That will fit operational needs and
  - Estimate associated battery capacities and daily range expectations
- Regional quantity of current EVs that might use a planned EVSE investment
- Charging level alternative strategies
  - Self-charging
  - Use of public or private EVSEs
- Organizational sustainability goals
- Estimates of economic strategies
  - Available funds and/or willingness to take on debt
  - Ability to develop pricing strategies and successfully generate revenue
  - Availability, timing, and rules of EV and EVCS incentives
  - Marketing strategies – getting the word out, use of advertising approach
- Based on schedules of expected EV purchases or leases, determine real-world availability of suitable EVs, including applicability for application (right sizing) considerations
- New planned facility projects and EVCS considerations and local ordinances requiring EV readiness planning
- Retrofit construction and EVCS requirements

• Selecting EV Supply Equipment (EVSE) Sites

Selecting EVCS Sites

Before proceeding with quotations from installation vendors, proposed EV charging host sites should be evaluated, as the power needs to be sourced from proper and safe electrical infrastructure. As discussed in the prior section, for publicly accessible EVSEs, facility location is important – proximity to customers and accessibility must be considered. For fleets, proximity to operations is a normally a priority siteing criteria. Evaluations determine EVCS locations, logistics, and installation cost factors as listed in the previous section, which will define the project specifications. An assessment may use in-house resources and/or a qualified independent consulting firm to define the site’s needs.

The determination of where to locate EVSEs depends which property, which facility and where specifically at a given facility EVSEs be located. Siting will also be influenced by whether the site and facility is new or existing.

For fleet, MUD and workplace charging, the property and the host facility are frequently known, and the variable is where on the property to place EVSEs. Specific locations are frequently driven by the distance (and cost) of the branch runs and impacts on operations. For publicly accessible EVSEs, the specific siting also relates to the potential to generate revenue.

For Multiple Unit Dwellings (“MUDs”), including condominiums or apartment complexes, the determination of where to locate shared chargers will be based largely on existing electrical service, access and egress, and what areas might best serve the most residents. For deeded space EVSEs, the site is determined by the deeded space location.

Siting is a challenging part of the decision process. There are many factors and typically there is an optimization process to balance cost with function. Assuming the planning has defined the number, level, and features of the EVSEs, the decision criteria for picking sites involves the following:

- Whether the site is for municipal, workplace, multiple unit dwelling, public vs. private use
- Types of EVs planning to be charged (e.g., cars vs. trucks vs. buses and battery capacities)
- Parking considerations
- Provisions for security
- Power supply considerations
- Budgets and incentives
- Zoning requirements
- New construction vs. retrofit construction
- Regional economic and sharing considerations
- Inclusion of revenue generation
- Availably and usable property
- Facility and parking space ownership considerations
- Social equity considerations
Future EV Ready program

- Support for checklist action items
- Collaboration and Facilitation
- Recognition
- Regional planning

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Complementary EV policies & investments
US FAST Act retiring

- Proposed replacements include grants for EV, NG, Hydrogen
- S 230 America’ Transportation Infrastructure Act
  - $200M/yr for 5 years ($1B total)
- HR 2 INVEST (Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation) in America Act
  - 5-year, $494B total investment
- FY 2021 Appropriations Bill
  - Funding for alternate fuel corridors
EV Charging Infrastructure Corridors

- US DOT

I-94 EV Corridor
EV Charging Infrastructure Corridors

- Tesla Supercharging

Red icons = current Superchargers

Gray icons = Superchargers that are coming soon
Investments

- From VW settlement
- Nationwide $1.2 billion in commercial EV charging stations
- Planned in 3 cycles
  - Cycle 3 Jan 2022 - June 2024
    - $500 million
- MMC & CACC commented on plans
  - Equity & EV Ready communities
- Dialogue in early December
Governor Pritzker’s Eight Principles for a Clean & Renewable Illinois Economy

Electrify & Decarbonize Illinois’ Transportation Sector

1. Increase EVs in IL to 750,000 by 2030.
2. Tax credit for EV companies that locate downstate or in a disproportionately impacted area.
3. IEPA to revise VW settlement to mesh with $70 million for EVCS
4. Incentives & EVCS and installation
5. Clean state fleets
6. IEPA EV Coordinator & Advisory Council
7. DCEO to educate consumers
8. Revamp alternate fuels rebate program - swap gas for EV
9. Low-carbon fuels in transition to electrification
Guiding Principles for Beneficial Electrification of Transportation

UIC Workshops on Beneficial Electrification of Transportation
Report out soon
Would your municipality be interested and ready in buying an electric passenger vehicle for your fleet if grant funds were available?

Zoom poll, question 2
Would your municipality be interested and ready in buying an electric truck for your fleet if grant funds and electric trucks were available?

Zoom poll, question 3
If grant funds were available, how soon would you be ready to buy an EV?
Zoom poll, question 4
Thank you!

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