



August 16, 2024

The Honorable Shailen Bhatt, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Maine Department of Transportation's application to fund the *Delivering the Charge: A Recharge Maine Corridor Project* under the FY 2024-2025 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

Dear Administrator Bhatt,

Please accept this letter of strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's ("MaineDOT") application under the FY 2024-2025 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. The application outlines MaineDOT's important plans—with support from project partner Efficiency Maine Trust ("Efficiency Maine")—to expand access to electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure along Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) in Maine.

Through the *Delivering the Charge: A Recharge Maine Corridor Project* ("Project"), MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine will install 80 DC Fast Charger ports for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty EVs across 20 strategic locations on Maine's most heavily travelled corridors. The new chargers will supplement the existing and growing network of public and private chargers and help complete the State's AFC buildout.

In alignment with the *Maine Plan for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment*, the Project will:

- Reduce EV range anxiety for residents and Maine's many visitors along Federally designated AFCs;
- Strengthen Maine's economy by reducing drivers' fuel costs and ensuring charging ease for visitors;
- Advance Maine's progress toward reducing harmful emissions from vehicles; and
- Help Maine meet its overarching goals to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030, 80 percent by 2050, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

Kennebunk Light and Power District (KLPD) serves both the north and south bound Turnpike Plazas in Kennebunk, Maine. As a consumer-owned utility serving 7,500 customers, these grants are imperative for Maine to reach its EV adoption and charging goals. Without the support of grant funds, KLPD will not be able to fund the upfront capital needed for the Project.

This funding would also help KLPD meet the needs of the Kennebunk community. The Town of Kennebunk recently adopted a Climate Action Plan that identifies the need for expanded public transportation, additional electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and increased use of electric vehicles. The CAP estimates that approximately 42% of the community's greenhouse gas emissions come from

transportation sources. EV charging infrastructure that supports larger public transportation vehicles is a key component to expanding public transportation while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Widespread adoption of EVs is essential to reducing carbon emissions and protecting the State's natural resources. In light of these considerations, we respectfully request the Federal Highway Administration give favorable consideration to the *Delivering the Charge Project*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Henderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Anna Henderson
General Manager