



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 22, 2022

Mr. Marc D. Williams, P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Williams:

As you are aware, the United States Congress passed, and President Biden signed, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in November 2021. As part of the highway reauthorization, the bill also includes the creation of funding programs for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

With the release of the federal guidance for the EV programs contained in the IIJA, including requirements for each state to submit an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan, I request that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) lead in drafting the plan with input from impacted state agencies and stakeholders.

Texas' sheer volume of roadway miles leaves ample opportunity for EV charging deployment. The plan should ensure that every Texan can access the infrastructure they need to charge an EV. Additionally, I direct TxDOT and stakeholders to include in the plan a way for Texans to easily get from Beaumont to El Paso and Texline to Brownsville in an EV—with a focus on rural placement and connectivity.

My staff is ready to assist with this effort. Please keep me and my office apprised of any needs during the development of the plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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cc: Daniel Avitia, Interim Executive Director, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
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