

Appendix D: EV Roadmap Public Comments

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Engaging Bellevue Comments

Date	Comment
9/9/2024	<p>There's already this big trend that EV sales are slowing down because of multiple reasons. But my point is, when you make this roadmap, did you considering the option that "we may actually not having 30% EV in the future" ? If we push the policy as aggressive as we planned to be, what actions will be taken if it is a total misfire in the future? espacially considering EV sales are not as strong as before</p> <p>Also, the EV Infra, which is very expensive and space eating, may cause discrimination between EV owners and non-EV owners. For example, in some high demanding parking lot, some EV spot taking more spaces than non-EV, but non-EV can't park there. both EV and non-EV owners are equivalent tax payers for city infrastructure but they received discrimination by some designated EV spot.</p> <p>What's more, considering EV average sales price is much higher than average non-EV vehicles, is this EV infra roadmap create big discrimination over people who can't afford EV?</p>
9/10/2024	<p>Do not negatively impact of gas car drivers. Charging stations should NOT be built with taxpayer money. Add license fees to ev cars for that and hwy maintenance.</p>
9/12/2024	<p>It is very disappointing to see that, even though your own definition of an electric vehicle doesn't say anything about it being specifically a car, even though the majority of respondents specifically asked for facilities for electric bicycles and electric scooters, none of those facilities are even mentioned. I live in the Crossroads area where traffic is already heavy as it is surrounded by arterials, and inviting even more vehicle traffic is not at all appealing to me, especially when it comes to heavy electric cars. It is well known that tire particles shed by heavy cars pollute streams in winter and are floating in the air near the roads in summer. It is nice that you at least mention air quality in your roadmap, but you aren't paying it nearly enough attention. In short, the city's electrification plans should focus not on car charges but on better transit (electric buses are welcome, at least they actually transport people) and on better non-car options, like e-bikes and e-scooters, things that residents are explicitly already asking for.</p>

<p>9/12/2024</p>	<p>I appreciate all the thought that has gone into creating this. I have a couple areas of concern. First, the report seems to consider primarily two types of chargers: level 2 and fast DC. Unfortunately, there are multiple incompatible standards at this time. Ideally, the plan would address the various different standards, what the needs are based on current and projected growth in how many cards need each standard. Knowing that there is a Fast DC charger somewhere won't help someone that can't use it. Second, beyond having a growing number of chargers, there needs to be a plan in place for ensuring the chargers actually work and maintaining them when they don't. While we have a charger at home, recently, we had a multi-week period during which it was not accessible. My wife struggled to find chargers that were a) compatible, b) functioning, and c) not busy. Ideally, there would be something like a reporting system, indicating when chargers are functioning (e.g., by reporting the last time they were successfully used?) and wait times for availability.</p>
<p>9/12/2024</p>	<p>Require all rental Unit buildings (townhomes, single family, apartments) to have electrical capacity to support ev charging and plan to retrofit existing units.</p>
<p>9/15/2024</p>	<p>This looks great! Personally, I hope that Bellevue puts a focus on public transportation and safety as well, since living car-free is not only less of a hassle but also better way to reduce emissions. Growing up in the Chicago suburbs, it just felt so safe to take the train to the city. The station and train were clean and safe. Even conversing too loudly on the train was not permitted! In Bellevue, I'm on the fence about whether to buy a car to commute to Blue Origin...the bus experience can involve people smoking, defecating, screaming, threatening, or harrassment/stalking of women like myself. Lack of a direct route means I would also need to take my chances at the Renton transit station. From what I understand, the light rail is often not much better. We don't have any difficulty keeping unseemly people and behavior out of malls and businesses, so I don't understand why we can't keep this out of the public transportation system. I hope Bellevue's vision for the future also includes giving people a safe alternative to car ownership as well. Thank you for the work you are doing on this!</p>
<p>9/16/2024</p>	<p>I am really looking forward to this program! As a student in Bellevue, there would be some inconvenience since we did not meet the age for a driving license. I hope both the public transportation system and personal vehicle management would go up to the next level after this policy is out!</p>

<p>9/16/2024</p>	<p>This is wonderful, I hope we can use this as an opportunity to reduce our carbon emissions in Bellevue and also create an infrastructure for greener alternatives to gas powered cars.</p>
<p>9/16/2024</p>	<p>I'm excited by the city's Progress on this plan. I hope that the city's chargers will be located where our neighbors currently spend time - parks, grocery stores and shopping centers, etc. this will enable people to charge while attending to other business or activities.</p>
<p>9/16/2024</p>	<p>I like this idea! With the growing popularity of electric vehicles, I do think that having EV charging stations available to the public will be beneficial, and help encourage the use of electric vehicles instead of gas cars to help the environment. One thing to take into account, though, is that most people who have EVs are likely to already have charging at home, otherwise they wouldn't have gotten the car. While it would be nice to have charging stations around, I don't think it's completely necessary. One thing that I do think would be helpful is bringing back the electric bikes. It would help encourage using cars less for a cheaper price, as well as helping the people get some exercise as well. Another idea is electric scooters. Overall, I'm excited to see where Bellevue goes with reducing carbon emissions and public transportation! Thanks for asking our opinion.</p>
<p>9/16/2024</p>	<p>I think this plan is perfect especially with the rapidly growing number of EVs in the Bellevue area. As someone who has an electric vehicle, it's great that there is a easily accessible place to find the stations. Just based on past apps I've seen, one good feature would be to clearly specify when stations are unavailable. One time too many the app won't say that the chargers are not working which leads to increased time driving around town. I am glad that Bellevue is moving towards electric vehicles to create a greener community</p>
<p>9/17/2024</p>	<p>I think this idea is good because it would be quite beneficial in Bellevue! One reason is the environmental benefits regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Another reason would be, since Bellevue is a hub for technology and innovation, many companies focus on sustainability. and it could attract businesses in clean energy sectors, from EV charging companies to electric vehicle manufacturers. This plan also is perfect for Bellevue, considering Washington State has harsher rules for clean transportation, including mandates for EV sales. Overall, Bellevue would benefit highly from EV infrastructure/adoption</p>

<p>9/22/2024</p>	<p>This roadmap is extensive, which is promising. It also highlights the need for available EV charging in existing multi-family sites without current access. In order to move this initiative forward, it would be extremely useful to quickly reach out to several interested communities and test alternatives. This can/would serve as a basis for evaluating approaches and identifying in real-time adoption barriers for which solutions needs to be identified. It would also offer feedback on price-sensitivity vs incentive requirements. Especially since it is unlikely that everyone in a multi-family community would choose to adopt in the near term. Questions for which solutions need to be developed include: How do you implement it now, with the capacity to grow as adoption increases?</p>
<p>9/22/2024</p>	<p>I found it interesting the existing multi-family residential would not see full adoption by the deadline of 2050. It is unreasonable to assume families will leave their condos or apartments due to charging station access, especially if it is assumed gas-powered vehicles do not exist in 2050. Bellevue is building upwards (e.g. more 20+ story condos/apartments) and not outwards (single family homes). Our infrastructure needs to support more high-rises and not individual homes.</p>
<p>9/23/2024</p>	<p>I think this idea could be really great. Where I live, I don't see any EV charging stations anywhere near me and could definitely cause a problem for those in my neighborhood who are EV drivers. However, I would believe that it is incredibly difficult to even find space for a public EV charging in some places.</p>
<p>9/23/2024</p>	<p>i think i find it interesting that there is a new possibility to find stations especially as someone who doesn't drive yet. This would definitely make a positive change on both Bellevue and the environment</p>
<p>9/23/2024</p>	<p>I found it interesting that EV's are taking over gas vehicles, and will account for 25% of all vehicles by 2030 and for all vehicles to be EV by 2025. I beleive that it is important in finding stations not only to promote EV adoption, but also works towards the city's goals for 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.</p>