

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Borough Assembly
<b>FROM:</b>	Emily Deach, Deputy Borough Manager
<b>DATE:</b>	May 25, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Draft Letter of Support for Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant

Please see the email and grant information in the meeting packet. There are many details that would be worked out in the planning phase of this project, if DOT&PF is awarded the grant funding, including development of a future memorandum of agreement between DOT&PF and MOS. If awarded, the project funding match of 20% would be supplied by the State of Alaska.

The Skagway 2030 Comprehensive Plan indicates that, “to incentivize greater use of electric personal and commercial vehicles, the Municipality could on its own or in partnership with businesses, install electric vehicle charging stations, ramping up ‘charging for a charge’ fees over time to cover infrastructure costs” (p. 71). In order to meet the plan’s Transportation Objective of reducing Skagway’s greenhouse gas emissions, one of the proposed actions is to “install electric vehicle charging stations” (p. 78). If Skagway participates in this DOT&PF program, it will be able to utilize federal and state funding to jump-start its adopted action plan.

For now, MOS can generally support DOT&PF’s application by providing a letter of support (attached). **Staff requests that the Assembly consider a motion to the draft letter of support.**

Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC. 20590

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Re: Letter of Support for Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (Alaska DOT&PF) to the CFI program for the Connecting Alaska's Coastal Communities with Charging Infrastructure Project

Dear Mr. Buttigieg,

Please accept this letter of support for high priority considerations on behalf of the **INSERT ENTITY HERE**. We write to express support for the grant application submitted for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program's Community Program, namely, the Connecting Alaska's Coastal Communities with Charging Infrastructure Project (CFI). In partnership with the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) as well as local and tribal Governments, this Alaska DOT&PF project will support the CFI Program goals to accelerate an electrified and alternative fuel transportation system that is convenient, affordable, reliable, equitable, accessible, and safe.

This project, with overall management to be provided by Alaska DOT&PF, will provide a direct connection to the country's largest public transit network by placing EV charging stations in the parking lots of numerous Alaska Marine Highway System ferry terminal facilities. The project will create access to EV charging facilities in rural communities that otherwise might not receive this type of infrastructure through private investment alone. Additionally, the project will support location feasibility studies and charging infrastructure on properties of coastal local and tribal governments serving as host communities. **INSERT ENTITY HERE agrees to serve as a host and looks forward to participating in this collaborative effort.** AEA will help ensure these efforts complement the FHWA Alternative Fuel Corridor program and the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula program as well and is serving partner with technical and programmatic expertise.

We strongly support local government projects that address the transportation needs of Alaska communities, especially those that help to develop and expand an EV charging network in numerous rural coastal communities connected by the Alaska Marine Highway System like this one. We are proud to show support for the Connecting Alaska's Coastal Communities with Charging Infrastructure Project in receiving funding support through this CFI – Community Program Grant.

Sincerely,

**YOUR SIGNATURE**  
**YOUR NAME**  
**YOUR TITLE**