

RESOLUTION NO. 82-23

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 GRAND JUNCTION ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) READINESS PLAN

Recitals:

In 2020, the City adopted the One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan, addressing the community's vision, goals, objectives, and policies, while establishing a process for orderly growth and development. The One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan called for the City to "anticipate and plan for the implications and opportunities associated with electric vehicles," as well as to plan for "[e]fficient and [v]aried [m]obility" options that would emerge with new, electrified technologies. Furthermore, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan's "Resource Stewardship" principle guides the City's effort to safeguard the quality of its air and other natural resources, an effort that will be aided by a reduction in vehicle tailpipe emissions, the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions in Grand Junction. In addition, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan's principles, "Safe, Healthy, and Inclusive Community" and "Efficient and Connected Transportation" call for the City to provide equitable, safe, healthy environments and modes of transportation for community members.

In response, City staff have sought input from community members at a series of public events and via the City's public engagement website and coordinated with stakeholders including local automotive dealers, public utility providers, local and regional transportation planners and managers, business organizations, educational institutions, multifamily and affordable housing developers, as well as internal experts in mobility, transportation engineering, public works, and fleet management to develop the City of Grand Junction 2023 EV Readiness Plan.

The plan has been carefully and diligently considered and formulated, driven by community input and best practices for preparing the City to maximize local benefits of widespread EV adoption and to increase equitable access to affordable forms of electrified mobility in Grand Junction. The resultant plan provides relevant information, documents the public and stakeholder input that shaped it, and details strategies for the short-, medium- and long-term that will allow the City to flexibly prepare to thrive in the ongoing transportation transition.

The EV Readiness Plan communicates the challenges and opportunities presented by the ongoing technological transition in the transportation sector and provides a practical menu of programming to allow for flexible policy regarding electrified mobility.

The City Council and City staff will use the EV Readiness Plan to guide management decisions, raise public awareness, and prepare the City to benefit from widespread regional EV adoption. The overall purpose of the EV Readiness Plan is to ensure a balanced approach to the current changes in transportation technology. It is also designed to inform and empower both staff and the public to improve equitable access to clean transportation for Grand Junction community members.

The adoption of the plan does not constitute any decision or review of funding for all or part of the plan. Any such decisions will be made following future discussions and decisions with consideration of the City's budget and/or other available funding sources such as grants.

By and with this resolution, the City Council adopts, approves, and endorses the 2023 City of Grand Junction EV Readiness Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

The 2023 City of Grand Junction EV Readiness Plan is hereby approved and adopted as generally and specifically provided therein and in accordance with this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of September, 2023.



Anna M. Stout
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk

