



Meeting Date: September 28, 2026

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Department: Community Development

Agenda Item: Approve Participation of the City of Crest Hill in the Fifth Cohort of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus EV Readiness Program.

Summary:

The [EV Readiness Program](#) is sponsored by ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, and is a 9-month program in which a group of 10-12 communities participate as a cohort. The participating communities receive free technical assistance and training in a variety of critical areas as they work toward the designation of “EV Ready Community”. There is no cost associated with participating in this Program other than Staff time commitment. The Program helps the participating communities prepare to meet the growing demand for electric vehicles (EVs) and EV charging infrastructure. With guidance and resources assembled by the Caucus’ EV Readiness Team, participating communities develop clear permitting for EV charging infrastructure, analyze zoning and parking codes to address barriers to EV infrastructure, engage the community, and participate in technical and safety training for staff. Municipalities may also tailor actions or special projects to suit the needs of their own community.

A total of 45 communities across the Chicagoland region in 4 cohorts, have so far participated in the Program and received their EV Readiness Designation. If the City Council approves the Crest Hill program participation, the City will work along with 12 other communities in the Fifth Cohort (October 2026 - June 2027). After discussing the Program requirements with various City Departments, Staff believe that they can dedicate the necessary capacity and time commitment to participate in the Program and work toward the EV Readiness Designation. Staff believe that leveraging the technical assistance and various trainings offered by the EV Readiness Program will help various City Departments acquire the necessary knowledge and professional training to support the growing demand for transportation electrification; make it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install EV charging stations in our community; and promote sustainable transportation choices in the community. Any future policy adoption or purchasing decisions that may result from the City’s improved EV Readiness will come back to City Council for additional direction and approval.

Participating in the EV Readiness Program requires approval of the following two items:

1. Approve participation of the City of Crest Hill in the Fifth Cohort of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus EV Readiness Program, and submit a signed EV Readiness Commitment Letter.
2. Approve a Resolution Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus’ Greenest Region Compact which is the next item on the meeting agenda, and will be discussed following this agenda item.

Council Action Requested: Direction to include Approval of the Participation of the City of Crest Hill in the Fifth Cohort of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus EV Readiness Program on the October 5, 2026, Regular City Council Agenda for final consideration.

Attachment

- Draft EV Readiness Program Commitment Letter