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To: EV Smart Program Administrators

On behalf of the City of Grand Rapids, I am proud to announce our commitment to become an EV Smart certified city. In partnership with the EV Smart team, Grand Rapids' dedicated staff members will work to accelerate local adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and ensure equitable deployment of EV charging infrastructure.

Grand Rapids will leverage EV Smart to achieve the following goals:

- Address EVs and charging infrastructure in the community Comprehensive Plan
- Set electrification conversion goals for the municipal fleet
- Address EVs and charging stations in the municipal code
- Install charging infrastructure for public use
- Collaborate with electric utility on EV education and marking EV programs

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our community's EV readiness, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our Comprehensive Plan.

In order to measure progress along the way, Grand Rapids will track key metrics related to EV and infrastructure deployment.

Inquiries related to Grand Rapids EV Smart program participation can be directed to Matt Wegwerth, Public Works Director, at mwegwerth@grandrapidsmn.gov or 218.326.7625.

Sincerely,

Dale Christy
Mayor