

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: October 3, 2024
SUBJECT: Interagency Agreement with Washington Department of Commerce for Washington Electric Vehicle Charging Program (WAEVCP)

1) Recommended Action:

Place the Interagency Agreement with Washington Department of Commerce for WAEVCP on the October 15, 2024, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

2) Background:

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP) was accepted by the City Council on January 19, 2021 by Resolution No. 2021-001. The TCMP includes action T3.10 “zero emission fleets.” The City completed a Fleet Electrification Assessment in November 2023 which estimated the number of fleet vehicles that can be electric between 2024 and 2030 and the number and types of charging stations that would be needed to support those vehicles. This WAEVCP grant will fund the installation of charging stations at five City facilities to help meet those identified needs.

This project is supported with funding from Washington’s Climate Commitment Act. The CCA supports Washington’s climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at www.climate.wa.gov.

3) Policy Support:

City Council Strategic Priorities and Goals 2023 – 2024, Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability - Continue to update and advance the Climate Action Plan.

City of Tumwater Contracting & Purchasing Policies and Procedures

1.6 Environmental Purchasing Requirements - Vehicles: Replace gas and diesel vehicles with Electric or Hybrid vehicles. Exceptions may be granted for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles for which there are no electric or hybrid models available and/or the cost is unreasonably prohibitive (RCW 43.19.648).

4) Alternatives:

- Reject the WAEVCP grant funding, potentially jeopardizing the City’s standing with Department of Commerce for future grant opportunities.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This WAEVCP grant will fund \$78,000 of the total fleet charging station upgrade, estimated to cost just over \$122,000. Additional funding in the amount of \$40,000 is anticipated from Puget Sound Energy’s Up & Go Electric for Fleet incentives. The remaining \$4,181 is currently budgeted from the City’s general fund.

6) Attachments:

A. Agreement