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Recharge Maine is the state's initiative to create a convenient, reliable, and accessible EV charging network across the state, especially along Maine's most traveled roads and highways.

Recharge Maine is a partnership among the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT), the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF), the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT).

There are various apps that can help electric vehicle (EV) owners plan routes, locate charging stations, and provide payment options while on the road (charging costs vary by station). Click on the links below to get started.

Governor Janet Mills today announced that 17 new high-speed electric vehicle charging stations will open in Maine over the next year as part of the State's commitment to build an accessible and reliable network of EV chargers for residents and visitors.

The new charging sites, which will feature 52 new chargers, have been selected with the goal of expanding the charging network to serve travelers on heavily traveled highways and roads, such as Interstate 95 (I-95), U.S. Route 2, U.S. Route 302, areas of Portland and Bangor, and supporting outdoor recreation and university communities. The high-speed EV chargers will be installed in the coming year.

The total investment in the charging infrastructure is nearly \$8.6 million. Funding for the charging includes \$5.7 million from National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program, an initiative of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and \$2.8 million through the Governor's Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan, and settlement funds from the New England Clean Energy Connect project.

Selection of sites were made through the State's Recharge Maine initiative, a partnership among the Maine Department of Transportation, Efficiency Maine, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, the Governor's Energy Office, and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

"Drivers across Maine and the nation are increasingly choosing electric vehicles because they are safe, reliable, and better for our environment," said Governor Janet Mills. "This means that Maine must have a robust charging infrastructure to help ensure that you can get there from here. These investments from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and my Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan will further expand access to high-speed chargers across the state, making long-distance travel more reliable for commuters and visitors alike."

Of the 17 new locations, the nine sites funded through the Federal NEVI program (in Bangor, Bridgton,



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Hermon, Newport, Portland, Rumford, and Windham) will offer at least four chargers, per requirement of the program. The other eight sites will have two chargers at each location, bringing the total of new chargers to 52.

"Since opening its first NEVI funded station in April, Maine has been accelerating progress on EV charging, giving more people the choice to ride or drive electric," said Gabe Klein, Executive Director of the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. "By using different funding sources to support EV charging infrastructure, Maine demonstrates creativity and flexibility in continuing to build out the national charging network."

"This expansion of high-speed charging infrastructure will help reduce range anxiety for current and future Maine EV drivers and will help communities attract commerce and tourism," said Joyce Taylor, Chief Engineer at the Maine Department of Transportation. "MaineDOT, through Recharge Maine, will continue to work to expand this network to ensure that Maine has an accessible, available, and reliable charging network across the state."

"By extending the high-speed charger network to more rural areas of our state, we are making EVs a viable option for the vast majority of long-distance trips people take in Maine," said Michael Stoddard, Executive Director of Efficiency Maine. "I'm looking forward to seeing these built in the next 12 months so Mainers in rural areas can give more serious consideration to buying an EV as their next vehicle."

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