

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 9, 2019

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Johnnie Taylor, Director of Operations
Helen Peplowski, Director of Sustainability

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Authorizing the Office of Sustainability to Apply for the VW Settlement Phase 1-DC Fast Charge Program Grant

Strategic Focus Area: Healthy Environment
Strategic Objective: Support Green Initiatives
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:

Governor Roy Cooper designated the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to manage North Carolina’s share of the NC Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement Program. Phase 1 of the settlement targets five programs including the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure program. This specific program is designed to expand the state's ZEV charging infrastructure network along priority corridors.

The DEQ has identified Interstate 40 as the designated priority corridor for the City of Winston-Salem and is soliciting proposals for participation in Phase 1 of the NC Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement Program. The Office of Sustainability is seeking council approval to apply for the request for proposal (RFP) to install ZEV DC fast charging infrastructure.

Planning and Development Services identified eight locations that best meet the project scoring criteria. Criteria for locations is evaluated by proximity to Interstate 40 and local amenities, traffic density and distance to other DC fast charge sites.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 9/9/2019 Public Works 9/10/2019	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

Location map for the potential ZEV infrastructure is attached (Attachment A).

The DEQ requests a separate application for each identified location. The city will be reimbursed after each individual installation or after all stations are installed for multi-station projects. Selected location(s) for funding will have two years to complete the project from the date of a signed executed contract with NCDEQ. The formal application must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2019.

If approved the attached resolution would authorize the Office of Sustainability to apply for Phase 1 of the NC Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement Program.