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The Honorable Stephanie Pollack
Deputy Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
via Regulations.gov

Re: Development of Guidance for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Deployment
86 FR 67782, Docket No. FHWA-2021-0022

Dear Deputy Administrator Pollack,

The American Library Association (ALA) respectfully submits these comments in response to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) request for information about electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), P.L. 117-58. We encourage FHWA to support the installation of EV chargers at interested libraries and to recognize libraries as potential partners in educational and community engagement activities related to EVs.

Libraries and EV charging infrastructure

America's 17,000 public library¹ locations can contribute important sites to the national charging network. These convenient

Libraries and EV education and community engagement

Several libraries have hosted educational and community engagement activities, such as car shows and educational presentations, to familiarize the public with EVs and chargers. Examples include activities hosted at libraries in Danbury, CT;⁸ Garrison, NY;⁹ Los Alamos, NM;

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Endnotes

¹ Public libraries are typically open to any member of the public and consequently are the focus of these comments. However, other library types, such as college and university libraries and K-12 school libraries, may also offer publicly accessible EV charging facilities or

