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The City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is considering an undertaking located at thirteen sites throughout Milwaukee County, located on parking lots at Milwaukee Public Library locations and in County parks (see attached map). Each site consists of four parking stalls for electric vehicle (EV) charging within or adjacent to existing parking facilities. The proposed undertaking will consist of the following:

The Vehicle Recharging Options of Milwaukee (VROOM) project will deploy EV chargers in publicly available places throughout the City of Milwaukee and nearby communities within Milwaukee County with electrical vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) procured through public-private partnerships. As part of the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI), the project aims to increase publicly accessible charging options to enhance the potential for EV adoption in Milwaukee. The proposed placement of these chargers makes use of existing public parking facilities in both public parks and at public libraries. The proposed actions take place on previously disturbed land, on parking lots, in developed urban areas. The project will be carried out in two rounds. In Round 1, the first 13 sites will be built in 2026, with additional sites to be added in subsequent years as part of Round 2, with subsequent consultations. Ten of the first thirteen sites will include Level 2 charging stations with four ports each. The remaining three sites will include one Level 2 charger with two ports and one Level 3 Direct Current Fast Charger (DCFC) with 2 ports. The specific details of the location and configurations of the remaining sites will be determined as the project proceeds in Round 2.

The proposed action will locate and construct the first 13 of the total 53 EV charging sites (Round 1 Sites), which have been approved by the City of Milwaukee Common Council. We are reaching out to you as a stakeholder as part of the NEPA environmental review process. A future NEPA process will be completed for future round(s) of evaluation and consultation for the remaining sites. The proposed actions for the 13 Round 1 sites take place largely on previously disturbed land within parking lots or developed urban areas. However, two sites propose new pavement construction (denoted by * in site list). Two of the sites propose electrical conduiting in potentially previously undisturbed land to connect the EV chargers to existing utility connections (denoted by ** in site list). Proposed actions at all sites include:

- **Installation of EV chargers**
- **Allocation of four parking stalls for EV charging**
- **Laying of electrical conduit between utility connections and EV equipment, and installing additional electrical equipment as needed**
- **Ground disturbance and excavation for conduit, EV equipment, and new pavement for sites constructing new parking stalls**
- **Pavement marking and signage for EV charging**

The Round 1 Sites identified for VROOM EV charging are:

EV Site Name	Address	Section/Township/Range
Good Hope Library	7715 Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53223	S21, T8N, R21E
Villard Library	5190 N. 35th St., Milwaukee, WI 53209	S36, T8N, R21E
Martin Luther King Library	310 W. Locust St., Milwaukee, WI 53212	S17, T7N, R22E
Mitchell Street Library	906 W. Historic Mitchell St., Milwaukee, WI 53204	S5, T6N, R22E
Center Street Library*	2727 W. Fond Du Lac Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53210	S13, T7N, R21E
Bay View Library*	2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207	S9, T6N, R22E
Zablocki Library	3501 W Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53215	S13, T6N, R21E
Lincoln Park**	1301 W. Hampton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53209	S6, T7N, R22E
Mitchell Park (Domes Horticulture Conservatory)**	524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 52315	S31, T7N, R22E
Veterans Park	1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53202	N/A
Wilson Recreation Center	4001 S. 20th St., Milwaukee, WI 53221	S19, T6N, R22E
Zoofari Center	9715 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226	S26, T7N, R21E
Washington Park (Urban Ecology Center)	1859 N. 40th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208	S24, T7N, R21E

Attached is information regarding the proposed undertaking to assist you in providing comments regarding the determination of the area of potential effect (APE) and potential impacts to historic properties and/or burial sites (see attached map).

FHWA, the ECO and its consultant, WSP, welcome any comments your tribe wishes to share regarding the determination of the APE or potential impacts to historic properties and/or burials in this undertaking. Additionally, you may use this opportunity to request consultation pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3. ECO understands that your tribe is a sovereign nation and as such has the discretion to consult government to government with the FHWA directly. Also, other environmental studies may be conducted to include an endangered species survey, contaminated material investigations, soil testing and other surveys determined relevant. Results of these studies will assist the engineers in the design to avoid, minimize or mitigate the proposed project's effect upon cultural and natural resources. If the City of Milwaukee identifies the potential for historic properties to be affected, you will be provided more information.

Public information on the project is available at Engage.Milwaukee.gov/EV.

If your tribe wishes to become a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or would like to receive additional information regarding this proposed project, please reply to this email or contact:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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