**STAFF REPORT** 



## REPORT to the LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION From the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

- DATE: November 20, 2024
- SUBJECT: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Master Plan Working Group
- DESCRIPTION: Recommendation that the Planning Commission to appoint no more than 2 commissioners to participate in the La Mesa Electric Vehicle Charging Station Master Plan Working Group

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

## SUMMARY:

# Issue:

Should the Planning Commission appoint members of Planning Commission (no more than 2) to participate in the La Mesa Electric Vehicle Charging Station Master Plan Working Group?

# Recommendation:

The Planning Commission appoint Commissioners (no more than 2) to participate in the La Mesa Electric Vehicle Charging Station Master Plan Working Group.

### BACKGROUND:

On April 9, 2024, the La Mesa City Council approved a resolution to enter into a professional services agreement with Kittelson & Associates, Inc (Kittelson). for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) Master Plan. The EVCS Master Plan was identified as a key Climate Action Plan (CAP) action that will outline available opportunities to install EV charging infrastructure; set a roadmap for future policies that will require EV-ready infrastructure and installation as a part of new construction projects and retrofits; identify incentives, rebates, and funding opportunities for the City, as well recommend incentive programs it can implement to support private EVCS installation; and make the City a more competitive applicant for grants and funding.

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### DISCUSSION:

The EVCS Master Plan project team includes staff who are highly experienced in EV outreach and education, and are committed to ensuring that the final EVCS Master Plan includes an equitable approach that serves La Mesa residents. In order to ensure equity is built into the Master Plan, Kittelson created a community engagement plan that recommended the creation of the EVCS Master Plan Working Group and Kittelson led facilitation of listening sessions with stakeholders. The Working Group will serve as a project advisory committee with representatives of key parties, and will include three virtual meetings in late 2024 and early 2025 to discuss the vision of the EVCS Master Plan, gap assessment feedback, and preliminary recommendations and implementation actions feedback.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends the Planning Commission appoint no more than 2 commissioners to participate in the La Mesa Electric Vehicle Charging Station Master Plan Working Group.

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