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KDOT awards \$2 million for electric vehicle charging station projects

The Kansas Department of Transportation has awarded \$2 million to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations along the state’s most traveled highways.

KDOT received 32 project proposals seeking to use \$2 million of the state’s allocation of Volkswagen Mitigation Trust funds dedicated to the installation of Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) stations. KDOT had identified 12 priority locations for these funds to improve public access to charging stations along primary corridors, to which applicants made their case for providing EV services.

“The quality of proposals made the selection process very competitive, and it was clear there is much support across Kansas for electric vehicles and infrastructure,” said Matt Messina, KDOT’s Transportation Planning Manager. “Many applicants proved dedication to EV services beyond the required five-year commitment as they are eager to promote transportation options.”

Staff from KDOT, the Kansas Department of Health & Environment and a team of consultants evaluated each project proposal and made selections based on criteria provided in a Request for Proposals (RFP) announced in October 2021. Responses were due mid-December 2021.

Each award recipient is responsible for providing 20% of the project cost, bringing the total estimated investment for the seven selected proposals to nearly \$2.5 million. Proposals selected to receive an award are identified below.

Project Sponsor	Station Location	Award
Mitten, Inc.	I-70: Oakley – Mitten’s Travel Center	\$190,000

Triplett, Inc.	I-70: WaKeeney – 24/7 Travel Store	\$222,204
Francis Energy LLC	I-70: Russell – Fossil Station Convenience Store	\$335,104
Triplett, Inc.	I-70: Abilene – 24/7 Travel Store	\$271,815
Triplett, Inc.	I-70: Maple Hill – 24/7 Travel Store	\$295,071
Francis Energy LLC	I-35: Matfield Green service area – EZ Go #73	\$335,104
Francis Energy LLC	I-35: Belle Plaine service area – EZ Go #75	\$335,104

For more information, visit <https://www.ksdot.org/descons.asp> to view available program documents under EV DCFC Station Installation Program (bottom right column of page) or email ChargeUpKS@ks.gov.

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