



Electrification  
Coalition

Lead Implementation Partner  
Smart City Challenge



# Who is the Electrification Coalition?



To facilitate and accelerate the adoption of plug-in electric vehicles nationwide, the Electrification Coalition (EC) has launched a suite of initiatives that advance EV deployment by engaging the entire value chain and a broad group of stakeholders at the national, state, and local level.

Current efforts include: The Smart City Challenge, Drive Electric Orlando, Drive Electric Northern Colorado, The Energy Security Cities Coalition, The Aggregated Alternative Technology Alliance, and a newly funded community program in Rochester New York.



# The Smart City Challenge Concept



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To change the future of transportation, Vulcan Philanthropy has partnered with the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#) on the Smart City Challenge. The Challenge is designed to enable an innovative, ambitious and forward-thinking American city to lay a practical path to transportation without oil.

Vulcan is contributing up to \$10 million to the challenge, as well as technical assistance and guidance, alongside the U.S. DOT's \$40 million commitment.

Additional support will come from private organizations that have joined the Smart City Challenge, including [Mobileye](#), [Autodesk](#), [NXP](#), [Amazon Web Services](#) and [Sidewalk Labs](#). View the [full list](#) of connected organizations.



# The Changing Role of Cities



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## Why Can Cities Lead?

- Political gridlock at national level creating enhanced role for cities:
  - Decentralization and globalization
  - Higher exposure to competition
  - Cities becoming first point of contact
- Labs of innovation
- Cities are fast implementers
- History of learning from one another





# Impact of Public/Private Partnerships



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- Increased program visibility to community
- Engaged the transportation ecosystem to create a comprehensive vision
- Accelerated design thinking, increased partnerships at the local level, and enabled broader suite of solutions
- Engaged additional partners and attracted greater investment (Sidewalk Labs, Amazon, AT&T, Nissan, Lyft, Daimler)
- Established GHG reduction as a central theme
- Increased financial investment at all levels

# Core Technological Vision



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### Technology Elements (*Highest Priority*)



**Vision Element #1**  
Urban Automation



**Vision Element #2**  
Connected Vehicles



**Vision Element #3**  
Intelligent, Sensor-  
Based Infrastructure

### Innovative Approaches to Urban Transportation Elements (*High Priority*)



**Vision Element #4**  
User-Focused Mobility  
Services and Choices



**Vision Element #5**  
Urban Analytics



**Vision Element #6**  
Urban Delivery and  
Logistics



**Vision Element #7**  
Strategic Business  
Models & Partnering

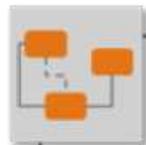


**Vision Element #8**  
Smart Grid, Roadway  
Electrification, & EVs



**Vision Element #9**  
Connected, Involved  
Citizens

### Smart City Elements (*Priority*)



**Vision Element #10**  
Architecture and  
Standards



**Vision Element #11**  
Low-Cost, Efficient,  
Secure, & Resilient ICT



**Vision Element #12**  
Smart Land Use

# Criteria for Cities



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## Key Characteristics

- A dense urban population with population between 200,000 to 850,000 individuals
- An environment conducive to demonstrating advanced technologies
- A commitment to integrating transportation services with the sharing economy
- A commitment to making data open, discoverable, and usable by the public to fuel entrepreneurship and innovation
- Continuity of committed leadership and capacity to carry out the demonstration throughout the period of performance.

# Vulcan Priorities and the 7 Finalists



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7 finalists created a bold effort to electrify their cities with the following goals:

- Decarbonize the electricity grid
- Convert city and private vehicle fleets, taxis, from gasoline cars to EVs
- Drive consumer adoption of EVs
- Deploy and field test autonomous vehicles
- Develop a “playbook” for other cities to follow



# City Assessment



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### Method of Evaluation

- EC staff observation
- Expertise/advice from city planning and innovation experts
- Assessment of city staff's ability to execute a complex, long-term project like the Vulcan Smart City Challenge.

### Key Elements

- A city that can execute complex projects will exhibit communication responsiveness, cohesiveness between project partners, and staff and executive-level support from utility, private-sector, and city.

#### Communication Responsiveness and Consistency

- Subjective: Overall rating based on EC staff emails, phone calls, scheduling city visits.

#### Implementation Team

- Objective: Demonstrated executive-level commitments from city, utility, & private-sector

#### Overall Ease of Collaboration

- Subjective: Combined rating based on finalist work experience and city visits.

#### Confidence in Ability to Execute

- Subjective: Combined assessment based on the above tactics.

# Metrics for the Assessment Model



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Metric	Weight	Metric	Weight
State Purchase Incentive	9%	Average Temps	6%
Home EVSE Incentive	4%	Commuting Times	4%
Other Incentives	4%	Procurement Approach	6%
Dealerships w/ EVs	6%	Size LD Muni Fleet	7%
Public EVSE	6%	Size MD/HD Muni Fleet	7%
Non-attainment Area	2%	CO2 Metric	8%
City's Financial Stability	3%	Transit & Multimodal	3%
Household Income	8%	Workplace EVSE Partners	5%
Fuel Prices	4%	Support for AVs	5%
Current EV Sales Rate	3%		

# Corporate Engagement to Support Cities



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- Over 70 companies in the EV and Transportation supply chain were engaged
- 25 companies were represented in full day industry roundtable meeting
- 30 companies responded to requests for follow-up and expressed interest in supporting the finalists in proposal development, planning and execution
- 26 have committed to going beyond the minimum requirements, with follow-up ongoing
- Highlights from participants for top performing cities:
  - EV ecosystem that include EV friendly policies
  - Tech-friendly environment
  - Favorable geographic location
  - Access to strong regional partners

# Why Columbus: A Snapshot



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### Program Highlights:

- Strong commitment to DOT goals and “ladders of opportunity”
- Strong commitment to municipal and commercial fleet transition
- Commitment of 50 CEOs to purchase EVs and launch aggressive workplace charging program impacting up to 300,000 employees
- Acceleration Fund (Commitment of \$90 Million)
- Commitment to community outreach accelerate EV adoption

### Strengths:

- General partners: Clean Fuels Ohio, Battelle, OSU, the Columbus Partnership
- American “test market”
- Strong presence of Fortune 500 Companies
- 15<sup>th</sup> largest city in US
- Home of Battelle and Center for Automotive Research (CARs) at Ohio State

### Challenges:

- Early stage market for EVs
- Low vehicle availability
- Minimal pro-EV policies

# Creating a Smart Columbus



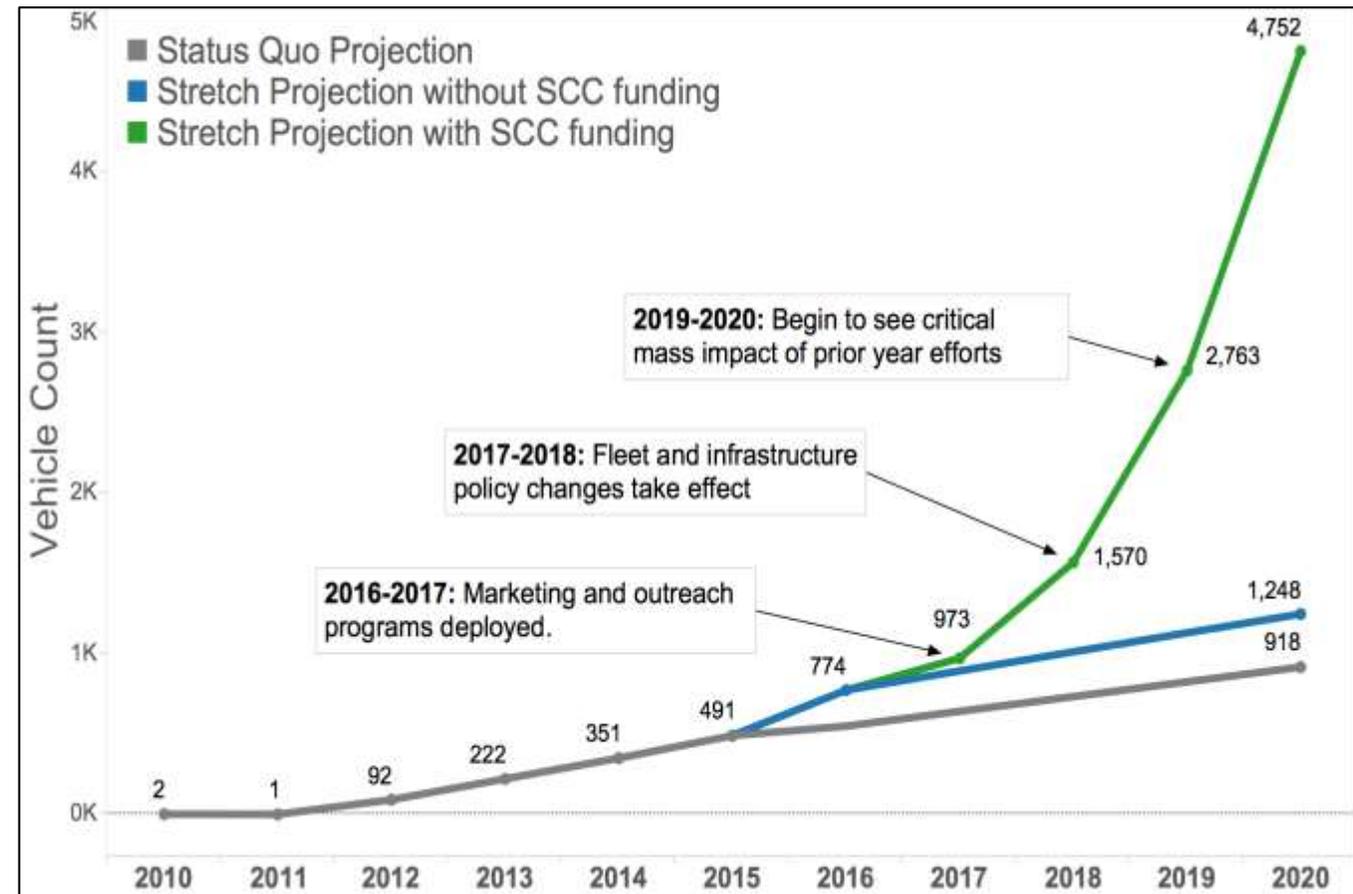
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### Scalable and Leading Programs:

- Outreach and education
- Comprehensive infrastructure plan
- OEM commitments
- Concrete partner commitments
- Creating strong policy framework
- Data tracking
- Amplified programs
- Best practices and sharing



# The Catalytic Impact



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## Beyond Columbus:

- “Coalition of 7” has formed that will create a peer-to-peer network between the 7 finalists and support efforts to find additional funding
- Will continue to provide best practices and other information to 71 cities seeking to boost electrification and other transportation solutions
- Sparking important and ongoing conversations with decision makers and thought leaders around the country
  - Focus at U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of State Energy Officials, etc.
- Increased interest from funders?

# Impact/Next Steps



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A screenshot of the Electrification Coalition website. The header includes the logo, the name 'Electrification Coalition', and the tagline 'Revolutionizing Transportation and Achieving Energy Security'. A search bar is located in the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'ABOUT', 'PRIORITIES', 'POLICY', and 'MEDIA', along with 'Mailing List' and 'Donate Now'. The main content area features a section titled 'POLICY REPORTS AND ANALYSIS' with a description: 'The Electrification Coalition makes policy recommendations based on in-depth, objective analysis of the wide variety of complex issues surrounding energy security and electrification.' Below this is a list of reports, with the first one being 'Electrification Roadmap' dated November 16, 2009. To the right of the list are filter options: 'FILTER BY DOCUMENT' (Policy Report, Analysis), 'FILTER BY DATE' (2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009), and 'FILTER BY TOPICS' (Batteries, Charging, Deploy).



# The Electrification Coalition

Revolutionizing Transportation and Achieving Energy Security

Online:

[www.secureenergy.org](http://www.secureenergy.org)

[www.electrificationcoalition.org](http://www.electrificationcoalition.org)

[www.energysecurecities.org](http://www.energysecurecities.org)

[www.driveelectricnoco.org](http://www.driveelectricnoco.org)

[www.driveelectricorlando.org](http://www.driveelectricorlando.org)

Download the Electrification Roadmap: [www.electrificationcoalition.org/policy](http://www.electrificationcoalition.org/policy)

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