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Subject: Public Inquiries for Installing Private Curbside Charging Infrastructure

Thank you for contacting us about EV charging at the curb. Our teams at the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFE) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) are working to expand off-street, publicly accessible EV charging to meet our goal of 100% zero-emission transportation in all sectors by 2040.

MTA currently hosts about 60 public EV chargers at its parking facilities. MTA is preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to replace and expand EV charging infrastructure in 38 city-owned garages and lots across the City. The RFP is expected to be released in spring 2021.

As you may have read on our website, there are several factors for the City to consider regarding curbside charging, including accessibility requirements, equity concerns, ownership and maintenance of the charging stations, public safety, enforcement policies, and other uses of the curb such as parklets and loading zones. Due to the number of competing demands, curbside charging is currently not permitted in San Francisco.

Consistent with the City's Transit First policy, MTA manages the City's curbside resources and published its [Curbside Management Strategy](#) in February 2020. Objective 5.2 of the Strategy discusses EV charging and includes a recommendation to "Consider permitting on-street electric vehicle charging stations, if at all, in limited circumstances after careful evaluation."

SFE and MTA have obtained technical assistance and funding to help the City establish guidelines and criteria for guiding a potential, limited pilot project to provide *publicly accessible* EV charging at the curb. (Note that EV charging reserved for one person or household would run counter to established policies keeping curb space accessible to the general public.) Any proposed pilot program would require additional funding and include community outreach and engagement.

We hope this helps explain the challenges about curbside charging. San Francisco needs more EV charging and we're actively working with industry to expand the public network. In the near-term, we hope you are able to find an alternative charging strategy that meets your needs.

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