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## **Subject: Public Inquiries for Installing Private Curbside Charging Infrastructure**

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the installation of private curbside electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. You are not alone in your interest to learn more about EV charging options within San Francisco.

San Francisco has over 600 publicly available [EV charging stations](#), which is one of the highest per capita rates of EV chargers in the United States. Of these, over 230 “Level 2” EV chargers are available at public parking facilities. In addition, there are 19 Direct Current Fast Chargers (or DCFC) located throughout the city for public use. That said, we know that these options don’t work for everyone and demand for EV charging is growing rapidly.

Until recently, local governments did not have authority to regulate on-street parking spaces designated exclusively for EV charging at the curbside (or the *public right-of-way*). In October 2017, Governor Brown signed [Assembly Bill 1452](#), which allows local authorities to assess parking fines on drivers and tow vehicles illegally parked in spaces on public streets designated for charging and parking an EV.

Even with the authority to regulate EV charging in the public right-of-way, there are several other factors for the City to consider including (but not limited to) accessibility requirements, equity concerns, ownership and maintenance of the charging stations, public safety, and enforcement policies. Addressing these factors will require a public process with robust stakeholder input and coordination among public agencies.

To that end, a city-wide initiative led by the Mayor’s EV Working Group is actively underway that will identify priority actions to address existing barriers currently prohibiting broad EV adoption by residents and visitors.

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