

New Report: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure to Bring California Job Boom Investments in EV Charging Infrastructure to Create Tens of Thousands of Jobs Across California

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The <u>Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strike Force</u>, a diverse coalition of public and private sector zero-emission vehicle leaders, today released a <u>jobs assessment report</u> on the workforce development opportunities associated with the build-out of EV charging infrastructure in the state. <u>The report</u> found that California's investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure are expected to add between 38,200 to 62,400 job years from 2021 to 2031.

"As the California economy continues to rebound from a pandemic-induced recession, these new workforce projections make clear the pivotal role that EV infrastructure will play in our state's economic recovery, especially where it is most needed," said Chief Executive Officer of EVgo and Strike Force Co-Chair Cathy Zoi. "The Strike Force is committed to working with our local, state and federal partners to ensure the equitable distribution of the economic benefits across California."

"California's historic investments in EV charging infrastructure present us with an unprecedented opportunity to ensure the development of our zero-emission mobility," said White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council Member and Strike Force Co-Chair Angelo Logan. "To ensure that these investments reach the communities that are most impacted by poor air quality and lack access to clean mobility and high-road jobs we must continue to advocate for the policies and programs needed to support an equitable EV transition."

Among the report's key findings:

- Rapid and expansive development of electric vehicle infrastructure, coupled with access, education and outreach efforts, will be required to meet the projected demand for charging.
- Many of the newly created jobs will be available to workers with high-school diplomas, offering a potential pipeline to "high-road" jobs for workers from priority communities.
- The skills and knowledge gained from charger installation share many similarities with other job sectors, meaning these trained and skilled workers may find additional opportunities for career advancement in other sectors of the economy.

"The buildout of California's zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure offers immediate and long-term public health and economic opportunities," said <u>California Energy Commissioner</u> and Strike Force Public Policy Advisory Committee Chair, Patricia Monahan. "Governor Newsom has set the state on a clear course to zero out pollution from transportation, and our challenge is to ensure there is refueling infrastructure to meet the needs of diverse drivers. Equity must be a cornerstone to ensure that ALL Californians benefit from this transition."



The Strike Force, whose members include the Electric Transportation Community Development Corporation, the California Energy Commission and IBEW local 569, have bi-monthly meetings that are open to the public participation. Strike Force meetings are publicly accessible.

The Jobs Assessment is available online at https://etcommunity.org/strike force.

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About the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strike Force: The Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strike Force is a coalition of public and private sector zero-emission vehicle leaders that is focused on advancing programs and policies to build out the charging infrastructure necessary for California's transition to zero-emission transportation over the next decade and beyond. More information about the Strike Force, its members and their commitment to advancing equitable, accessible and affordable EV infrastructure for all Californians is available at https://etcommunity.org/strike force.