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EV CHARGING INITIATIVE

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A NATIONAL CHARGING NETWORK

Government, Private Leaders Joining First-Ever National EV Charging Summit

Jan. 20 online event showcases unprecedented collaboration to spur U.S. EV charging network

December 10, 2021 - An unprecedented coalition of business, labor and environmental advocacy leaders will host the first-ever [National EV Charging Summit](#) on January 20, 2022. The event will bring together representatives from the Biden administration, vehicle and utility industries, unions and outside experts to showcase a new level of collaboration supporting the historic federal commitment to build out a U.S.-wide electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The virtual event, hosted by the [National EV Charging Initiative](#), will feature conversations on key challenges to ensuring development and operation of an accessible, reliable and affordable nationwide EV charging network. It follows President Biden's signing of infrastructure legislation that includes \$7.5 billion to install charging stations along highways and in communities nationwide. The summit will also spotlight government, industry and regional collaboration and corporate commitments that are helping to drive the development of that charging network.

A panel featuring **U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office Director Jigar Shah** will address the financing challenges and opportunities to mobilize the private investment needed to scale and deploy EV charging across the U.S. The panel, moderated by **BloombergNEF Head of Americas Ethan Zindler** and including **Generate Capital Chair Richard Kauffman** and **Linse Capital Founder and Managing Director Michael Linse**, will also look into what the financial industry needs from the government to unlock private capital.

Other panels will dig into the numbers and types of EV chargers that will be needed to support scaled EV adoption in the U.S.; the different needs of different sizes of EV vehicles; and how a national EV infrastructure sector can build inclusive economic growth, increase stable and well-paid jobs and address the mobility needs of everyone and especially historically underserved communities.

Among the additional panelists and speakers:

- Danielle Eckert | Director of Government Affairs, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Britta Gross | Managing Director, Mobility, RMI
- Maria Bocanegra | Commissioner and Chair, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) EV Task Force
- Cathy Zoi | CEO, EVgo
- Jane Hunter | CEO, Tritium
- John Bozella | CEO, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- Pedro Pizarro | CEO, Southern California Edison
- Andrea Marpillero-Colomina | Clean Transportation Consultant, Green Latinos

[Registration is free](#) for the summit, which will begin at Noon EST on Jan. 20.

The National EV Charging Initiative [launched in August](#) and includes a groundbreaking coalition of 35 regional and national partners representing tens and thousands of companies, unions, investors, EV drivers and advocates.

The initiative [released detailed guiding principles](#) this fall. The member groups wrote Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and White House Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy to offer support for their drive to install EV charging stations nationwide. The principles emphasize creating well-paid jobs and stress that low-income, rural and historically disadvantaged communities, which have historically been excluded from or harmed by transportation investments, need to benefit from the buildout of the charging network.

About National EV Charging Initiative

The National EV Charging Initiative brings together automakers, power providers, electric vehicle and charging industry leaders, labor, and public interest groups to signal they are ready, willing and able to support federal action on a national charging network for light, medium and heavy-duty vehicles. Members collaborate to accelerate shovel-ready charging infrastructure projects that will put people to work, infuse the economy with billions of dollars of investment, and increase access to clean transportation.

Learn more at evcharginginitiative.com.

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