

Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council 2021 Recommendations

Fueling and Powering Transportation Workgroup

Recommendation #1

Lead by example by transitioning state fleet to zero-emission vehicles, including metrics that build on MnDOT's existing goals

Recommendation #2

Support medium- and heavy-duty EV market including education, incentives, charging infrastructure/travel corridors, partnerships

Recommendation #3

Take a proactive leadership role in working with other states to establish a Midwest DC fast charging network that enables a seamless charging experience across the U.S.

Tier 2 Recommendations:

- Leverage existing collaborative partnerships to accelerate electrification of transportation
- Expand eligibility under the existing MN Railroad Service Improvement Program to include grants to railroads to decarbonize rail
- Collaborate with other state agencies (MN Department of Commerce, MPCA) to design and implement an EV incentive program (either for all Minnesotans or only for income-qualified families)

Reducing VMT and Improving Transportation Options Workgroup

Recommendation #1

Implement the VMT reduction goal and incorporate it into the Purpose and Need section of every major transportation project

Recommendation #2

Partner with Metropolitan Council and other MPOs to adopt a similar VMT reduction goal and ensure that state and federal dollars coming into Minnesota are invested consistent with the VMT reduction goal

Recommendation #3

Build public and local support for providing transportation choice for travelers and reducing VMT through MnDOT's educational programs, traditional media, social media, local units of government and extensive direct outreach to, and partnering with, multiple stakeholders

Joint Workgroup Recommendation

Develop a toolkit/guide for sustainable transportation projects