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**Date:** September 18, 2025  
**To:** Somerville City Council  
**From:** Christine Blais, Director  
**CC:** Josh Eckert-Lee, Sustainability Planner  
**RE:** Acceptance of On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Installation Services

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The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) On-Street Charging Solutions Program has selected Somerville to receive no-cost on-street electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) installation and services. The goal of the program is to install new electric vehicle chargers along public streets.

The locations of the stations were selected after on-site reviews, staff reviews, and community outreach to neighbors and local stakeholders, based on cumulative rankings for favorability due to alignment with the metrics in the city's EV Siting Strategy, ease of electrical installation, and maximizing the value of program within its \$500,000 limit. Installation costs were evaluated by a cross-departmental team along with MassCEC's procured contracting team of Commonwealth Electrical Technologies and Leidos. The six locations are as follows:

1. Newbury Street at Teele Square
2. Munroe Street at Prospect Hill Park
3. Josephine Ave at Ball Square
4. Evergreen Ave at Winter Hill School
5. Hudson Street at Labyrinth
6. Stone Ave at Union Square

Somerville currently manages 12 municipal-owned, publicly accessible chargers. Each station uses a dual-port charger, which provides charging for 24 vehicles at 24 parking spots throughout the community. Each new site will receive one dual-port Level II EV Charging Station, adding 12 new EV charging ports across Somerville.

Acceptance of the services will amount to increasing the current number of municipal-owned, and publicly accessible charging ports by 50%, a significant improvement and a step towards our climate-forward future. Climate Forward, Somerville's community climate action plan, sets ambitious electric vehicle (EV) targets of electrifying 40% of registered vehicles by 2030, 90% by 2040, and 100% by 2050.