

Kentucky seeks developers for more EV charging stations in rural areas

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced a request for proposals (RFP) to further expand Kentucky's network of fast-charging stations to support reliable, long-distance travel for electric vehicle drivers across the state. "Electric vehicles are no longer the technology of the future, they're here now," Beshear said. "We're excited by the progress we're making to expand our charging network, and we will keep working until Kentucky has the network required to meet the needs of the families that rely on our roads each day."

This is the fourth RFP under the state's EV Charging Program, which has supported the opening of 12 fast-charging sites to date. In total, Kentucky is expected to receive nearly \$70 million in federal funds from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program established through the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Previous proposals focused on Kentucky's Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) along its interstates and parkways, where the current 12 open sites and the 16 under construction are located. This latest proposal seeks private developers who will design, build, operate, and maintain the stations in other urban

and rural areas not already served by those stations, helping ensure EV infrastructure reaches communities across Kentucky. This includes rural portions of counties, some parkways such as the Bluegrass Parkway, as well as routes connecting interstates and parkways: U.S. 23, U.S. 68, U.S. 25E, U.S. 27 and U.S. 127, AA Highway in central and eastern Kentucky; U.S. 68, KY 80, U.S. 51 and U.S. 60 in western Kentucky; and urban areas such as Ashland, Covington, Lexington, Elizabethtown, Owensboro and Henderson. Each station must have at least four charging ports and be accessible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. NEVI funds totaling \$55

million have been obligated for fast-charging stations in Kentucky. "Reaching a milestone of 12 open sites was a big step to ease range anxiety for EV drivers who live in Kentucky and those who are visiting our state," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. "Additional fast-charging stations statewide will make a real difference for Kentuckians and those visiting the commonwealth." Responses to the RFP are due July 13, and selections are anticipated late this summer. To obtain the RFP and learn more about the EV Charging Program visit EVCharging.ky.gov.

'Future LEX' project will enhance Blue Grass Airport experience

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – Blue Grass Airport in Lexington (LEX) has announced the launch of "Future LEX," a nearly half-billion-dollar, multi-phase development program designed to enhance the passenger experience and support long-term growth. LEX officials say this initiative reflects a commitment to simplicity, hospitality and ease, ensuring the experience travelers value most remains at the core as the airport grows. It focuses on building for tomorrow while staying true to what defines the airport today.

Passenger demand at Blue Grass Airport continues to rise as airlines introduce larger aircraft, expand routes and increase frequency. To meet this growth, LEX will undergo an investment nearing \$500 million over the next five years, with total costs to be refined as planning progresses. Delivered in phases as part of a broader long-term program spanning the next decade, these improvements will position the airport to accommodate demand, with annual enplanements projected to nearly double by 2045. The initial phases of Future LEX focus on essential infrastructure improvements that create the space needed for terminal expansion while enhancing daily operations. They will: Add 815 long-term parking spaces Relocate and expand the rental car garage Expand fuel storage and ramp space for additional overnight aircraft parking for early morning departures Relocate the U.S. Customs facility Prepare for the FAA's future air traffic control tower relocation Future phases will introduce a modernized terminal designed for simplicity, comfort and ease. Enhancements include: A new concourse with eight gates for larger aircraft and additional flights Expanded dining and retail options A modernized baggage claim area, designed to grow with future demand and funding opportunities Blue Grass Airport is served by four airlines, Allegiant, American, Delta and United, with 20 destinations, some of which are seasonal: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Destin, Detroit, Fort Lauderdale, Las Vegas, Miami, Minneapolis, Myrtle Beach, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Punta Gorda, Sarasota, St. Petersburg and Washington, DC.

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KSP seeking tips on 2024 murder in Princeton community

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MADISONVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky State Police (KSP) at Post 2 in Madisonville continue their investigation into a Caldwell County murder that occurred in the Princeton community in the spring of 2024. April 2026 marked two years since authorities located Dorothy Sparks dead in her home. The Investigation revealed that the manner of her death was a homicide and the incident has been under extensive investigation since. In the wake of the anniversary, KSP Post 2 is requesting any information from the public that is relevant to this case surrounding the date of April 18, 2024, near the 11000 block of South Jef-

erson Street (KY-293), in Princeton, KY. If anyone has information about the murder of Dorothy Sparks, contact Kentucky State Police Post 2 at 270-676-3313, online through the KSP website Tip form found here: <https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/tip>. You can text a Tip via the Kentucky State Police App. You can also text 67283, type KSPTIP with a space, then details of the tip related to this case. Crime tips can also be sent to Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers at 270-887-TIPS(8477). Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers are offering a reward for those who supply information that leads to the arrest of a suspect in a murder case.

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