

Resolution Accelerating the Electrification of the US Transportation Sector

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WHEREAS, electricity is an underutilized, domestically-produced transportation fuel that can transform our nation's transportation sector through the increased use of electric passenger and public transit vehicles, city and private sector fleets and other transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, electric transportation can provide benefits to all consumers (including the socioeconomically disadvantaged), advance economic development, create jobs, provide grid services, integrate more renewable energy, and cut air pollution and greenhouse gases.; and

WHEREAS, increased electric transportation is an important part of a larger array of smart mobility solutions, including shared mobility models and automated vehicles that have the potential to reduce congestion and improve access to available transportation options within communities; and

WHEREAS, the successful expansion of electric transportation relies upon the buildout of new electric and other infrastructure whereby cities work more closely with electric utilities and technology providers to link intelligent transportation planning decisions more closely with energy and other infrastructure providers; and

WHEREAS, cities must continue to collaborate with their electric utilities and others to accelerate the deployment of electric transportation and its associated infrastructure in a manner that serves more residents and powers these systems with local energy resources including renewable energy sources where available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The African American Mayors Association calls on Congress and the Administration to work with cities on measures and actions that will further these needed collaborations as well as resources to support the expedited development of needed infrastructure to support the increased use of electricity in the transportation sector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The African American Mayors Association expressly encourages actions by electric utilities to expand investments in electric transportation to help ensure all citizens have access to and may take part in the benefits of electric transportation as well as spur innovation and technology deployment.