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Mayor Madden Announces Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Station in Downtown Troy

Charging station available for free public use in the 5th Avenue Parking Garage

Station made possible through the Capital District Transportation Committee's Clean Communities Coalition, with support from New York State Energy Research and Development (NYSERDA)

Event part of first-ever Troy Earth Week to highlight City's efforts to promote renewable energy, sustainability, and climate smart initiatives

TROY, NY – Coinciding with Troy Earth Week, Mayor Patrick Madden today announced the City of Troy has installed its first electric vehicle charging station located in the 5th Avenue Parking Garage in downtown Troy. The charging station is one of several installed throughout the Capital Region by the Capital District Transportation Committee's Clean Communities Coalition, with the support of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The station is available for free use by the public.

Mayor Patrick Madden said, "With increased use of hybrid, electric and alternative fuel cell vehicles across the Capital Region, the City of Troy is investing in new technologies to help reduce carbon emissions and support a healthier environment. The installation of this charging station is the next step in Troy's ongoing efforts to implement climate smart initiatives to build a stronger future for our region, state and world. We thank Governor Cuomo, NYSERDA, the Capital District Transportation Committee, and the Capital District Clean Communities Coalition for their support, partnership and assistance for this important initiative."

The City of Troy was identified as a potential site for a charging station in the Capital District Electric Vehicle Charging Station Plan, published by the Capital District Clean Communities Coalition in collaboration with host Capital District Transportation Committee, which identified gaps in the current

electric vehicle charging infrastructure network. The Troy location is a dual port station which allows for two vehicles to charge simultaneously.

Michael V. Franchini, Executive Director of the Capital District Transportation Committee said, "The Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC), which hosts the Capital District Clean Communities Coalition, released the Capital District EV Charging Station Plan in 2016. The new station in Troy contributes to the growing network of publicly-accessible EV charging stations. These stations encourage the deployment of EVs, make the region more resilient, and reduce petroleum use and greenhouse gas emissions, all goals of the region's long-range transportation plan, New Visions 2040."

Other electric vehicle charging station has been installed in the Woodlawn Avenue Parking Garage in Saratoga Springs, and the Schenectady County Library on Clinton Street. Two additional charging stations will be installed by the Capital District Transportation Authority in East Greenbush and Rensselaer this spring. The installations are part of Governor Cuomo's Charge NY initiative, which aims to increase the number of electric vehicles and charging stations throughout New York State. In total, 25 dual-port charging stations will be installed in the Capital District, Mohawk Valley, Central New York, Genesee Region, and Western New York.

The transportation sector is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in New York State. Electric vehicles help car owners save money and reduce air pollution. Compared to gasoline-powered cars, electric vehicles are more energy efficient and cost 50%–70% less to operate per mile. A large portion of New York's electricity grid is powered by clean low-carbon energy sources (not oil or coal), allowing electric vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants that cause smog and acid rain.

According to industry reports, U.S. electric car sales reached a record market share in 2016, growing 30% compared to 2015 and accounting for more than 1% of all passenger cars sold last year at nearly 145,000 units. There are more electric vehicles available to consumers now than ever before, with more than 40 models on the market in the United States. As of September 2017, there were more than 21,000 electric vehicles registered in New York State.

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