



October 28, 2021

Dear Project Team and Incoming Conveners:

Thank you for the significant commitment, effort, and contributions you have made over the last few years as the Oregon Electric Vehicle Collaborative. Collaboration among diverse stakeholders focused on electrifying our transportation sector is one of the more important things that we can do to address climate change, which is the single most urgent of all the threats we face at this moment, because without a habitable planet, nothing else can be done.

In recognizing your interdependence and working across organizational and sectoral boundaries, you have developed stronger working relationships. This uniquely positions you to accomplish very important work for Oregon in furthering transportation electrification. We invite you to employ this new capacity and challenge yourselves to accomplish even more together. To that end, we offer a few insights to carry you forward.

As you move into the next phase of your work, you must build the social structure for resilience which will ensure your ability to move forward despite a wide range of other barriers. Please welcome new voices including new participants for equity and justice. Welcoming new voices means more than a place at the table. It means ensuring that they have a welcome that recognizes their importance to the collaboration, and that they belong in this process.

As you make decisions about where and how to focus your collective effort, please be mindful of the opportunities to advance equity and justice. We have observed the following areas of importance in this area: workforce development, education and technical support, inclusion of small and “minority” and women owned businesses in the construction and trades to be employed as the build-out progresses, and co-benefits to the same business community of co-location.

Using metrics to measure the impact of your work on future outcomes will be valuable to knowing where to make needed adjustments during implementation. Developing metrics of accountability for equity and justice are an important requirement. Targeting opportunities in marginalized communities and tracking where funding goes in terms of recipients and grantees is a critical link in the chain of accountability that you can structure into this work early and often.

As you sign this Declaration of Cooperation, we invite you to see this moment not as the finish line, but rather as a milestone that marks each of your organizations’ commitments to advance transportation electrification. We as co-conveners were very honored to have chaired this effort and are thankful and appreciative for all the support



and advice you provided. Thank you all for stepping up to help sculpt a path forward for Oregon. We look forward to seeing the future successes of this group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Piro".

Jim Piro

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Morris Collin".

Robin Morris Collin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arlene Burns".

Mayor Arlene Burns