

# USDOT urged to reduce EV infra regs

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) needs to reduce the regulatory burdens on private partners when developing electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure projects, an industry body has said.

During a hearing of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on the implementation of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), it was suggested that the rules around the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program could stymie private sector investment in the sector.

In his testimony to the committee, Jim Tymon, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), warned that the proposed



NEVI rule from USDOT would “impose significant constraints and requirements” on the private sector.

He pointed to the requirements for annual reports, quarterly reports, IT connectivity, and workforce requirements as examples of the burdensome rules and regulations that could put potential private partners off.

“As such, we have asked for more flexible and less burdensome requirements to make participation in the NEVI Program more attractive to the private sector (thus encouraging more competitive bids during the procurement process) and to make long-term stewardship of the charging infrastructure more financially viable for the private sector,” Tymon said in his testimony.

The NEVI program is meant to increase the use of private finance to deliver new EV charging facilities across the US.