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National Drive Electric Week events planned throughout Vermont

Barre, Vt. – Vermont will participate in National Drive Electric Week with events planned throughout the state September 14-22 to raise awareness of the availability and benefits of electric vehicles.

“These events, for current and future drivers of electric vehicles, are a great way to share information and encourage more people to leave the pump behind and go electric,” said Daniel Dutcher, Environmental Policy Manager at the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT). “We will soon launch new incentive programs to make electric vehicles a financial reality for more Vermonters.”

The 2019 Transportation Bill requires AOT to spend at least \$1.1 million on a plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) incentive program for purchases and leases of new PEVs. The new program is still under development and will likely be a point-of-sale or lease program, meaning the amount of the incentive will be deducted from the purchase or lease price.

The amount of the incentive is expected to be around \$2,500 for eligible applicants but may double to \$5,000 for applicants who qualify for the state’s Weatherization Program, although the exact incentive amount has not been confirmed yet.

There are currently 2,272 electric vehicles registered in Vermont. The state’s Comprehensive Energy Plan establishes a goal of increasing the share of renewable energy in Vermont’s transportation sector to 10% by 2025 and 80% by 2050. This translates into having 50,000 to 60,000 plug-in electric vehicles registered in Vermont six years from now.

To receive updates about the new EV incentive programs, sign up at the [AOT EV webpage](#).

National Drive Electric Week events:

September 14, 11 AM – 2 PM, Montpelier; 11 AM – 3 PM, White River Junction

September 15, 4:30-6 PM, Burlington

September 18, 3:30-6:30 PM, Bennington

September 20, 4-9 PM, Burlington

September 21, 10 AM – 1 PM, Grand Isle; 10 AM – 4 PM, Bethel

More details about National Drive Electric Week events in Vermont can be found [here](#).

Learn more about EVs and charging stations at [Drive Electric Vermont](#).

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