Equitable Outcomes for Transportation Electrification
Every Mile Counts

To ensure that the actions in the Every Mile Counts work plan do not result in negative impacts or place burdensome outcomes on traditionally disadvantaged or underserved communities, the Every Mile Counts agencies are committed to advancing equitable outcomes for communities in Oregon. The equitable outcomes will allow agencies to make measurable progress toward achieving the statewide greenhouse gas reduction targets while also advancing social equity and environmental justice objectives. The equitable outcomes are the specific results that will enable the Every Mile Counts agencies to achieve Oregon’s climate and equity goals.

The basis for these equitable outcomes is grounded in the definition of “equity” presented by Governor Kate Brown in the State of Oregon Equity Framework:

“Equity acknowledges that not all people, or all communities, are starting from the same place due to historic and current systems of oppression. Equity is the effort to provide different levels of support based on an individual’s or group’s needs in order to achieve fairness in outcomes. Equity actionably empowers communities most impacted by systemic oppression and requires the redistribution of resources, power, and opportunity to those communities.”

The Transportation Electrification actions will support these equitable outcomes:

1. Greater numbers of Oregonians have access to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

2. Information about electric vehicles, electric vehicle charging, and the benefits of electric fuel better addresses relevant questions and concerns from underserved communities.

3. Public investments are made that support historically marginalized communities and work to reverse historic patterns that disadvantage those communities.

Through utilizing decision-making processes and outreach efforts that:

1. Provide guidebooks and resources that enable communities and local governments to more easily adopt electric vehicles and support electric vehicle charging infrastructure development.

2. Include representatives of impacted and traditionally disadvantaged communities to advise the development and update of state electric vehicle information publications.

3. Support engagement with historically marginalized communities in the development of the Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Needs Assessment to include their perspectives on electric vehicle charging in these communities.