

AMEA partners with City of Fairhope on installation of electric vehicle charging stations

Ownership of plug-in electric vehicles (PEV) has increased and caused a growing need for publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. To help support its 11 Members in implementing EV charging infrastructure in their communities, the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) has partnered with the City of Fairhope to install five (5) Level 2 electric vehicle chargers.

Three (3) of the chargers are located at Fairhope City Hall, 161 N. Section Street, under the new solar canopy; and two (2) of the chargers are located at 8 N. Church Street in the Fairhope Parking Deck.

AMEA Electric Vehicle Charging Initiative provides \$1 million to AMEA Members for use in connection with electric vehicle charging infrastructure as well as the adoption of EVs in Member utility fleets.

Since 2021, several AMEA Members, including the City of Fairhope, have commissioned ChargePoint EV charging stations in their communities through the AMEA Electric Vehicle Charging Initiative. Members are looking to adopt EVs into their utility fleets as well with the help of the AMEA EV Charging Initiative.

“Electric utilities can play a pivotal role in the future of transportation electrification,” said Fred Clark, President & CEO, AMEA. “Increasing battery capacity, decreasing battery costs, and purchase incentives are likely to lead to heightened PEV adoption in the United States.”

“AMEA plans to continue working with its Members to enable greater electric vehicle adoption through the development of charging infrastructure and EV customer programs and investment in smart grid technologies to manage EV charging,” Clark added.

AMEA is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama, including Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga, and Tuskegee, which serve some 350,000 customers.