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## VW Mitigation Plan Revision Comment

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**Comments :**

I've driven an EV as my only vehicle since November 2018 and recently surpassed 90k miles with zero days out of service. It's convenient, quiet, efficient, low maintenance, safe, and fun to drive. My experience has been great and I expect to drive an EV from here on out. In addition to commuting nearly 120 miles round trip for my primary job, I'm also a part-time rideshare driver in the Sioux Falls area. This gives me the opportunity to give hundreds of people their first ride in an electric vehicle and serve as an 'EV ambassador' of sorts. I feel the curiosity and excitement people have towards EVs in the reactions and questions people have as they experience it. I also see other EVs on the road every day and regularly meet new EV owners in the area. One of the great things about owning an EV is the ability to power your vehicle by simply plugging it in when resting at home. For myself and most EV owners I know, this is the primary method of charging. It is also the most affordable way to charge. Even so, mass adoption of EVs requires that people can feel confident in their ability travel long distances with easy access to DC fast charging infrastructure. Fast charging is key to quick stops while traveling between destinations whereas slower Level 2 charging is sufficient for overnight destinations. This means smart planning is key, especially with regards to fast charging. Committing a substantial portion of the VW settlement funds towards EV infrastructure in South Dakota makes sense not only because it's the perfect opportunity to begin making these technology investments locally but also because consumer choice in EVs is growing substantially. These infrastructure investments will increase confidence in the technology and help ensure South Dakotans are able to capitalize on the many benefits of electric transportation.