

NJDEP Approves EZ Ride Application for Electric Vehicle Charging Grant



As part of our commitment to sustainability and reducing our carbon footprint, EZ Ride is pleased to announce that our application for the “It Pays to Plug In” grant has been approved. This grant will support the installation of 20 electric vehicle (EV) charging units, facilitating the transition of our shuttle fleet from gas-powered to battery-electric vehicles.

The approved charging infrastructure includes twenty 80 Amp Level 2 units, which will be instrumental in powering our future EV fleet. EZ Ride plans to utilize Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) from Leviton, an American manufacturer of electrical wiring equipment in North America, networked by AmpUp, a brand-agnostic provider. AmpUp's technology allows for remote control and power load management, ensuring the seamless operation of our charging network.

By investing in an electric vehicle fleet and collaborating with NJDEP on this initiative, EZ Ride demonstrates our commitment to sustainability in both word and action. Soon, our new electric shuttles will continue to provide the reliable service our riders depend on, while significantly reducing our environmental impact. Together, we are driving towards a cleaner, greener New Jersey.

For more information about our EV initiatives, please contact ev@ezride.org or call 201-939-4242 ext. 6



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Bryan Electric Leads the Charge with Platinum EVAL Certification



EZ Ride is proud to recognize Bryan Electric for achieving the Platinum EV Adoption Leadership (EVAL) certification, a distinction that highlights employers committed to sustainability and emissions-free transportation. The Platinum level, the highest awarded, reflects Bryan Electric’s leadership in promoting eco-friendly commuting and expanding electric vehicle (EV) charging access.

Founded in 1980, Bryan Electric has been at the forefront of EV charger installation for over a decade, partnering with more than 100 New Jersey municipalities, NJ TRANSIT, and the NJ Turnpike Authority. To date, they have installed over 900 EV chargers throughout the state, from Sussex County to Cape May. Notably, Bryan Electric is the only New Jersey-based installer and Small Business Enterprise on the state’s EV infrastructure contract.

The company’s expertise extends beyond installation; they offer full-service solutions for all brands and types of EV chargers, ensuring projects are cost-efficient and completed on time. As a Channel Partner of ChargePoint, Bryan Electric provides customized charging stations that can feature local government branding, offer free or paid charging options, and be listed on national EV charging apps to boost visibility.

“EV Charging is our business, and supporting sustainable solutions is key to reducing environmental impact,” said Tim Bryant Jr., President of Bryan Electric. “Our commitment to supporting electric vehicles helps ensure we’re always ahead of the curve when it comes to environmental impact.”

Bryan Electric’s work aligns with EZ Ride’s mission to promote cleaner, greener, and more efficient transportation systems. For more information, please contact ev@ezride.org or call 201-939-4242 ext. 6.



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Funding Opportunity

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EZ Ride Partners with O.C.E.A.N. Inc. to Serve Ocean County Veterans



EZ Ride is proud to announce our collaboration with O.C.E.A.N., Inc. to provide essential transportation services to veterans in Ocean County through our [EZ Ryde4Life](#) program. This initiative, made possible by funding secured by Congressman Andy Kim, currently supports over 100 veterans in the area.

Ocean County, home to New Jersey's highest concentration of older adults, faces significant public transportation challenges. Our [EZ Ryde4Life](#) program offers a vital solution for elderly and disabled veterans who struggle with travel to appointments and activities.

Channell Wilkins, President & CEO of O.C.E.A.N., Inc., emphasizes the importance of this service: "The ride program offers a solution to the many difficulties elderly and disabled veterans have when traveling to and from appointments and other activities. Providing these services to veterans honors their service and ensures they will be able to access the care they need through this quality EZ Ride transportation option."

Through [EZ Ryde4Life](#), veterans can easily access transportation for medical appointments, errands and social engagements. This program has been instrumental in reducing isolation, maintaining independence and enhancing overall quality of life for many veterans. With help just a phone call away, we're making a significant difference in their lives.

We are pleased about the positive impact of this partnership and invite other organizations to explore how [EZ Ryde4Life](#) can benefit their communities. For more information or to implement the program in your area, please call Kinga Skora at (201) 939-4242 ext. 131 or email kskora@ezride.org.

At EZ Ride, we're committed to providing accessible, reliable transportation solutions that improve lives and strengthen communities.



Englewood Police Partner with EZ Ride to Address Speeding Concerns Near Dwight Morrow High School



Speeding along Knickerbocker Road, a busy county road near Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, has become a growing concern. Many students walk and bike along this route, increasing the risks posed by speeding traffic as they travel to and from school.

In response to requests from the community, EZ Ride conducted a comprehensive Speed Study from May 13 to June 10. Using a portable radar sign, the study gathered detailed data on vehicle speeds. While the posted speed limit was 25 mph, the data revealed that the average speed was 33 mph, with the highest recorded speed reaching a staggering 65 mph.

This data offers valuable insights that can be leveraged to enhance municipal traffic management:

- **Law Enforcement:** The data provides specific time frames and locations where speeding is most prevalent, enabling the police to target their enforcement efforts more effectively during peak violation periods.
- **Traffic Engineers:** The findings could support recommendations to reduce the speed limit in the school zone from 25 mph to 15-20 mph. This would enhance pedestrian safety, particularly for students. Additionally, signage and pavement markings could be strategically added to alert drivers and encourage safer speeds.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Based on the data, proven safety countermeasures suggested by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) could be implemented. These include narrowing lanes to create dedicated bike lanes, adding road diets, speed humps, or medians to slow traffic, and installing chicanes—landscaped

features that divert and reduce vehicle speeds.

The data from this Speed Study not only highlights the need for immediate action but also serves as a foundation for long-term traffic management strategies. By addressing speeding proactively, the community can improve safety for students and other pedestrians, ensuring a safer and more sustainable transportation environment.

If you are interested in conducting a Speed Study in your community, email bikeped@ezride.org or call 201-939-4242 ext. 3.



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Upcoming Bicycle & Pedestrian/Safety Event

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At EZ Ride we believe that a safe, affordable & reliable transportation system is vital to maintaining our quality of life and promoting the economic growth of the region. Transportation is a daily concern for commuters who cannot afford to drive to work, for older adults who do not drive a car, and for businesses whose employees and customers may not have easy access to public transportation.

For over 40 years, we have helped people overcome transportation barriers by partnering with businesses and governments to implement transportation programs and services like carpools, vanpools, shuttles, biking & walking programs and even transportation with companies like Lyft and Uber.

EZ Ride is a non-profit organization and in 2013, we were recognized for excellence in serving the needs of the community and named the *Urban Community Transportation System of the Year* by the Community Transportation Association of America.

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