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To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources

From: Scott Meske, Associate Director

Date: September 30, 2009

RE: MEUW Supports Senate Bill 321; Please Support Clean up of Statutes Pertaining to Operation of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV's):

MEUW is pleased to join with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and others to support Senate Bill 321, which Sen. Vinehout and Rep. Danou are presenting for your consideration today.

The bill would clear up all problems in the current enabling law that make it difficult for NEVs to be used in many communities that have adopted an NEV ordinance. It expands municipal authority to allow operation of NEVs on state and county as well as municipal roads within the municipality. Under the bill, a municipal ordinance may allow the use of NEVs on any roadway within the municipality that has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, regardless of whether the municipality has jurisdiction over the roadway.

If Wisconsin is to continue to be a leader in green energy practices and reducing greenhouse gas emission (including those from vehicles), this legislation would be a positive step toward that end.

We urge you to support the provisions of Senate Bill 321.

Feel free to contact us if there are questions about the issue.