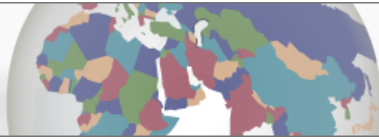


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More e-car charging stations

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Electric vehicle charging infrastructure provider Greenlots has already set up 10 electric vehicle charging points in Singapore. -- ST FILE PHOTO

THE drive to put electric cars on Singapore's roads has moved up a gear, with the Government seeking proposals from vendors for a network of charging stations to be ready by end-November.

The invitation was posted on the government e-commerce site Gebiz last Friday.

In it, the Energy Market Authority (EMA) - the lead agency of an electric vehicle trial here - is looking to build up to 63 charging stations across the island, with three of them capable of quick charging.

Quick charging stations refer to those that can recharge an electric car within 30 minutes, as opposed to six to 12 hours for 'normal' charging kiosks.

The EMA is looking to have the first 20 normal stations and one quick-charging station up and running by November this year. The rest will be rolled out progressively over the next couple of years.

The Government has set aside \$20 million to study the robustness, cost-effectiveness and environmental impact of electric-powered vehicles in a tropical environment such as Singapore's.

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