

The Rwandan overnment plans to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the country as part of efforts to accelerate the shift to cleaner transport, reduce reliance on petroleum products and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Minister of State for Infrastructure Col. Claudien Bizimungu outlined the plans on Thursday, Oct. 8, during discussions with members of Parliament's Committee on Budget and State Property on the implementation of medium-term urban development and housing strategies.

Bizimungu said the government would continue promoting electric vehicles while working with private companies to attract investment in local vehicle assembly.

The expansion of charging facilities is expected to support the growing use of electric vehicles, including buses serving longer-distance routes beyond Kigali.

In June 2026, electric mobility company BasiGo introduced 18 new electric buses for public transport operators, with services planned on routes including Kigali-Rusizi and Kigali-Rubavu. The expansion has increased the need for charging infrastructure outside the capital.

Additional charging stations are planned in different parts of the country, including Huye, where buses travelling from Rusizi could recharge before continuing their journeys.

In April, public institutions were also directed to ensure that at least 30% of newly purchased vehicles are fully electric, as part of efforts to reduce fuel consumption and transport emissions.

The measures form part of broader climate commitments under the second National Strategy for Transformation, which targets a 38% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to 4.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide.

The planned charging network, alongside efforts to encourage local vehicle assembly, is intended to make electric mobility more practical and support its wider adoption across the country.