Building an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Network

A Case Study – County of Sonoma

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Topics of Discussion

- EV Infrastructure Experience
- Vehicle Designs
- Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)
- Site Location Choices
- Site Design
- Costs
- Maintenance and Repairs

Transportation is a Major Source of GHG emissions



EV Infrastructure Experience

- First Set of Charging Stations Installed in 2008
- Charging Stations Installed to Date
 - 74 Charging Ports
 - 37 Stations
 - 17 Fleet Use Only
 - 20 Public
 - 16 Different Site Locations
 - 8 Different Cities and Towns
- Future Installations to be Completed by End of 2015
 - 38 Charging Ports
 - 19 Stations
 - 12 Fleet Use Only
 - 9 Public
 - 11 Different Site Locations
 - 2 New Cities

County Owned Charge Ports



Publicly Available Charge Port Locations as of Today



County Owned Charging Ports Energy Supplied Over Time



Vehicle Designs





No Standard for Charge Point Location on Vehicle Bodies





Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment

Do You Need Vehicle Use Data?

"Dumb" Chargers

"Smart" Chargers





EVSE Costs



Site Location Choices

- Public or Fleet Use?
- Location Needs Assessment
- Voltage Availability
- Accessibility
- Infrastructure Costs
- Vehicle Designs

Site Location Choices Cont...

<u>Public</u>

Accessibility

•Fee Structure

•Hours of Operation

•Ease of Use

•Vandalism

Customer Service

Fleet Use Only

Data Tracking
Driver Training
Sophistication of Equipment
Restricting Public Access



Fleet Use Only 🌙

Typically Less Expensive on a Per Station **Cost Average**



Publicly Accessible





Site Design



- Will the cord reach the vehicle?
- Wall Mount versus Bollard Mount?
- Cellular Coverage or Hard Wired for Data Transmission?

An Installation in 2009



Lessons Learned Same Site in 2013



Public Accessibility Challenges



Is it a Fueling Station or a Parking Space?



Federal -- American with Disabilities Act (ADA)

State – Building Codes

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Local – Permitting

Infrastructure Costs

Average Charging Station Site Infrastructure Installation Costs <u>Does Not</u> Include EVSE Costs. 13 Sites, 36 Stations, and 72 Ports



Infrastructure Costs Cont...

Total Charging Station Site Infrastructure Installation Costs <u>Does Not</u> Include EVSE Costs



Number of Charging Stations Installed At Each Site

Infrastructure Costs Vary Greatly



Low Cost Installation

High Cost of Installation





....300 Feet of Trenching....





.....Through Two Parking Lots



Maintenance and Repairs

Curling and Uncurling Electrical Cords Every Day Results in Wiring Failures and An Unexpected Maintenance Item to Budget For



Maintenance and Repairs Cont...



Has the Circuit Breaker Been Turned Off for Facility Maintenance and Forgot to be Flipped Back On.....?

Help? You Are Not Alone in Figuring It Out

California Office of Planning and Research Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Guidelines

http://opr.ca.gov/docs/PEV_Access_Guidelines.pdf

Plug-In Electric Vehicle Collaborative

http://www.pevcollaborative.org

Bay Area Climate Collaborative

http://www.baclimate.org

Questions?

There is a fine line between the "cutting edge and the bleeding edge."

Sharing information can help minimize the bleeding.

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