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Benefits of EVs

- EV owner savings through reduced fuel and maintenance costs
- Load growth and affordability benefits to **utility customers**
- Social benefits of:
 - Reduced CO2 emissions
 - Reduced dependency on foreign oil
 - Economic development in Michigan & local development impact



Our Role

- Help bring about the benefits of transportation electrification to the public at large
- Mitigate unnecessary grid investments caused by ad-hoc fast charging station deployment
- Improve our understanding of EV load and its impact on the grid
- Provide opportunity to pilot managed charging programs and integration with new technologies







Key Activity	EV Description Exp		Site Host Experience
Charger Inquiry Experience	Improve the experience for charging station installation inquiries at the call center and beyond		
EV Education & Awareness	Redesign the DTE EV website ¹ and launch an EV campaign	✓	•
EV Dealer Partnerships	Facilitate workshops to increase knowledge of sales people and address sale pain points		
Market Intelligence	Conduct information gathering with account managers to gauge charging station interest of potential site hosts ²		
Engineering Standards	Pre-define specifications for charging stations to ease installation process		√

1. See reference material for examples of new web tools coming soon

2. See reference material for examples of potential site hosts







Load Management





Demand Response Demonstration



Issue

Need to test and understand the value demand response (DR) from an EV can bring to the grid



Solution

Develop and agree a DR pilot with Ford to shift load and quantify potential peakshaving value



Features

- Aggregating software portal created by Ford and other OEMs within the EPRI working group¹
- Using Ford employees to start

Partners



Battery Storage Integration



Issue

Fast charging draws significant power from the grid and could become an issue during peak hours



Solution

Test battery storage with one make-ready fast charging station to learn the costbenefits of storage-EV integration



Features

 Battery storage integration with a fast charging station in an area of critical capacity



Partners

TBD - site host and battery storage technology provider

Downtown Charging Showcases





Downtown Detroit



Issue

There is currently no fast charging available anywhere in Detroit



Solution

A downtown fast charging hub and EV promotional space



Features

- Make-ready infrastructure
- Multiple fast chargers in one place
- New EV model display
- Community social space

Partners



Downtown Ann Arbor



Issue

Ann Arbor has the highest EV density in DTE territory, but limited fast charging



Solution

A downtown fast charging showcase with three fast chargers in a high-traffic area



Features

- Make-ready infrastructure
- Multiple fast chargers in one place
- Co-branded City of Ann Arbor / DTE



Corridor Fast Charging





Highway Charging Station



Issue

EV drivers need to be able to quickly refuel their vehicles on long road trips



Solution

Fast charging station partnership with an existing business near a main highway exit



Features

- Make-ready infrastructure
- "Gas station" refueling model



Partners

TBD - private company (i.e., gas station, retail establishment, etc.) through an open solicitation process

Extreme Fast Charging



Issue

Extreme fast charging is not yet ready for wide-scale deployment



Solution

Collaborative effort to test and develop 400 kW charging (pending DOE award)



Features

- Testing and development for charger, EV battery, and grid impacts
- Multi-phase approach



Pilot Key Objectives & Learnings



Key Objective		Targeted Learnings	
	Test the Market	 Gauge site hosts' level of interest Refine cost estimates for make-ready infrastructure model Develop process guidelines for future deployments Understand level of customer interest in EVs 	
	Learn about EV Load and Grid Impact	 Understand customer charging behavior, especially during peak times Analyze station utilization and impacts on grid during peak times Determine best approach to manage peak impact 	
	Understand the Costs and Benefits of Managed Charging Programs	 Evaluate customer responsiveness to demand response parameters Quantify value of battery storage integration as an alternative to infrastructure investment 	



Reference Material

Examples of New Website Tools¹





Partnership Opportunities



