## **BEYOND INFRASTRUCTURE:**



## Washington State DOT's Public/Private Partnership for the I-5 Electric Highway Project

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Introduction: The Transportation-Energy Imperative

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## U.S. oil dependence weakens our national security, threatens our economy, and degrades the environment.

**National Security Costs of Oil Dependence:** 

 As the largest consumers of oil in the world, the U.S. bears the burden of securing global supply lines and infrastructure, using military force if required. *Annual cost*: \$67.5 billion to \$83 billion per year.



• American diplomacy is distorted by our need to minimize disruptions to the flow of oil, constraining our foreign policy options on uranium enrichment, hostile regimes and humanitarian issues.



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**Environmental Costs of Oil Dependence:** 

- The transportation sector is the single largest end-use emitter of carbon dioxide in the U.S (34 percent of total CO2 emissions).
- To reach a 450 ppm Co2 stabilization target, by 2030 more than 60 percent of new vehicle sales must be electric drive.





**Environmental Costs of Oil Dependence:** 

- Total domestic emissions from petroleum were 2,580 million metric tons (43 percent of total emissions). 70 percent of this is from transportation.
- Passenger and light-duty vehicles constitute 62 percent of the transportation sector's GHG emissions.



U.S. Co2 emissions, by sector (2007)



## ELECTRIC VEHICLE BASICS

### **Electric Vehicle Characteristics:**

- Instant and smooth acceleration
- Quiet (inside and out)
- Minimal maintenance
- Efficient energy usage
- Zero tail-pipe emissions











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**Electric Vehicle Models** 



## ELECTRIC VEHICLE BASICS



### **Electric Vehicles: Battery Electric (BEV) vs. Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV)**



#### Example: Nissan LEAF

- All Electric Range: 60 200 Miles, depending on battery size
- Level 1 (120 v), Level 2 (240 v) and optional Fast-Charging (480v)
- Target markets:
  - Urban Commuters
  - Second Car in Every Home
  - Eventually: all-purpose



#### Example: Chevy Volt

- Battery Electric plus ICE range extender
- 10-40 mi all-electric, 200-300 mi gas
- Level 1 (120v) and Level 2 (240v)
   Charging
- Target Market: all automotive applications



### Nissan LEAF Range and Vehicle Efficiency

Speed and Driving Conditions	Outside Temp (F)	Accessories	Estimated Range (mi)	Vehicle Efficiency (mi/kWh)*
Cruising 38 mph	68 <sup>°</sup>	None	138	5.75
Fairly steady 24 mph City traffic	77 <sup>°</sup>	None	105	4.38
Steady 55 mph Highway	95°	A/C on	70	2.91
Crawling 15 mph Stop-and-go	14 <sup>°</sup>	Heater on	62	2.60
Average 6 mph Heavy stop-and-go	86 <sup>°</sup>	A/C on	47	1.96

Nissan LEAF has a 24 kWh battery

Source: "Nissan Agrees - EV Mileage Will Vary; Leaf Tests Show 91-Mile Variation." Green Car Advisor – edmunds.com. June 15, 2010.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE BASICS



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### **Fuel Source: Electric Power Grid**

### Grid-Enabled Vehicle System Architecture (source: Electrification Coalition)



## ELECTRIC VEHICLE BASICS



### **Fuel Source: Electric Power Grid**

Advantages:

- Diverse and domestic
- Prices are stable
- Substantial spare capacity



## Network infrastructure already in place Electric miles choose there are

- Electric miles cheaper than gas
- Electric miles are cleaner than gas
- 65 percent of present U.S. lightduty vehicles could be powered by existing off-peak generating capacity



### **Fuel Source: Electric Power Grid**

### Managed Charging Reduces Costs and Risks to Utilities

Projected grid Impacts of 2 million electric vehicles							
Israel Electric Co. (2008)	Additional Generation	Additional Transmission	Additional Distribution	Total Cost			
Unmanaged Charging	2,345 MW	1 switching station 10 substations 18 transformers	2,158 km cables	\$4,586M			
Off-Peak Incentives	1,770 MW	<ol> <li>switching station</li> <li>substations</li> <li>transformers</li> </ol>	1,581 km cables	\$3,414M			
Managed Charging	None	None	287 km cables	\$471M			

Source: Israel Electric Company study,. Table courtesy of Better Place.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE BASICS



### **Charging Infrastructure**

- Level 2 charging (SAE 1772) will be the majority of charging both at home and in public and will be used by all OEMs for both electric and plug-in vehicles.
- DC Fast-charge (Level 3) is more expensive, but delivers higher performance.

Level	Input Voltage	Typical Charging Time	Breaker Size (A)	Electrical Loads (kW)	Typical Locations
I	120 V	8 – 12 hours	15-20	2	Standard 120 volt plug; NEV/Motorcycle charging, Emergency charging
-	240 V	2 – 4 hours	40 amp Typical	3-6	Residential garages, parking lots, public garages, transit centers
DC Quick Charge	480 V 3 phase	20 – 40 minutes	various	30-60	Rapid charging facility near high traffic volume arterials

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE BASICS



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### **Charging Infrastructure**

## Level 1 and Level 2 Charging Equipment and Stations





## GHG emissions from Washington State's transportation sector (47%) are nearly double the national figures.



Source: Washington State Department of Ecology, 2005

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# Within the next 30 years, the central Puget Sound region is expected to grow by 1.5 million people – increasing travel demand by 40%.

Puget Sound region population and employment forecasts, 2040.





# In spite of these ominous forecasts, Washington's transportation system must meet stringent state laws for GHG and VMT reduction.

**GHG Reduction Targets:** 

- To 1990 levels by 2020
- To 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2035
- To 50 percent below 1990 levels by 2050

VMT Reduction Targets:\*

- By 2020, decrease by 18%
- By 2035, decrease by 30%
- By 2050, decrease by 50%

\*Statewide annual per capita VMT reductions, all fuel types.



West Coast Green Highway Initiative: public/private partnerships to promote sustainable transportation solutions in the I-5 corridor, "BC-to-Baja"



WEST COAST GREEN HIGHWAY

- Alternative Fuels Pilot Project
- I-5 Electric Highway
- NewMobility HUBs
- Solar and Wind Highway Facilities

## WSDOT's WEST COAST GREEN HIGHWAY



This 'green freeway' you're planning...would link your states with a network of rest stops that allow you to do more than just grab a cup of coffee, but also charge your car.

President
 Barack Obama
 3/19/2009

### WSDOT's I-5 Electric Highway



**President Barack Obama** Goal: 1 million electric vehicles by 2015



### Leveraging \$20 million federal investment in the Puget Sound region

Project





- \$230 million total
  - \$115 million US DOE contract
- 8,300 Electric Vehicles
- 15,000 charging stations
- 16 metro areas in six states

## WSDOT's WEST COAST GREEN HIGHWAY



### WSDOT's I-5 Electric Highway Project



- Develop safety net of EV Fast-Charging stations throughout I-5 Corridor
- Seek partnerships with retail businesses located in critical recharge zones
- Coordinate EV infrastructure investments with other planned investments in Puget Sound Region
- Collaborate with Oregon and California on joint EV infrastructure development and funding

I-5 Electric Highway Partnership Approach

WSDOT's WEST COAST GREEN HIGHWAY

- Identifying Recharge Zones ٠
- Finding Business Partners to Serve as Host ٠ Sites
- Selecting Contractor through Competitive Process







## WSDOT's WEST COAST GREEN HIGHWAY



### **Screening and Site Selection Process**



## WSDOT'S WEST COAST GREEN HIGHWAY INITIATIVE

### Stage 1 Deployment: Critical Recharge Zones



- 2 Gateway Rest Areas (Level 2 charging for public education)
- 3 DC Fast Charge Sites (site selection and preparation)
- Detailed Analysis (lessons learned applied to Stage II full deployment)





### **Stage 2 Deployment: Corridor Completion**



- Complete DC Fast-Charge network along I-5
- Additional recharge zones based on analysis of Stage 1
- Potential expansion eastwest (I-90, SR 2)

## WSDOT's WEST COAST GREEN HIGHWAY



### Washington's Safety Rest Area "Gateway" Sites:



Visitor Information Booth – Gee Creek NB

#### **Gee Creek Rest Area**

- First point of entry from Oregon
- Located on I-5 Northbound (Vancouver area)
- 782,286 annual visitors



Custer Southbound Safety Rest Area

### **Custer Rest Area**

- First point of entry from Canada
- Located on I-5 Southbound (Blaine area)
- 414,615 annual visitors



Showcasing emerging technologies and Washington-based companies and products



Real-time travel information



## Renewable energy technologies





Consumer education: clean, smart transportation





### I-5 Electric Highway Project Development Schedule



## SUPPORTIVE STATE ACTIONS



### **State and Local Government Assets:**

- Under-utilized rights-of-way
- Park-and-Ride lots, transit centers
- Public office buildings with power supply
- Public parking stalls
- Public vehicle fleets
- Local signage (way-finder and location-based)
- Coordinated funding opportunities (grants, foundations, P3's)
- Leadership



### Washington State DOT's I-5 Electric Highway Public/Private Partnership

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