

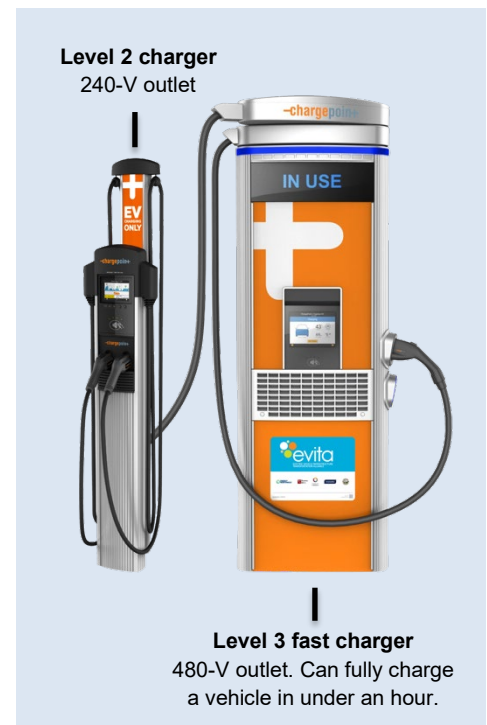
Electric vehicle charging station network expanding along U.S. Route 12

Construction is underway of an electric vehicle (EV) charging network along U.S. Route 12. The network will include eight new EV charging stations from Chehalis to White Pass, each equipped with at least one Level 3 fast charger and one Level 2 charger. All the stations are expected to be operational by summer 2023 and will be listed for drivers to find on the PlugShare website and mobile application.



Facts about driving electric:

- According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the transportation sector is the largest contributor to U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for 27% of total emissions in 2020. In the transportation sector, 57% of emissions come from passenger cars and light-duty trucks.
- EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions, which means lower smog and greenhouse gases.
- On average, charging an EV costs less than refueling a standard car.
- The federal government offers tax incentives up to \$7,500 for purchase of EVs; Washington state offers tax exemptions for vehicles that qualify.
- Although EVs have a higher purchase price than similar gasoline- or diesel-fueled vehicles, their lower maintenance and fuel costs can yield significant savings and result in a lower total cost of ownership.
- To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote clean energy adoption, and become carbon neutral, Washington state recently adopted a Zero Emissions Vehicle Rule requiring 35% of new vehicle sales to be zero emissions in 2026 and 100% of new cars sold to be zero emissions in 2035.
- There are more than 112,000 registered electric vehicles in Washington.



Energy Northwest is a Washington state public power joint operating agency that owns and operates a 100% carbon-free electricity-generating portfolio. The agency began involvement with EV charging infrastructure in 2016 and has overseen more than 24 charging stations across the state.

