



New Charging Stations at City Parking Lots



The City will be adding electric vehicle charging stations at several Downtown parking lots beginning in March and April. The Helena Lot, Old Town Lot (Lot 11), and Granada Garage (Lot 6) will each receive new or updated charging stations.

Beyond adding more electric vehicle parking stalls, the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Upgrade Project will replace existing equipment that is being phased out and is no longer expected to be supported by carriers in the next few years. The Project also includes construction to meet current accessibility requirements. The Project supports the City's Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As part of the Project, a new pay-by-plate system will be installed at the Helena Lot. This change from 90-minute parking to paid parking will allow drivers to stay longer and offers a convenient way to pay. Using the pay-by-plate system, drivers simply enter their license plate and purchase time at a self-service pay station, and do not need to return to their vehicle to display a receipt. This system is also compatible with other convenient payment options that the City is exploring, like pay-by-phone.

Construction at the Granada Garage and Old Town Lot will be minor and will not require closure of the lots. Construction at the Helena Lot will require partial or full closure during the construction period. The contractor will provide notice to adjacent residences and businesses 72 hours prior to construction.