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Free Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Get charged up for free Marin County electric vehicle charging stations

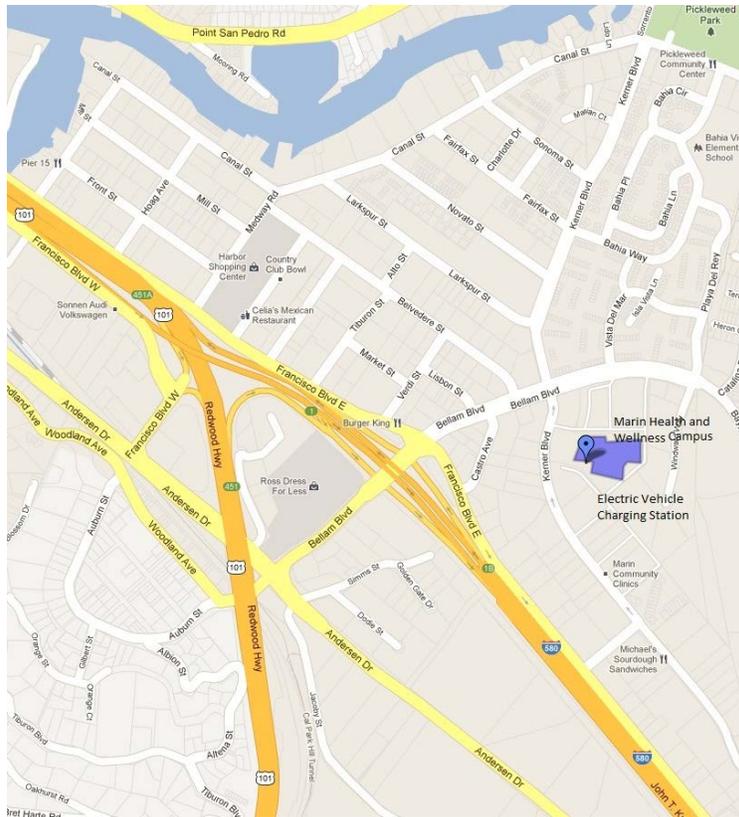
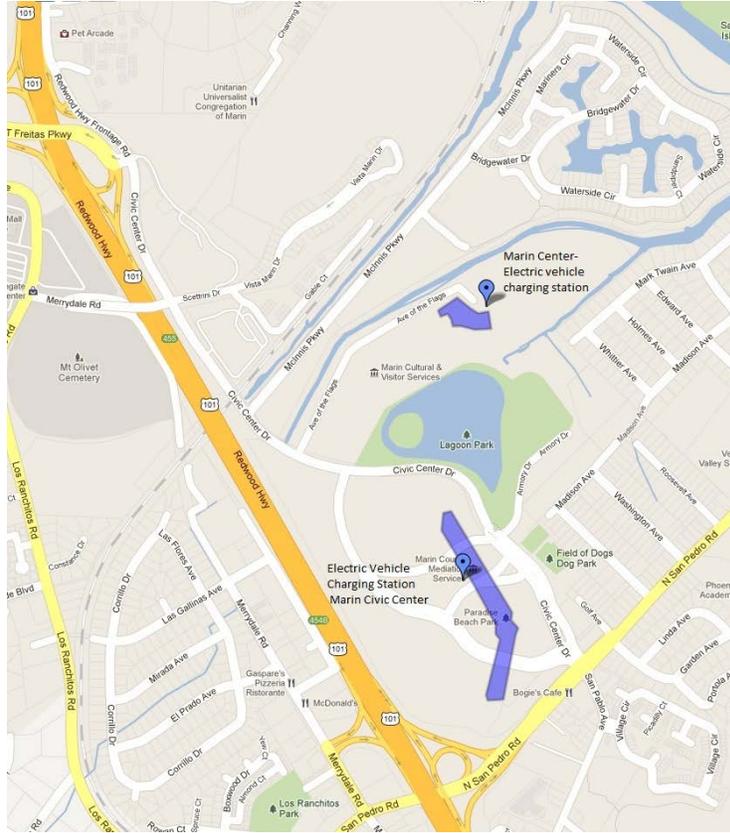
The County of Marin is pleased to announce the opening of three new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at the middle arch of the Civic Center, Exhibit Hall and Health and Wellness Campus. These EV stations are available to employees and the public and are accessible to people with disabilities. This pilot project is part of a nationwide program funded through the Department of Energy to provide a network of charging stations for electric vehicles.

The County was awarded a grant of three electric vehicle charging stations and a one year service subscription on April 22, 2011 through a program called Charge Point America funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Coulomb Technologies provided the equipment and the County installed the units with a combination of general funds and grant funds from the Transportation Authority of Marin. For the first year of this pilot program, the service is free. After December 2012, the fee will be \$3 for each charging session, up to a four hour maximum.

“If you build it, they will come. By providing the infrastructure, we are encouraging the use of electric vehicles so we can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.” - said Supervisor Susan Adams.

“This important step is part of Marin County’s contribution to a region wide effort to become a national leader in EV deployment.” - said Supervisor Steve Kinsey.

A ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the charging stations is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the Civic Center near the middle arch.



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