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# EV Charging Infrastructure Usage in Large-scale Charging Infrastructure Demonstrations: Public Charging Station Case Studies for ARB

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Plug-in Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Information Gathering Meeting

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## Idaho National Laboratory

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) federal laboratory
- 890 square mile site with 4,000 staff
- Support DOE's strategic goal
  - Increase U.S. energy security and reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil
- Multi-program DOE laboratory
  - Nuclear Energy
  - Fossil, Biomass, Wind, Geothermal and Hydropower Energy
  - Advanced Vehicles and Battery Testing
  - Homeland Security and Cyber Security



# INL is a primary partner in two national electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure demonstrations

#### The EV Project

- Purpose is to build mature EV charging infrastructure in 17 US regions and study:
- Infrastructure deployment process
- Customer driving and charging behavior
- Impact on electric grid
- 12,000+ AC level 2 charging units, 100+ DC fast chargers
- 8,000+ Electric drive vehicles
- INL data collection Jan 2011 Dec 2013
- Project partners:

# blink









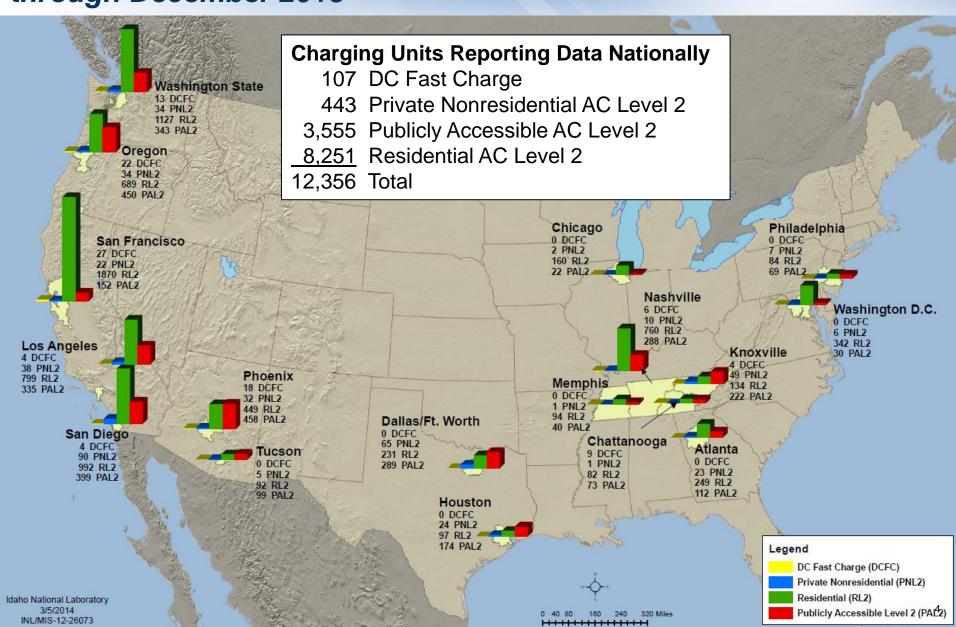
#### **ChargePoint America**

- Deploy 4,700+ residential and public AC level 2 charging units in 11 US regions
- Study customer usage of residential and public infrastructure
- INL data collection May 2011 Dec 2013

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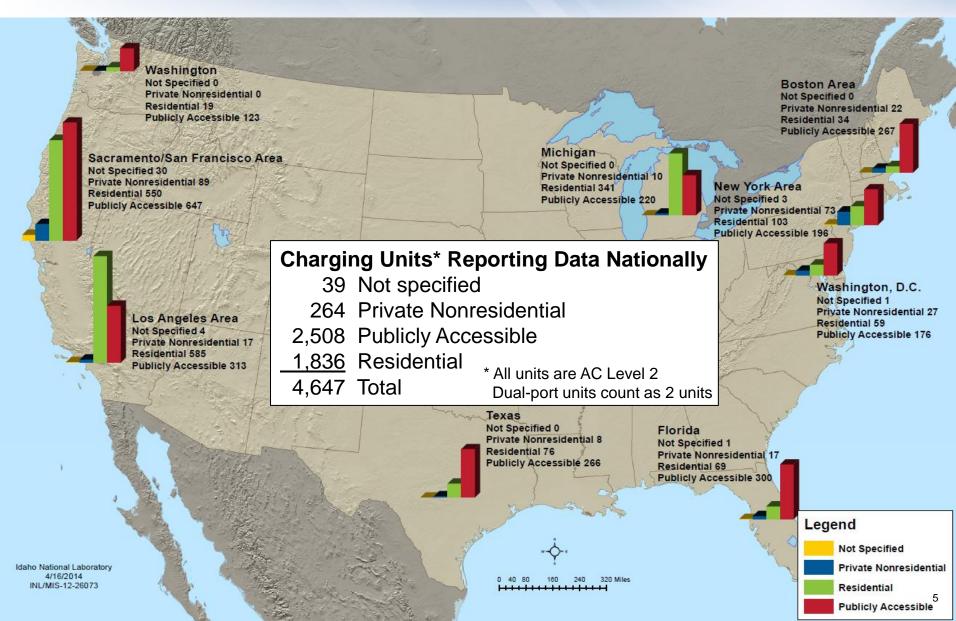
# Infrastructure Deployment in The EV Project through December 2013





# Infrastructure Deployment in ChargePoint America through December 2013





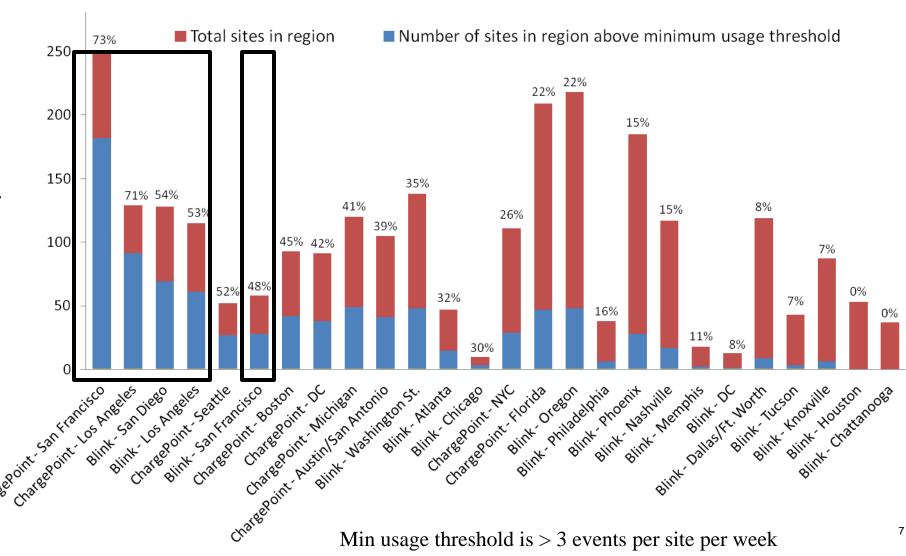


#### **Outline**

- Which stations are used most frequently?
  - By region and EVSE make
  - By charging level and venue
- Determining hot spots using vehicle data
  - Bay Area examples
- I5 Corridor EVSE usage preview



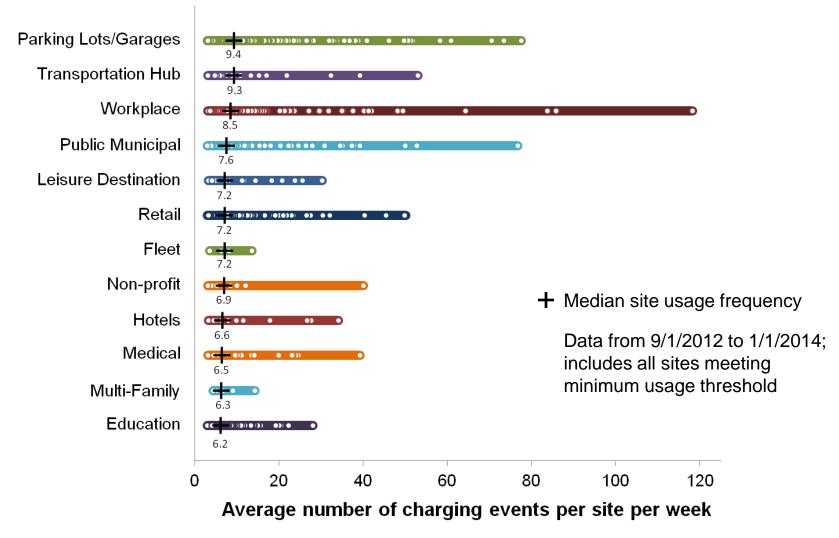
#### Public EVSE Sites Exceeding Minimum Usage Threshold by Region and EVSE make



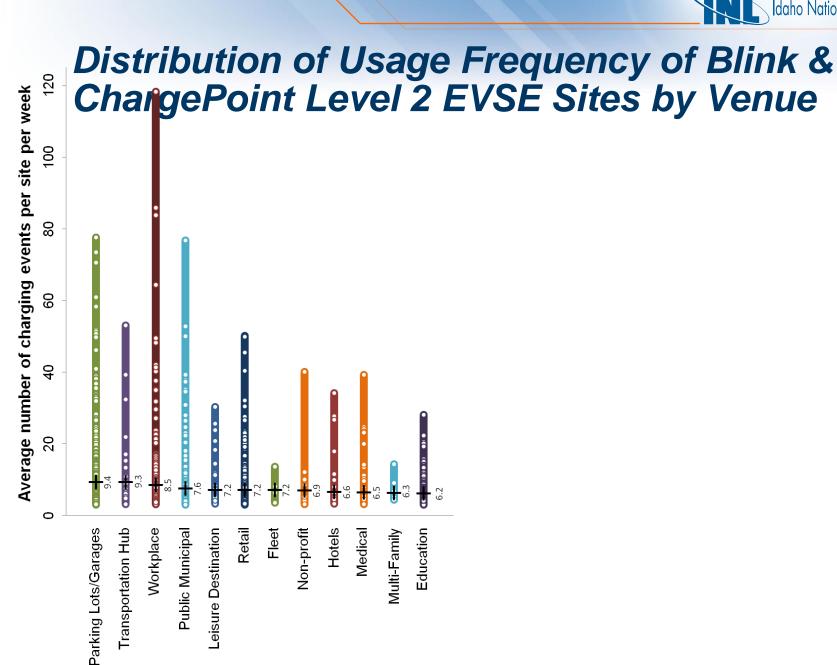
**Number of public EVSE sites** 



# Distribution of Usage Frequency of Blink & ChargePoint Level 2 EVSE Sites by Venue

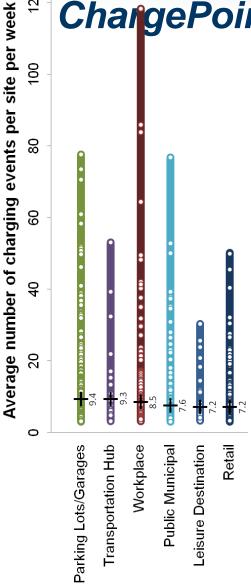






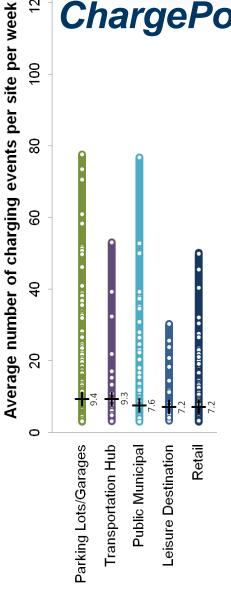


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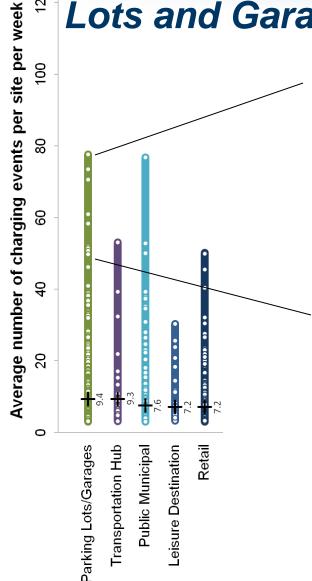


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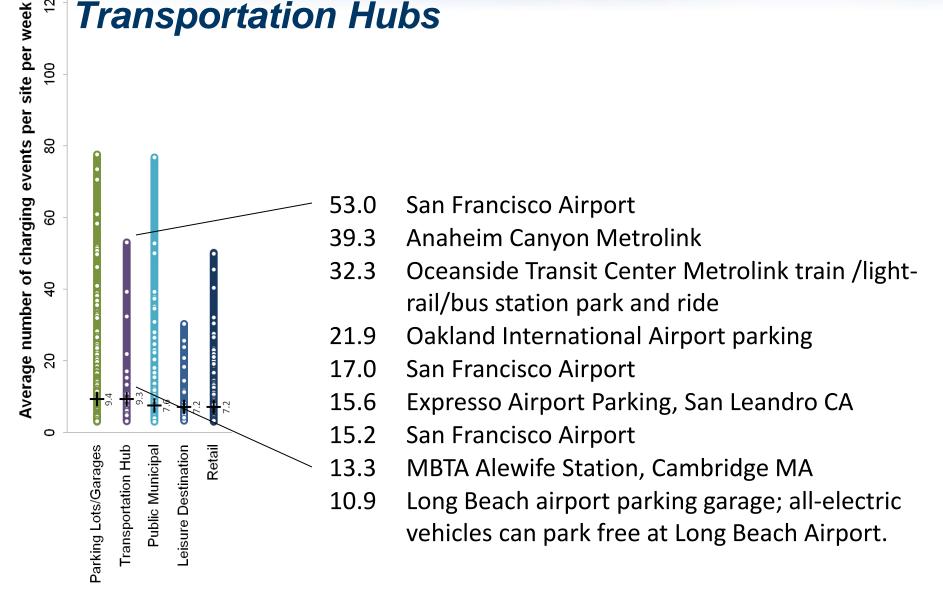
# Blink & ChargePoint Level 2 Sites – Parking Lots and Garages



- 77.5 Downtown Palo Alto
- 73.4 Fifth & Mission Garage, San Francisco
- 70.6 Downtown Palo Alto
- 60.9 Downtown Redwood City
- 58.3 Parking Structure, Irvine CA
- 51.8 Parking Structure, Irvine CA
- 51.4 Parking garage, San Francisco CA
- 50.7 Sutter Stockton Garage, San Francisco CA

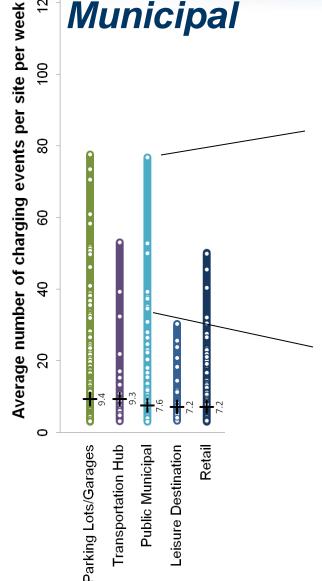








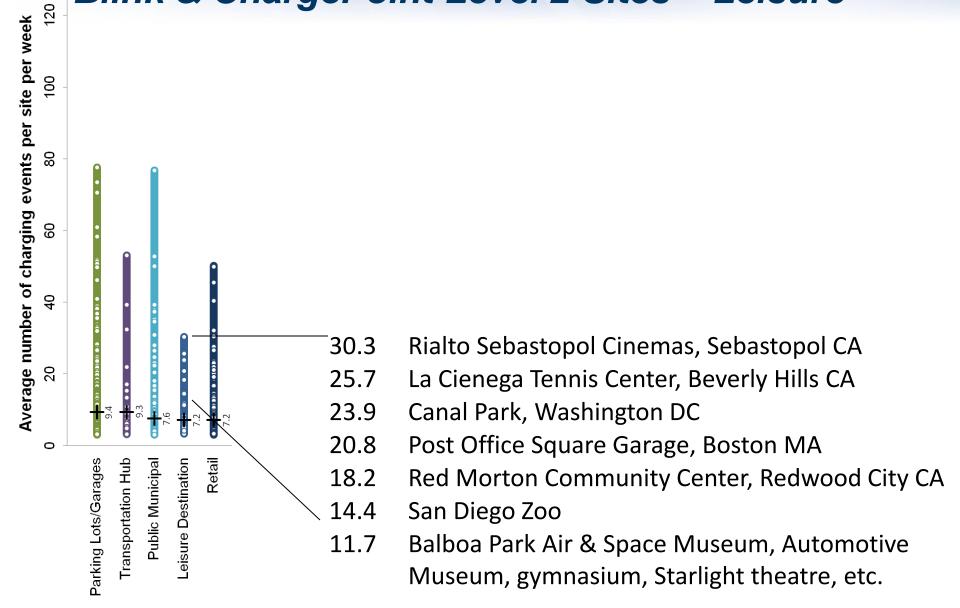
# Blink & ChargePoint Level 2 Sites – Public / Municipal



- 76.7 SCAQMD HQ building, Diamond Bar CA
- 52.8 City library, Dublin CA
- 50.0 City library, Redwood City CA
- 39.3 City hall, Hungtington Beach CA
- 37.7 Civic center, Campbell CA
- 37.3 City hall, Hermosa Beach CA
- 35.1 SCAQMD HQ building, Diamond Bar CA
- 34.6 City hall, Orange CA

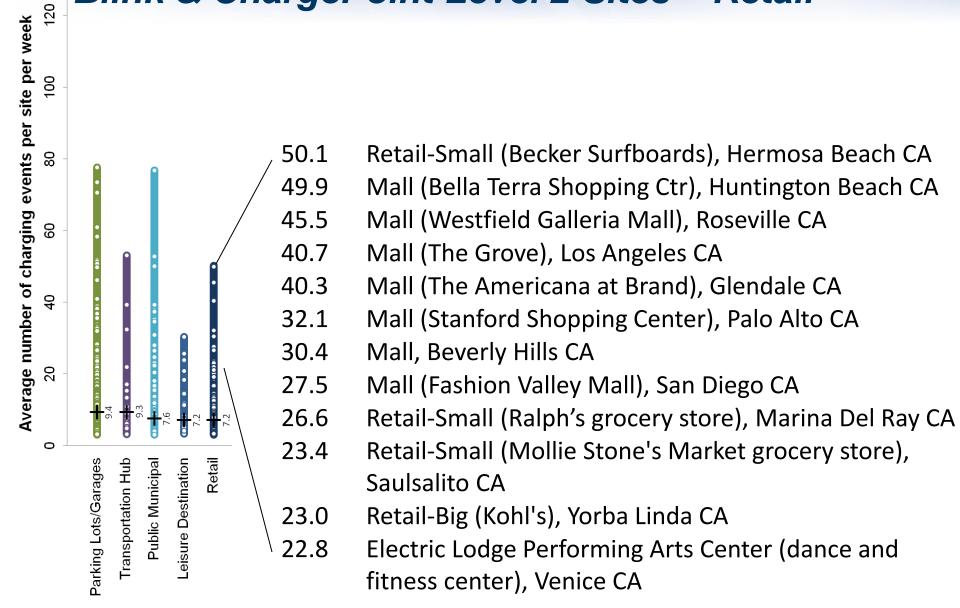


## Blink & ChargePoint Level 2 Sites - Leisure



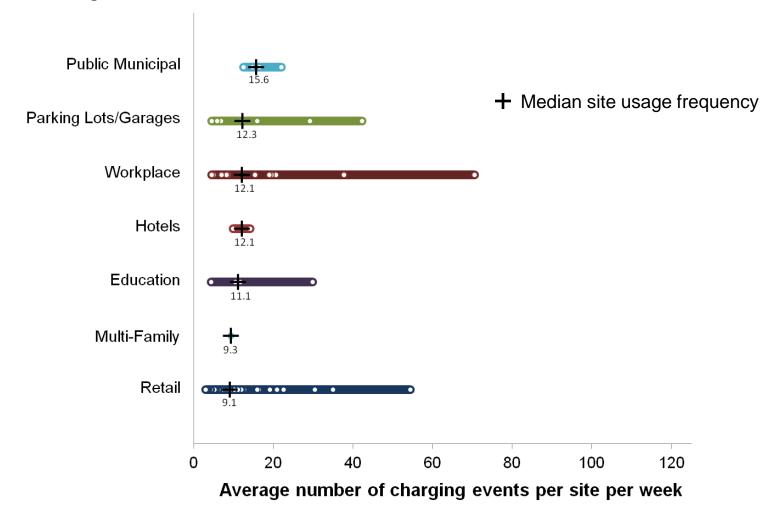


## Blink & ChargePoint Level 2 Sites - Retail



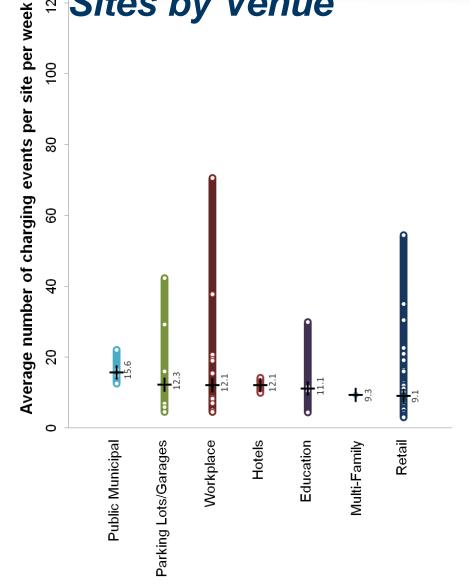


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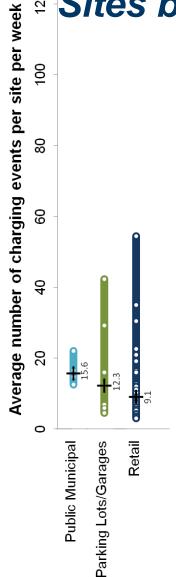


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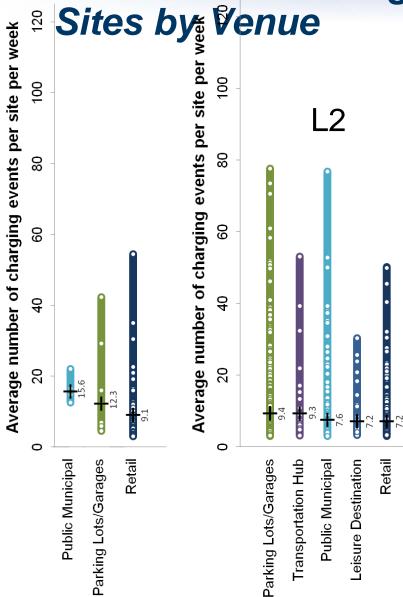


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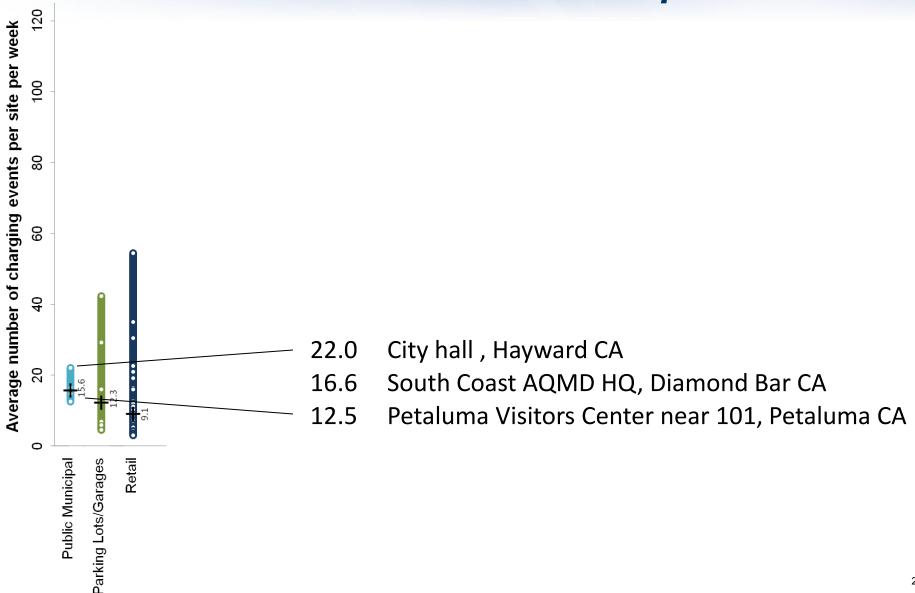








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## Blink DCFC Sites - Parking Lots and Garages





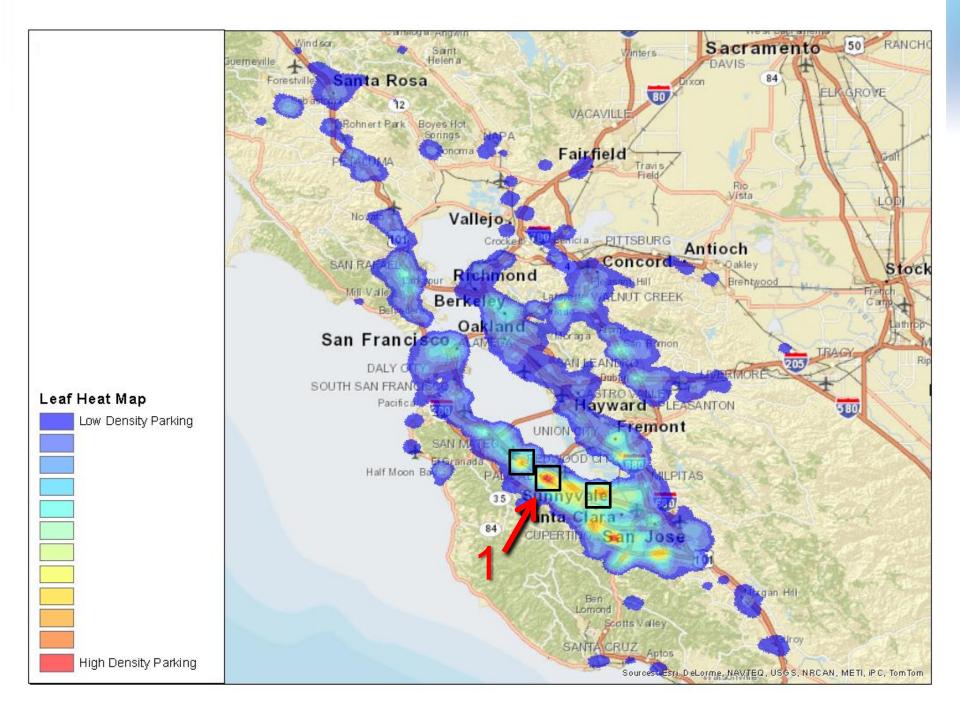
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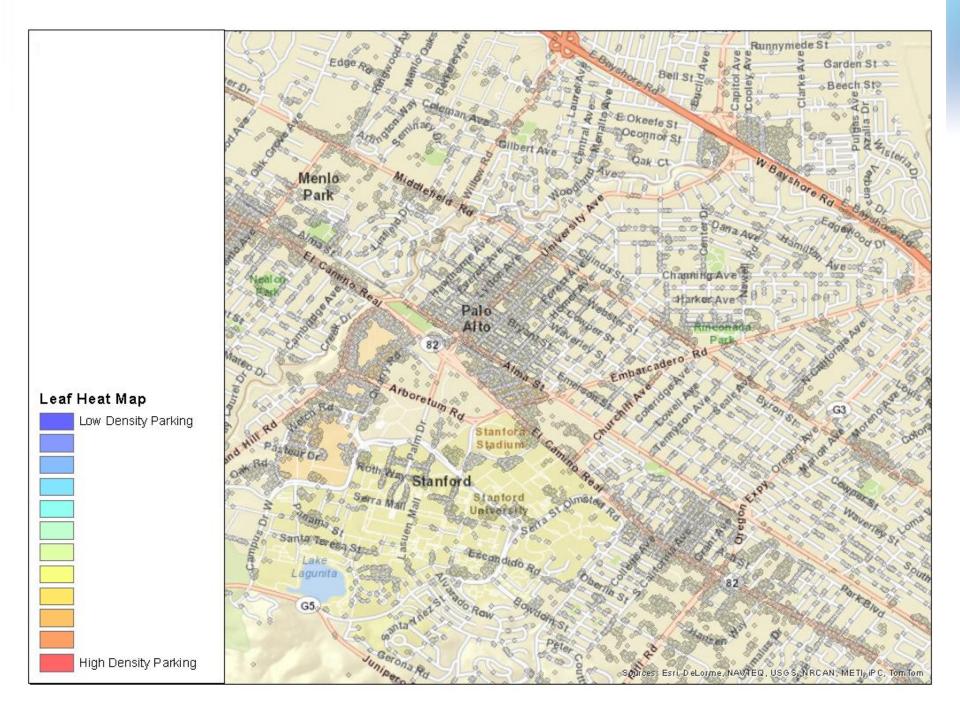


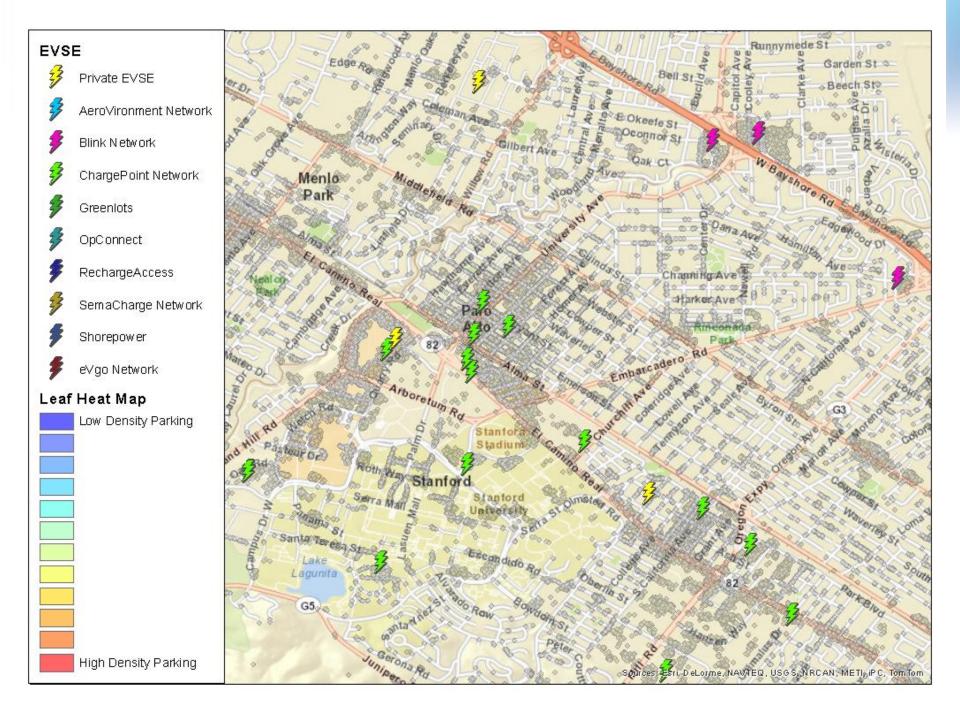
## Identifying Hot Spots Using Vehicle Data

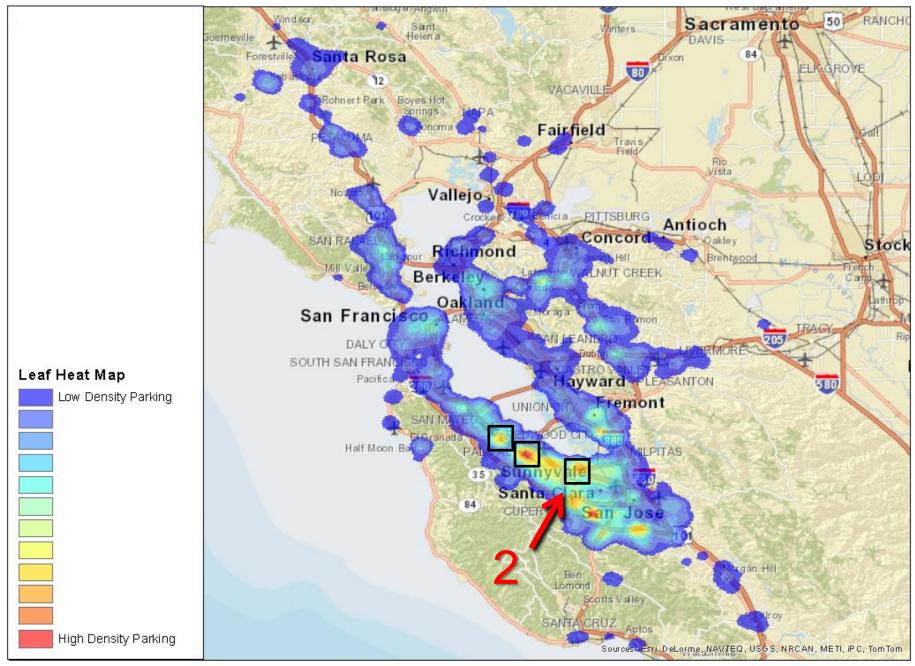
- EV Project Leaf away-from-home parking location density in San Francisco Bay Area
- Cumulative through the end of 2013

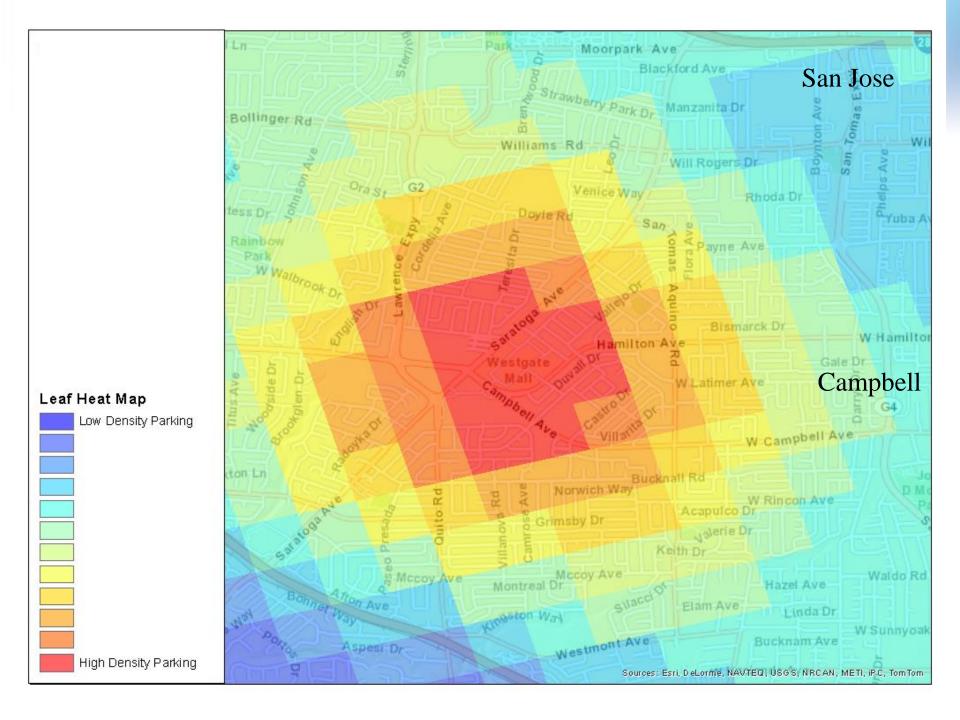


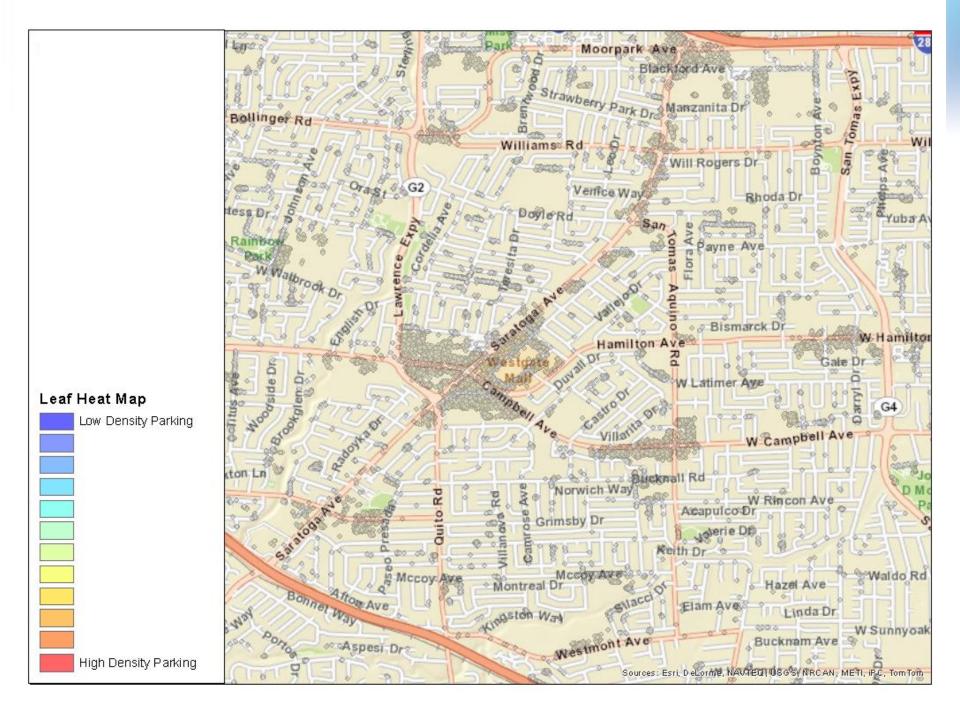


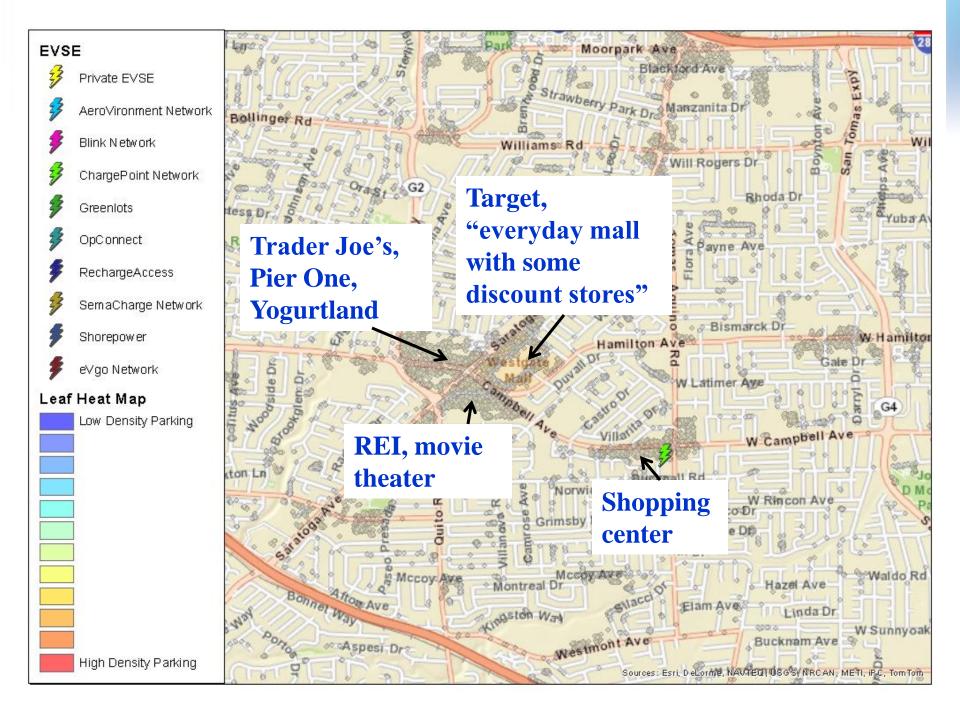


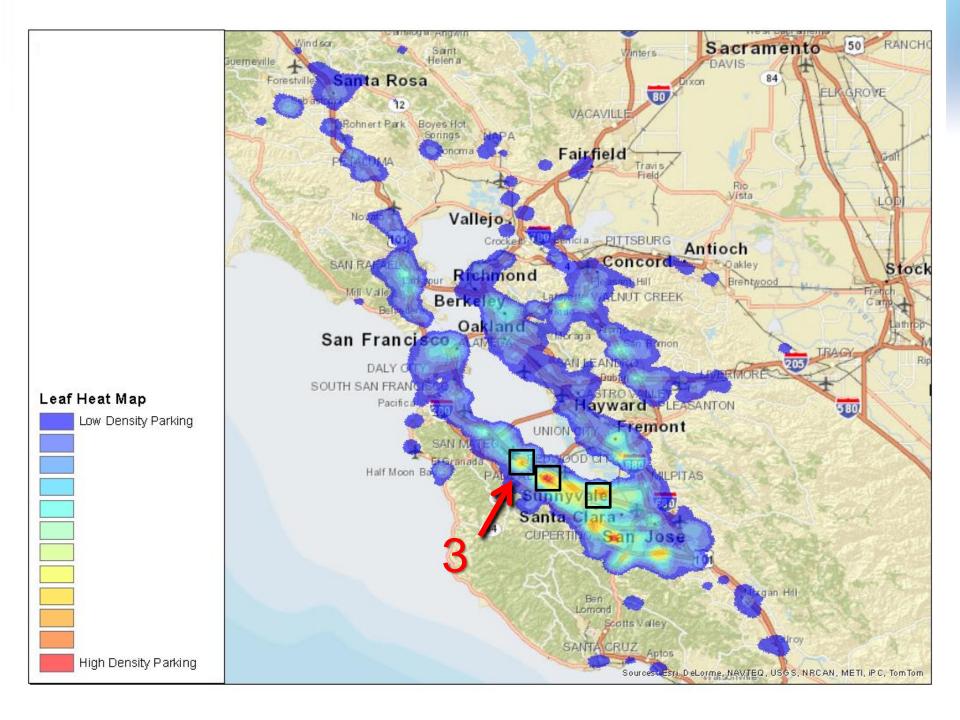


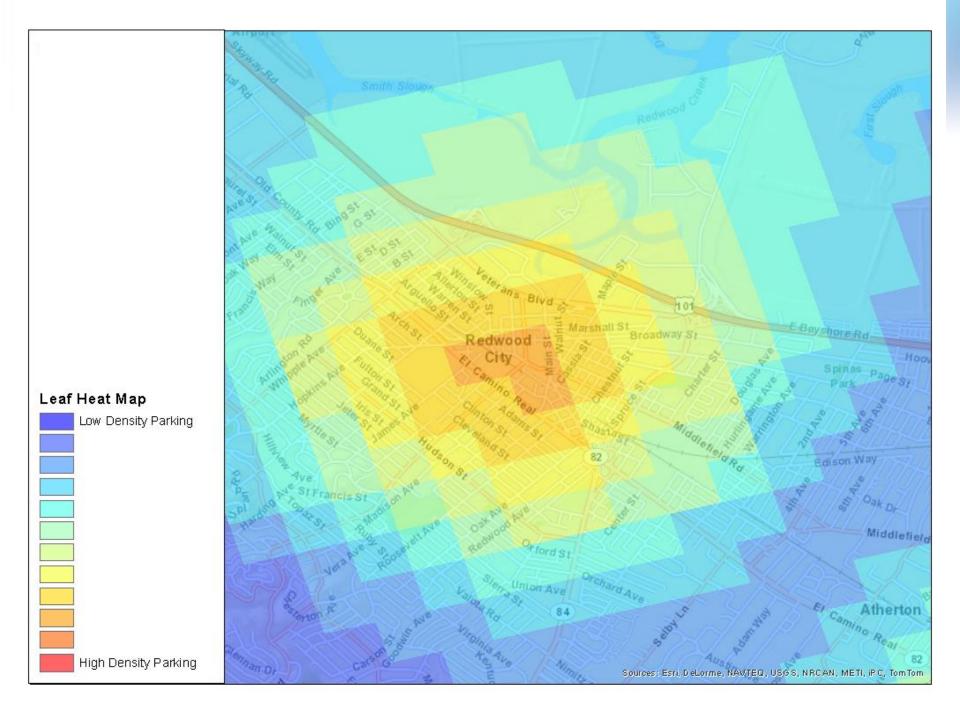


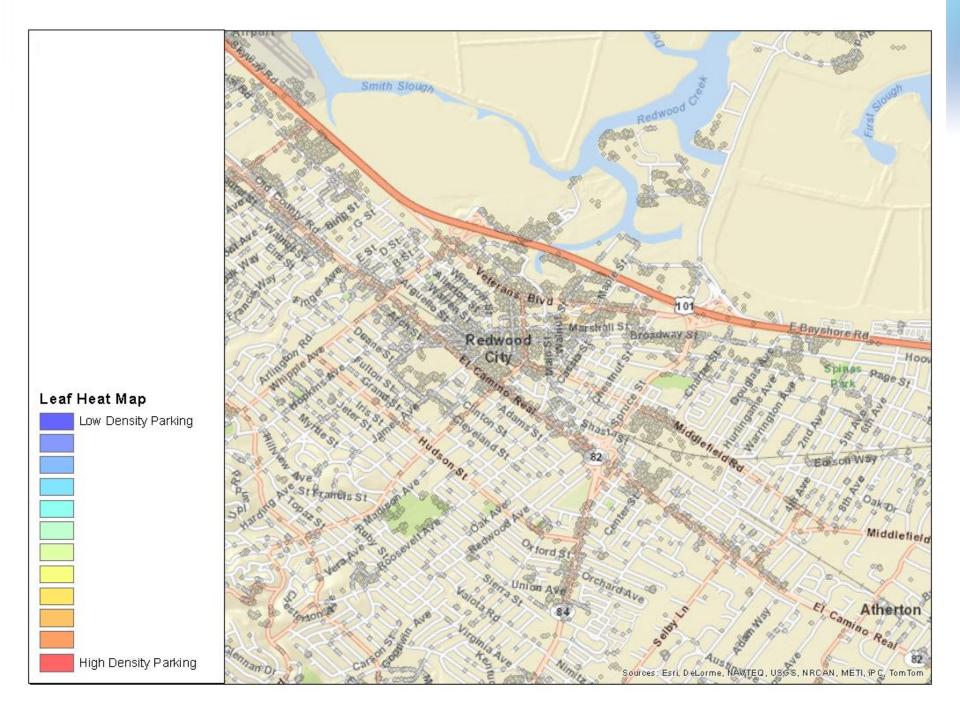


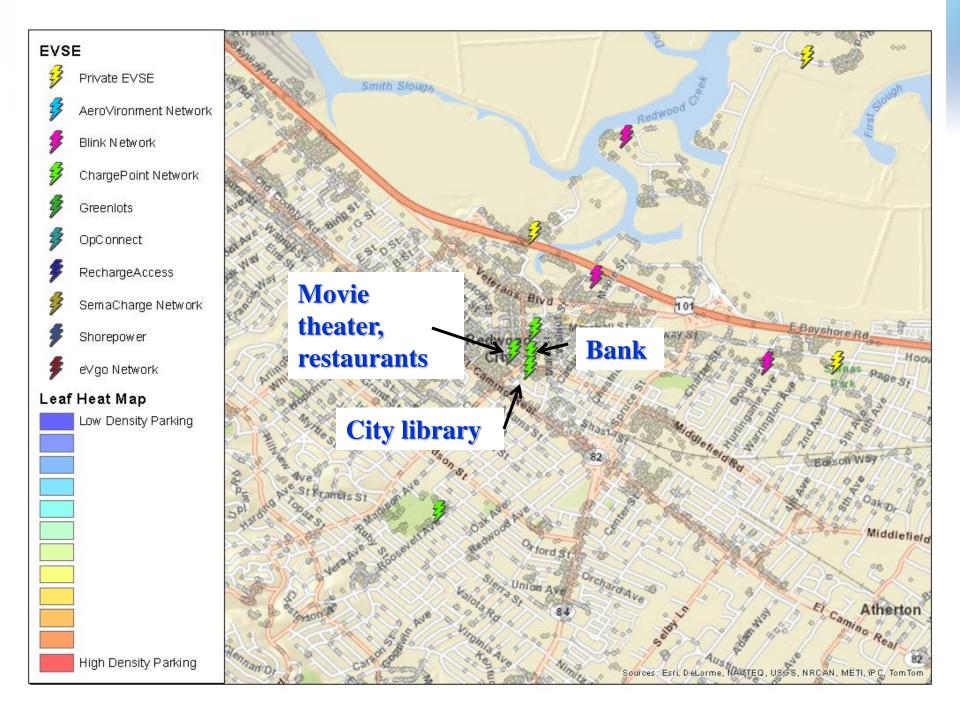


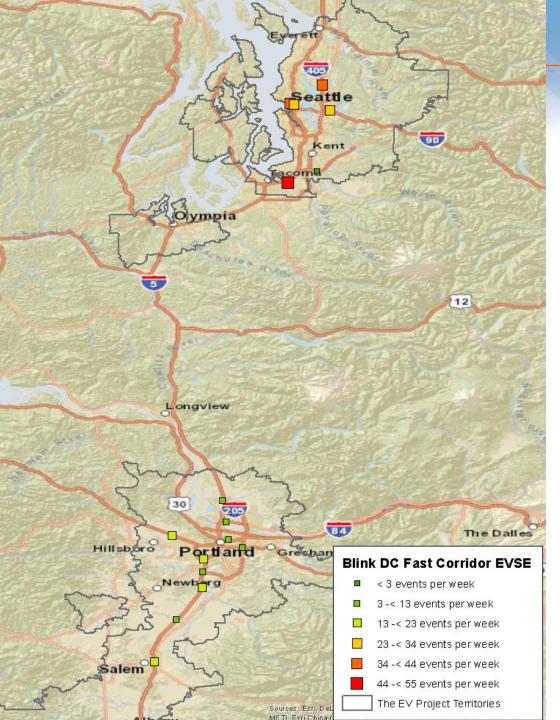






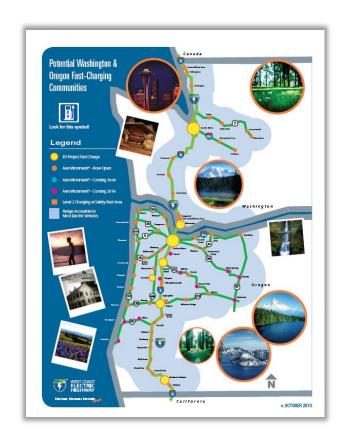








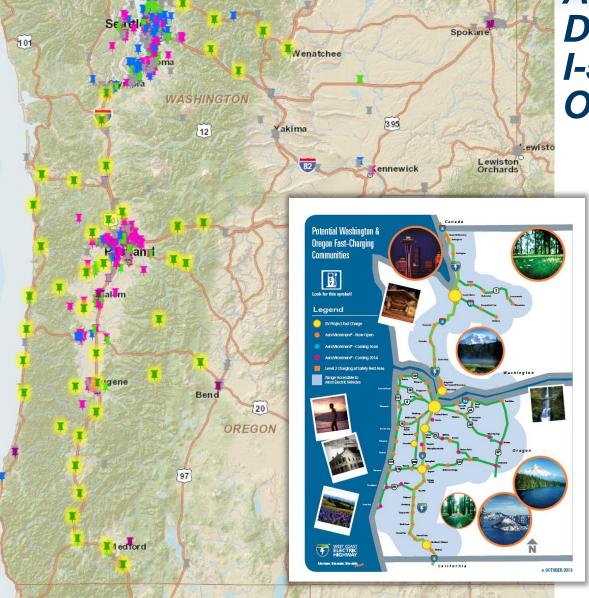
## Blink DCFC usage on I-5 Corridor in OR & WA





## AeroVironment DCFCs near the I-5 Corridor in OR & WA

- AV DCFCs highlighted in yellow
- Other publicly available EVSE sites in blue and purple



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#### Additional Information

#### Published since last meeting:

- Leaf vs. Volt eVMT
- Workplace charging case study: Facebook Offices, Menlo Park

#### Publications coming soon:

- Leaf away-from-home infrastructure usage vs. eVMT
- Usage of public EVSE at different venue types
- Additional Workplace charging case studies and driver behavior
- PEV travel on the OR/WA I5 corridor
- EVSE installation costs

For all EV Project and ChargePoint America publications, visit

avt.inl.gov/evproject.shtml avt.inl.gov/chargepoint.shtml

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# **BACKGROUND INFO**



#### Measures of "Goodness"

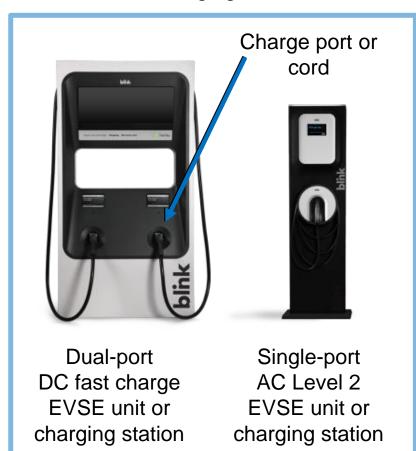
There are numerous ways to assess how "good" public charging sites are:

- Charging frequency: number of charge events per day or week
- Charging time: hours connected
- Charging energy: kWh consumed / EV miles provided
- Parking time: time spent in parking space / in store
- Charging site host may want electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) for other reasons, such as image or cool factor
- etc.

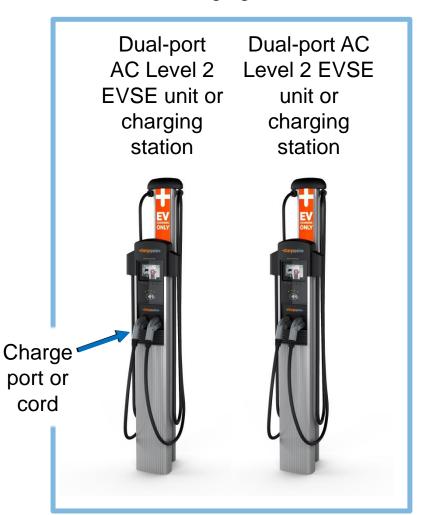


### **Terminology**

#### Charging site



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## Public EVSE Usage Fees

#### Blink usage fees

- Public AC Level 2 fees started Jul Aug 2012
  - Varies from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hour connected
  - 16% of sites were still free as of Dec 31, 2013 (per local site host discretion)
- DC Fast Charger fees started Jul 2013
  - \$5 for Blink member / \$8 for non-member per session

#### ChargePoint usage fees

- Vary by site (per local site host discretion)
- Many are free



### **Charging Site Location Considerations**

- EVSE installations with respect to Amercians with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements are not consistent
  - "Charger is between 2 handicap spaces. To charge and not get ticketed you need to park behind the charger in any of 3 spaces closest to the elevator / entrance in non EV dedicated spots. Good Luck."
    - Comment from plugshare.com user
- Parking lot or garage may have
  - limited hours of operation
  - parking fees
  - restricted access





### **Charging Site Location Considerations**

- Parking spaces in front of charging units may not always be accessible
  - Construction
  - Non-electric vehicle in parking spot ("you've been ICE'd")
  - Electric vehicles in parking spots but not charging





Fred Meyer in Seattle, WA

Photos from plugshare.com



### Charging Site Location Considerations

 Charging unit maintenance and reliability is a big factor

"Both sides [of the DC fast charger] and level 2 not working. Had no electrics left. AAA couldn't send out the EV rescue truck because according to them they didn't have a tech trained to use it on hand. I ended up towing my car home. Not a good night."

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