



## Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Coming to North Central Washington Visitor Destinations

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WENATCHEE – A growing number of popular destinations in [North Central Washington](#) have announced they will install charging stations to welcome electric vehicle (EV) drivers from the I-5 “electric highway”.

The [Port of Chelan County](#) and [Washington Department of Commerce](#) jointly announced the allocation of Federal Recovery Act funding to install several Level 3 *fast-charge* stations along the popular Stevens Pass Greenway, a designated a National Scenic Byway. This route will connect to the I-5 “[electric highway](#)” enabling electric vehicle drivers to travel from the west coast to North Central Washington.

The first east-of-the-Cascades destinations preparing to welcome EV drivers with charging stations include [Stevens Pass Ski Area](#); Leavenworth’s [Sleeping Lady Resort](#) and [Icicle Ridge Winery](#); and Wenatchee’s [Convention Center](#), [Town Toyota Center](#) and [SpringHill Suites by Marriot Wenatchee hotel](#). Each of these venues has committed to installing Level 2 charging stations that will allow electric vehicle drivers to “fuel up” while they are enjoying the location’s activities – at the rate of around 15-30 miles of driving range per hour of charging. Over a half-dozen additional destination-property owners and public entities from Leavenworth to Chelan are also expected to announce their intentions to purchase and install charging stations by the time the Level 3 fast-chargers are installed on U.S. 2.

“Enthusiasm and preparation for electric vehicles arriving in North Central Washington has been ramping up for the past six years” says Ron Johnston-Rodriguez of the [Port of Chelan County](#), coordinator of the Advanced Vehicle Innovation (AVI) Consortium and its [PluginCenter](#) Charging Station project. “The State of Washington’s collaboration with the Port and its AVI partners has proven to be an energizing catalyst for community-wide efforts to facilitate and promote charging station deployment in the region. This investment in electric vehicle infrastructure by both private and public sectors accelerates the Consortium’s timetable for multiple activities to demonstrate and integrate electric vehicle technology into the fabric of this rural area’s tourism industry cluster.”

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