



New Electric Charging Stations to Open April 20th in Lancaster Parking Authority Garages

LANCASTER, PA. (April 20, 2018) – New electric vehicle (EV) charging stations will be available for patrons parking in Lancaster Parking Authority garages starting on Friday, April 20. The opening of the EV charging stations kicks off Earth Day weekend and reaffirms the city's commitment to a clean environment.

"The EV charging stations, the first public charging stations in the city of Lancaster, are now installed in all parking authority owned garages," said Larry J. Cohen, executive director of the Lancaster Parking Authority. "The charging is free to our customers."

"I appreciate LPA's efforts to assist the City in reducing its carbon footprint." said Lancaster Mayor Danene Sorace.

The LPA has installed seven EV charging stations. Each station can accommodate two vehicles. Three stations accommodating six vehicles are in the Prince Street Garage, 111 N. Prince Street. One station accommodating two vehicles is available in each of the other four garages: Penn Square Garage, 25 E. Vine St.; East King Street Garage, 150 E. King St.; Duke Street Garage, 150 N. Duke St., and the Water Street Garage, 220 N. Water St.

"The EV stations are located near each garage entrance and should be easily visible to customers entering the garages," said Cohen. "The stations will be identified with signs and bright green spaces."

Cohen said the LPA decided to introduce EV charging stations to accommodate customers with electric vehicles and because demand for charging is expected to increase over the next decade.

The \$93,785 EV installation contract for the ChargePoint units was awarded to National Energy Solutions of Fallsington, Penna.

To use the EV charging stations, customers must first download the Chargepoint app from the App Store or Google Play. A credit card must be used to register with the app, but the credit card won't be charged when using an LPA EV station.

From the Chargepoint app, customers will be able to:

- Access new EV stations in the LPA garages.
- Check availability in real-time.
- Start charging, by holding phone or Apple watch near the card reader.
- Receive notifications about charging status.
- See the charging details.