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Charging station installation complete

Available for government, private electric vehicles

SANTA FE – General Services Secretary Ken Ortiz announced Monday that his department has completed installation of 30 electric vehicle charging stations on state government campuses across Santa Fe.

The ChargePoint stations are now available for use by both government and private vehicles, including those of state employees.

A total of 30 stations were installed in the parking areas of the Bataan, Apodaca, Montoya, Lujan, PERA, Lamy/Wallace, T-187/Motor Pool, Carruthers/Archives and Anaya buildings. The Facilities Management Division of the General Services Department (GSD) oversaw the work.

"The charging stations will serve the growing number of electric vehicles being used by state government as it moves to reduce its climate-warming emissions," Ortiz said. "Hopefully, the stations will also encourage increased electric vehicle use by state employees and the general public."

GSD this year purchased 33 all-electric sedans, its first for the department's Motor Pool, which provides vehicles for much of state government. The installation of the charging stations will allow for broader deployment of electric vehicles across government. GSD will seek \$1 million in funding next year to continue its transition to electric vehicles.

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has made combatting climate change a priority of her administration, with a goal of achieving at least a 45 percent reduction in the state's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 when compared to 2005 levels

Installation of the charging stations was funded by a \$1.5 million appropriation to GSD by the Legislature. The Facilities Management Division contracted with HEI Inc. to construct the stations.

A total of 22 ChargePoint CT4000 stations and eight CPE250 stations were installed. The CT4000 stations can charge two vehicles at a time, providing 25 miles of range per hour of

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charge time. The single-vehicle CPE250 stations are fast chargers and are capable of providing some vehicles with an 80% charge in less than an hour.

"The construction of the electric vehicle charging stations is just one way that GSD's Facilities Management Division is helping to reduce climate-warming emissions," FMD Director Anna Silva said. "FMD's State Buildings Green Energy Project also will cut utility bills in half for more than 30 buildings in Santa Fe."

The State Buildings Green Energy Project is a \$32 million solar power and energy-efficiency initiative that got underway last year. Rooftop solar power installation has been completed on 16 buildings, and construction of three large parking lot solar power projects is expected to begin within the next couple weeks.

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