

A Small but Significant Parking Solution

As we look around downtown Cannon Beach, electric cars are everywhere. We can expect more in the near future.

All of the popular spots fill up, and the gravel lot at the East end of 2nd Street sits nearly empty most days. If we install car chargers in that area, plug-in vehicle drivers will park there. Some options could even bring in cash flow for the City.

It's my understanding that we can install a number of Tesla specific chargers in that parking lot at extremely low cost, if we agree to supply the power.

Note that Tesla has outsold its closest competitor about 6 to 1, so quantity needs to be considered.

The Drivers will find these chargers very easily, and they will use them. That removes those vehicles from the prime parking area, making space right where we need it.

State money for EV Charging is available:

Oregon Is Planning a Large Buildout of EV Charging

The state has nearly \$11 million to spend on expanding its electric vehicle charging infrastructure, but exactly how that happens remains to be seen. (Source: GovTech.com 7-12-18)

Summary: By moving a segment of parked vehicles to our least-used parking areas, we can relieve some congestion in the prime areas while making all of our guests a little happier. All of this happens with very little cost. We need to do this, and it will happen anyway. By making this happen sooner, and with less urgency, we can adapt more smoothly.