



# Will EV's Crash the Grid?

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# Transportation Electrification

## *Overview*

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ICF provides  
support across the  
spectrum of utility  
transportation  
electrification  
analysis, planning,  
and implementation

## Market Research

- Market overview and forecasts
- Potential studies
- Benefit cost analysis
- Climate + air quality assessments

## Advisory Services

- Electrification policy
- Regulatory strategy + support
- Program design
- T&D system impacts
- DER integration
- Supplemental funding

## Program Implementation

- Program management
- Marketing + creative services
- Customer outreach
- Trade ally engagement
- Technical support
- Site assessments
- Fleet advisory services
- IT platforms
- Rebate processing
- Evaluation support



## Strategic Planning

Potential studies

- Top-down EV adoption forecasting
- Future load and infrastructure cost analysis
- Technical potential
- Economic potential
- Alternative scenarios
- Data for investment and planning
- National to county granularity



## Implementation Analysis

Load siting and impact studies

- Bottom-up fleet and vehicle analysis
- Territory-specific adoption and charging load forecast
- Impact on specific grid assets
- Adoption and impact scenarios
- Equipment siting opportunities, including charging bases
- Planning recommendations



## Fleet Studies + Program Design

Optimizing customer-program fit

- Subject matter expertise
- Territory, fleet, and vehicle digital twins
- Program cost tests and activity simulations for investment decision-making
- Collaborative program design workshops
- Complete perspective on major fleets and their EV plans



## Analytics

Integrated, purpose-driven data

- User-driven EV adoption and load forecasting scenarios hosted on-line
- Projected metrics including fuel use, electric use, and GHG emissions
- Load profiling with 15-minute interval data
- Fleet ownership profiles and contact lists for outreach



## Implementation Support

Program delivery and customer success

- Station Operations: EVSE activity, load profiling and health monitoring
- Fleet Assessment: fleet engagement and TCO analysis
- Site Assessment: EVSE installation and managed charging support
- Performance Manager: comprehensive program metrics reporting



A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, featuring a prominent cable-stayed bridge in the foreground and numerous illuminated skyscrapers in the background.

# Fleet Advisory Services 2020–present

## Challenges

- Need to engage public fleets and educate those on the financial and environmental benefits of fleet electrification
- Need to provide models and analysis to determine possible areas of improvements for existing fleets

## Solution

- Deliver 100 fleet electrification assessments to municipal, state, and federal governments and transit fleets
- Contracted with ICF to provide turnkey implantation services, tailored modeling, and technical assistance

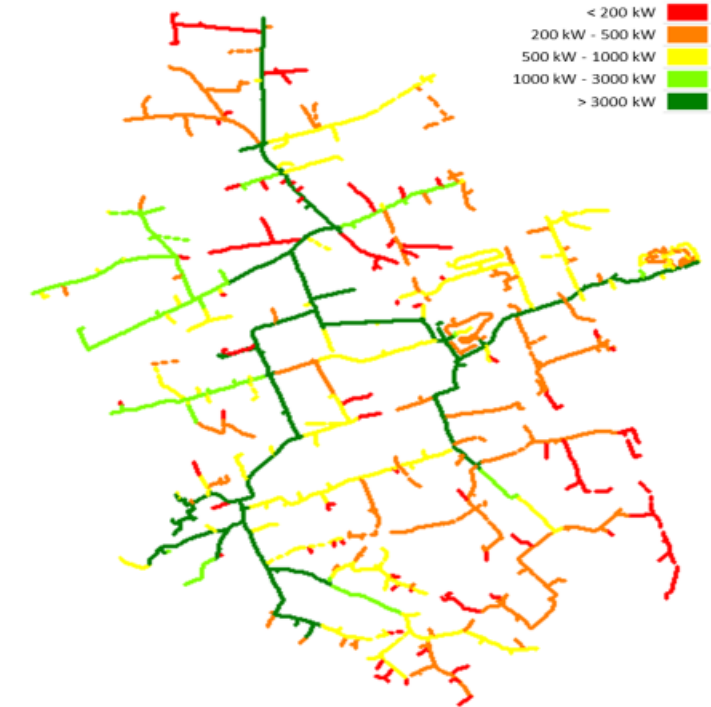
## Results

- 14,000 total vehicles in fleets assessed
- 4,446 vehicles identified as electrifiable
- 693,000 tons of potential GHG emissions reductions recommended
- 79% of customers located in or serving EJ communities
- \$154 million determined in total cost ownership savings

# Forecast Distribution Constraint Analysis

## Determine baseline net load impact of DER and electrification on a distribution grid

- Conduct forecast hosting capacity analysis.
- Select a representative distribution substation and associated feeders (~6-8) to evaluate the operational requirements for DER portfolios and their orchestration to mitigate forecast constraints.
  - Apply various plausible DER, load forecasts (incl. effects of temperature rise due to climate change) & existing rates/programs
  - Identify physical and planning level design criteria violations across the selected network (distribution operating envelope)
  - Define grid needs in terms of specific distribution assets that become constrained from service transformers to the substation transformer.

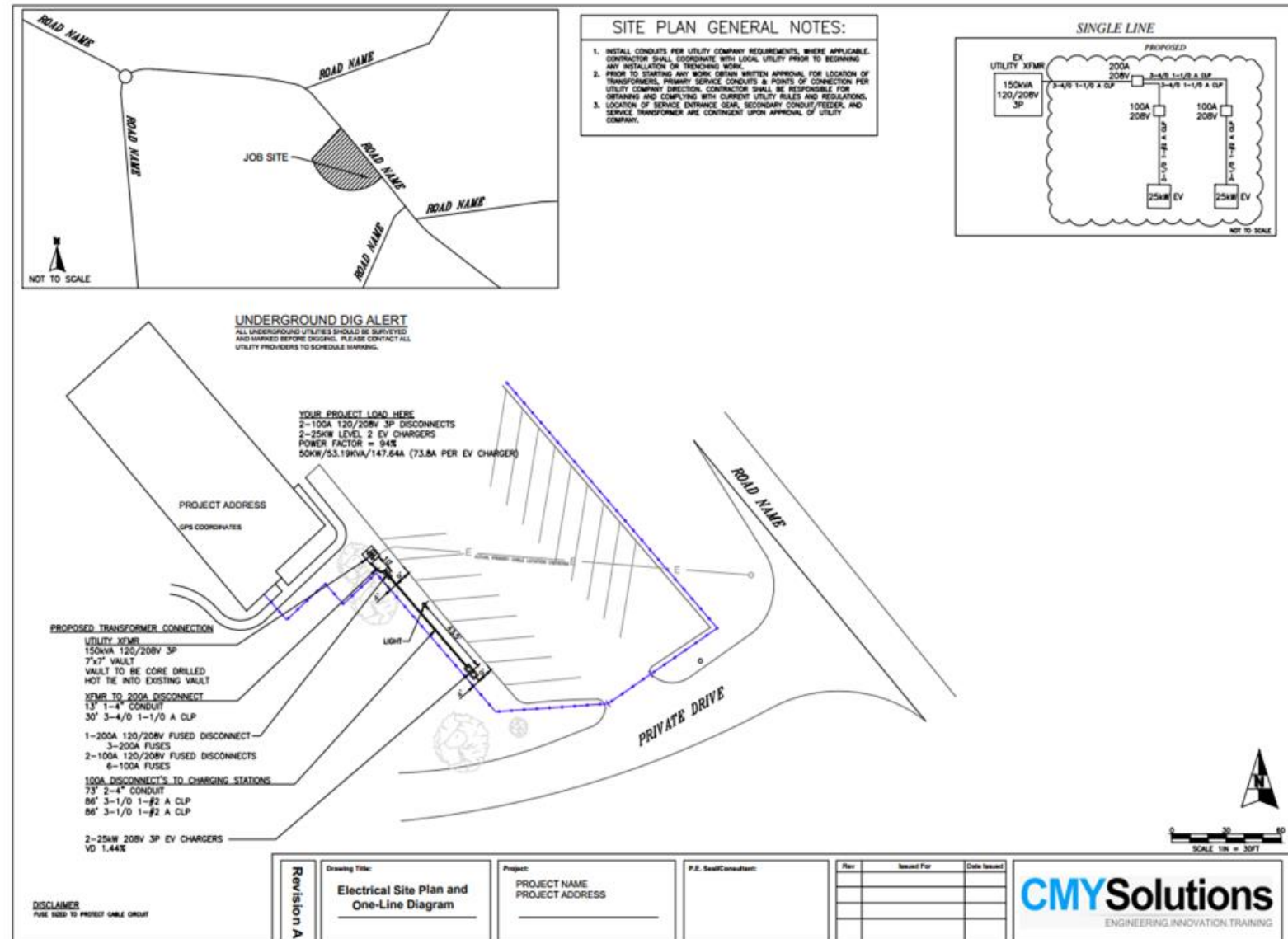


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2403703.078_350751.851	2561.5	3926	5973.7	2561.5
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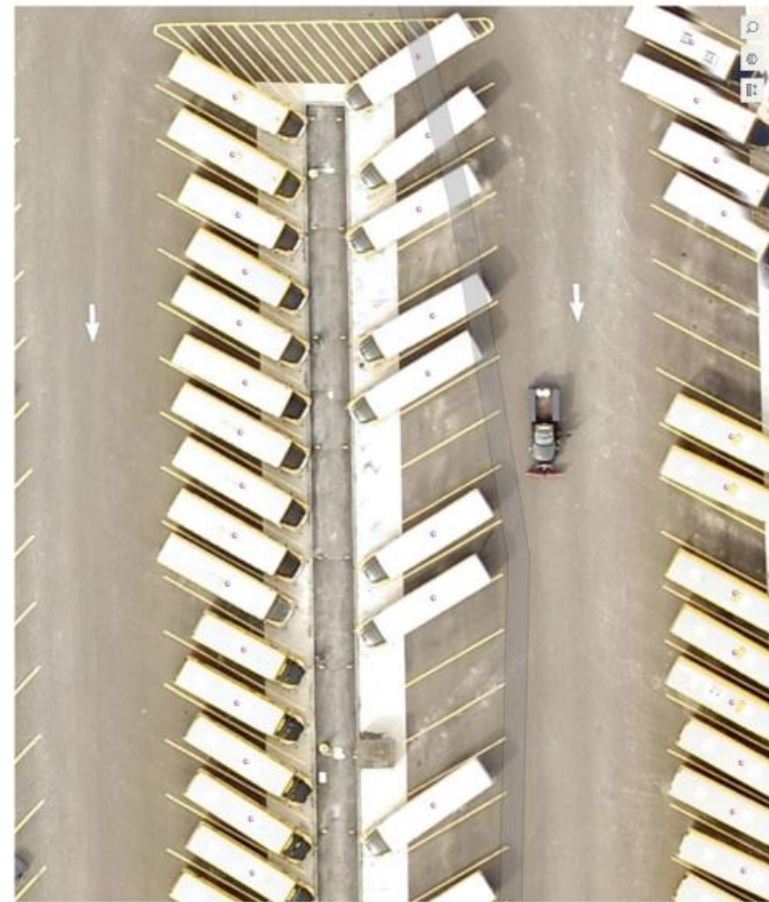
# Accurately represent future electrification and DER adoption

- Representation of Building electrification, EVs, DERs (BTM/FTM)
- Load growth forecasts of electrification and climate-based temperature rise effects
- Account for inverter settings & capabilities
- Existing rates/programs and DER aggregations



# ➤ Medium- And Heavy-Duty Fleet Load Impact Study

- **Challenge:** 35% of the client's substations have 1 MW or less of capacity, so medium-and heavy-duty fleet electrification represents a potential load impact risk.
- **Solution:** Use publicly available data, aerial imagery analysis, and ICF's TE Insight data platform to find fleets. Create load impact scenarios between 2024 and 2040 for three operating company utilities in the northeast.
- **Example results:** Nearly 40,000 MHD vehicles were identified through aerial imagery analysis; 5,840 fleet sites were analyzed for load and linked to circuits and substations; and 1,678 locations were selected as candidates for public charging.



A school bus fleet found by ICF during aerial imagery analysis and marked for integration into the study dataset



# Will EV's Crash the Grid



**Bynne Harris**

## Orlando Utilities Commission was founded in 1923

- OUC is a Municipal Utility
- Managed by a five-member commission
- OUC has 242,191 Electric Customers



- Started program in 2014, re-imagined in 2020, and roadmap built for 2025.
- 2 DCFC hubs active, 8-20 more in plan
- CaaS on roadmap
- Lynx

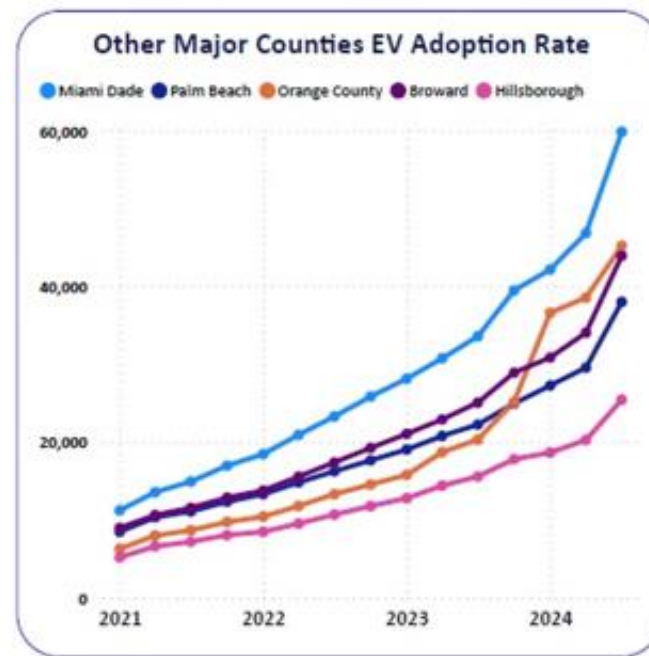
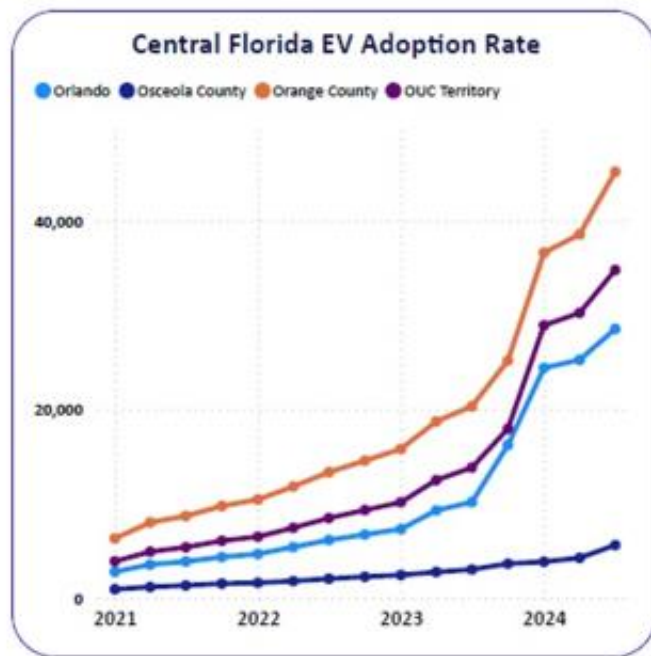
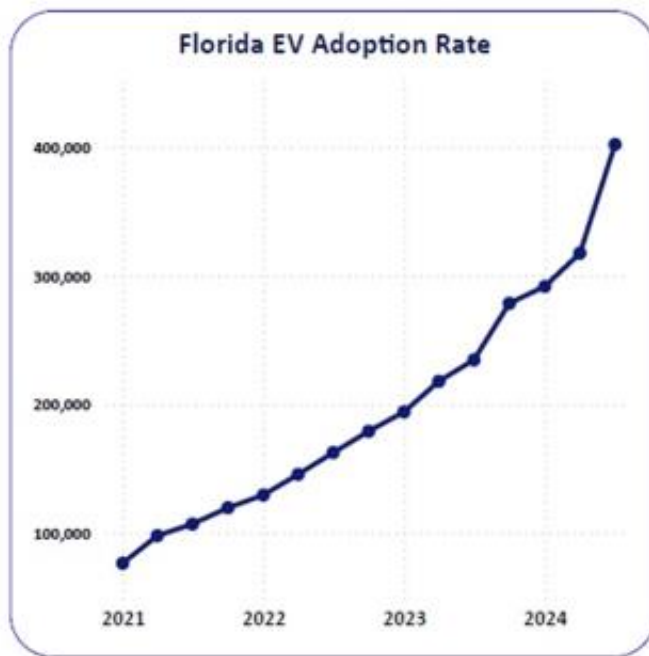




# EV Growth in OUC Territory

## Quarterly EV Statistics

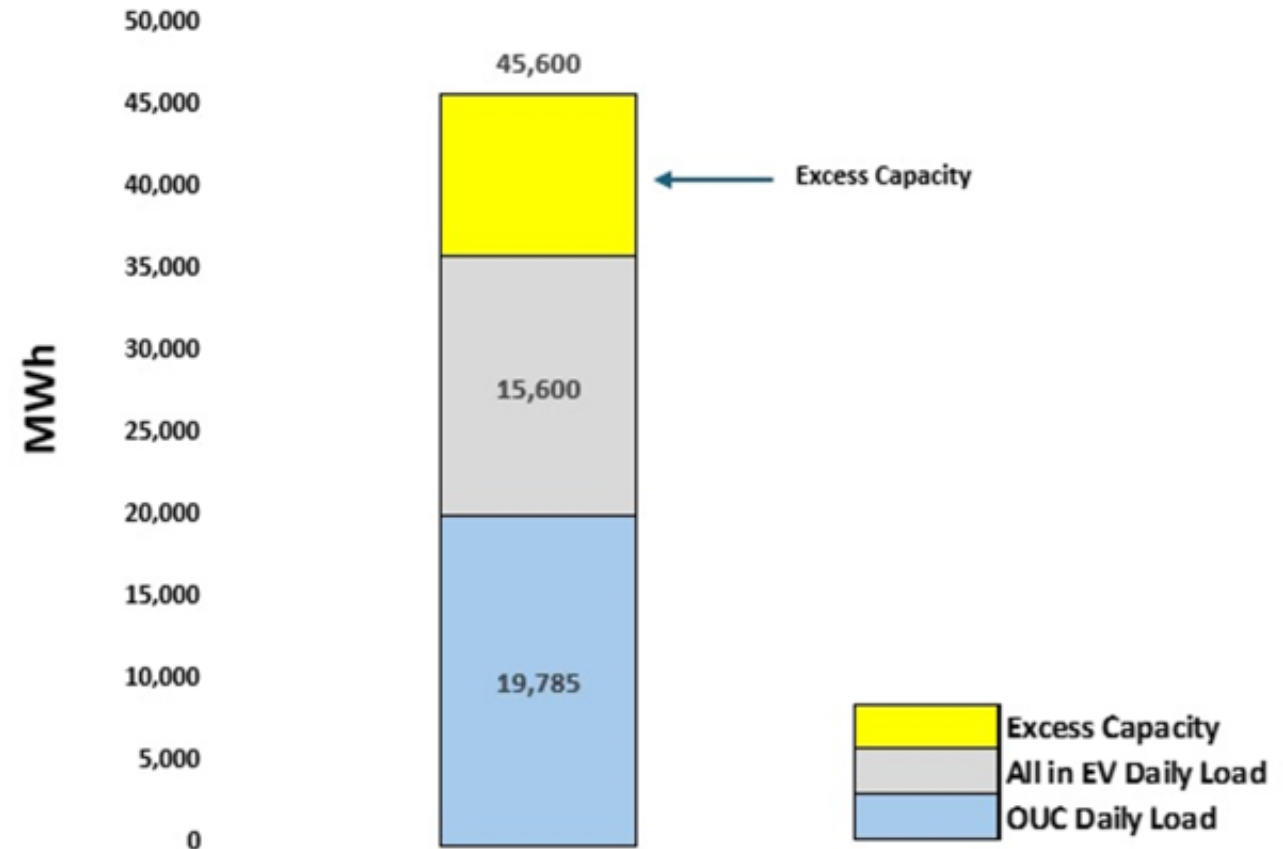
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% Change to Prev. Qtr 27%	% Change to Prev. Qtr 15%	% Change to Prev. Qtr 13%	% Change to Prev. Qtr 17%	% Change to Prev. Qtr 32%
% Change to Prev. Year 71%	% Change to Prev. Year 152%	% Change to Prev. Year 181%	% Change to Prev. Year 122%	% Change to Prev. Year 86%



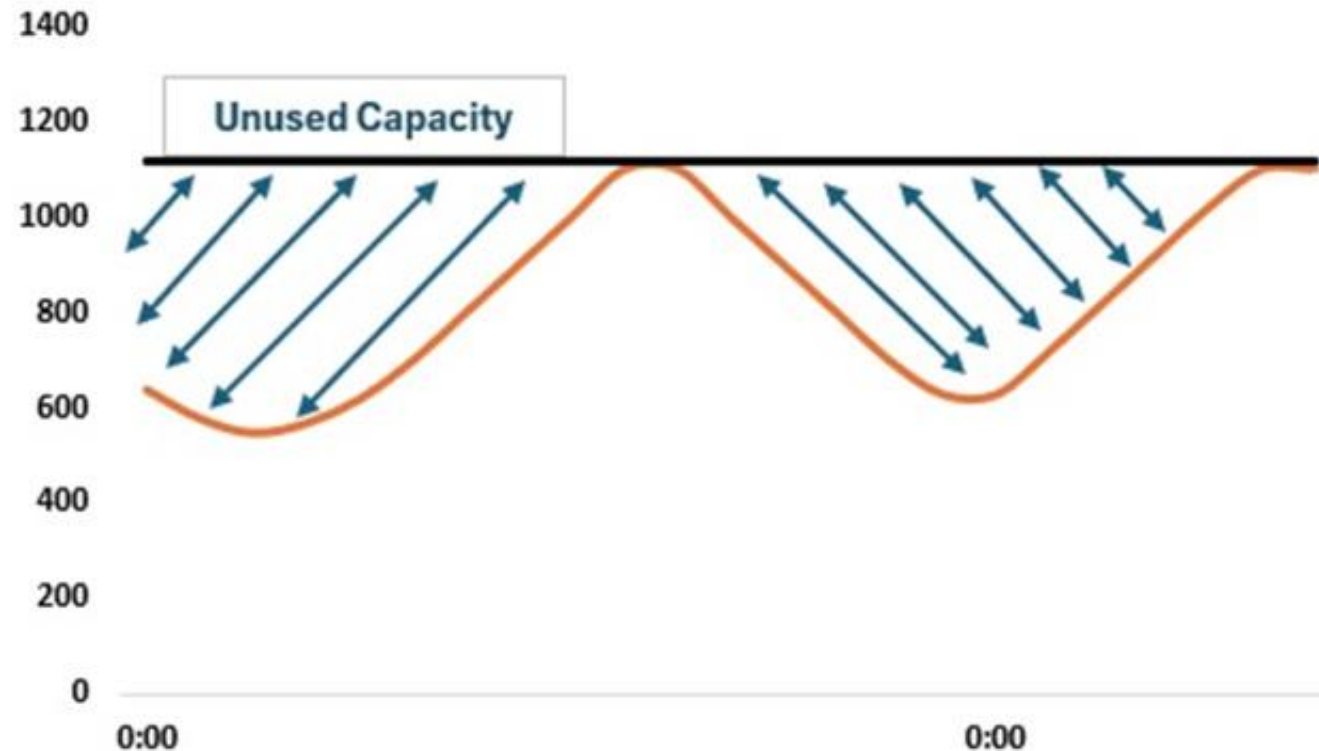
# OUC EV Peak Demand and the Grid

- OUC must have enough energy to serve our peak + 15% reserve
- 1 EV uses 13kWh per day to charge
  - 13,000 miles annually
  - 35-40 miles per day
  - 3 miles per kWh
- If all 1.2 million ICE vehicles switch to EV today, total daily load would be 15,600 MWh

OUC's EV Impact On Grid



- Pushing customers to the valleys stabilizes the grid.
- OUC has a solar capacity of 90 MW
- TOU rates incentivize off-peak charging





# OUC's Approach to Fleet

- Time of charge
- Site Evaluations
- Fleet Assessments
- Own It / Charge It



In conclusion, OUC feels there is no immediate impact to grid stability due to EV charging.

Thank You

# Will EVs crash the grid?

TVA Electric Vehicle (EV) Evolution Initiative

Ryan Stanton, Sr. Project Manager

Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024





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# Will EVs crash the grid?



ELECTRIC VEHICLE EVOLUTION INITIATIVE MISSION

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**Prepare for and enable  
adoption of electric  
vehicles to benefit our  
communities and the grid.**

# Electric Vehicle Evolution Focus Areas



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## Preparing for EV Impacts

Ensure our energy system is prepared for millions of EVs on Valley roadways in the future.



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## Understanding EVs as a Resource

Accelerating research, testing and demonstration of EV-grid technologies which improve the energy system.



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## Enabling EV Adoption

Collaborating with stakeholders to identify and address barriers to large-scale adoption of all EV types.



# EVs in the Valley

## CHARGING

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Fast Charge  
Network  
stations

## VEHICLES

65k

electric  
vehicles

as of Aug 2024, a  
40% YoY increase

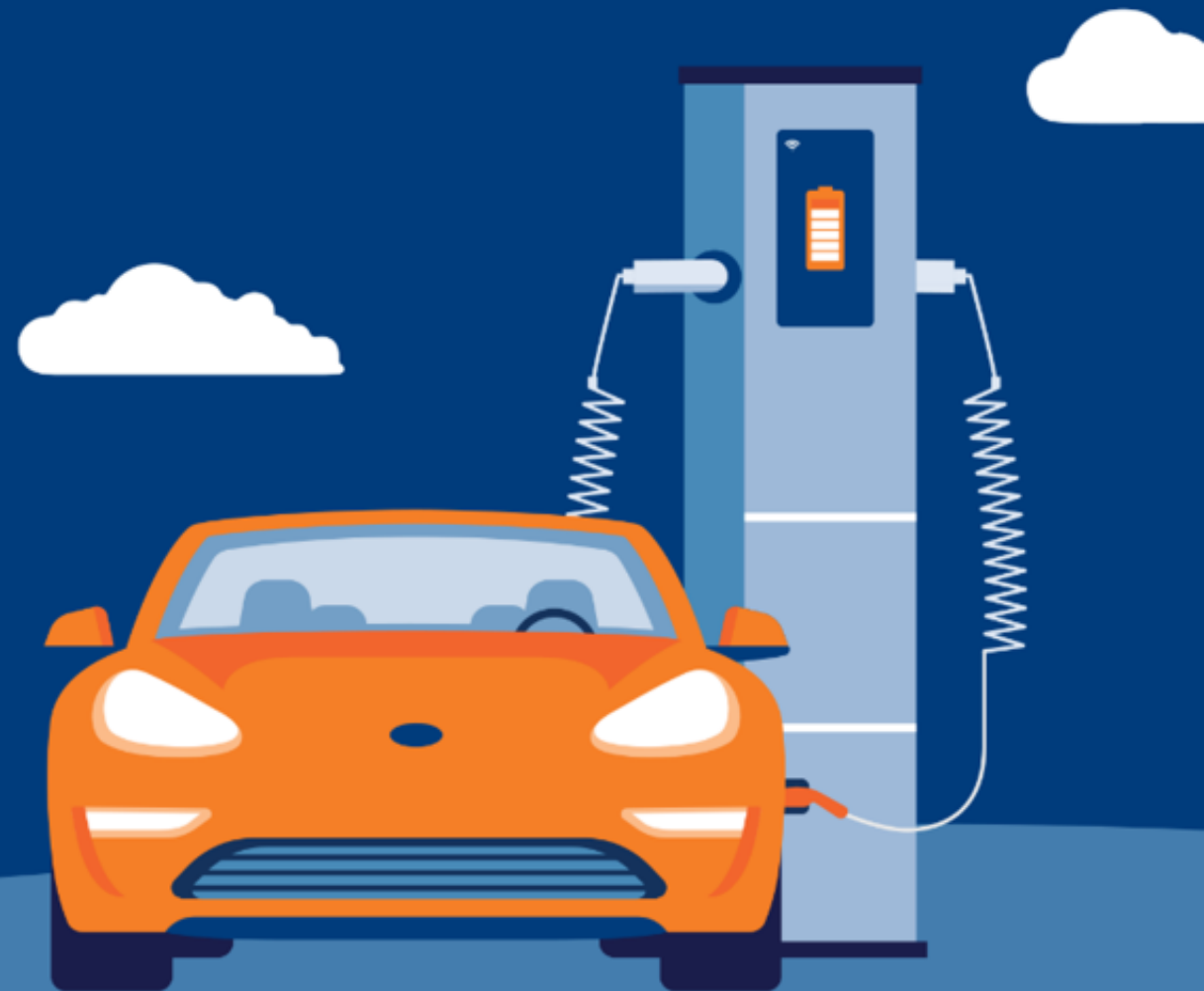
(~75% BEV)

## MODELS

New

trucks  
and SUV

models are hitting  
Tennessee roads

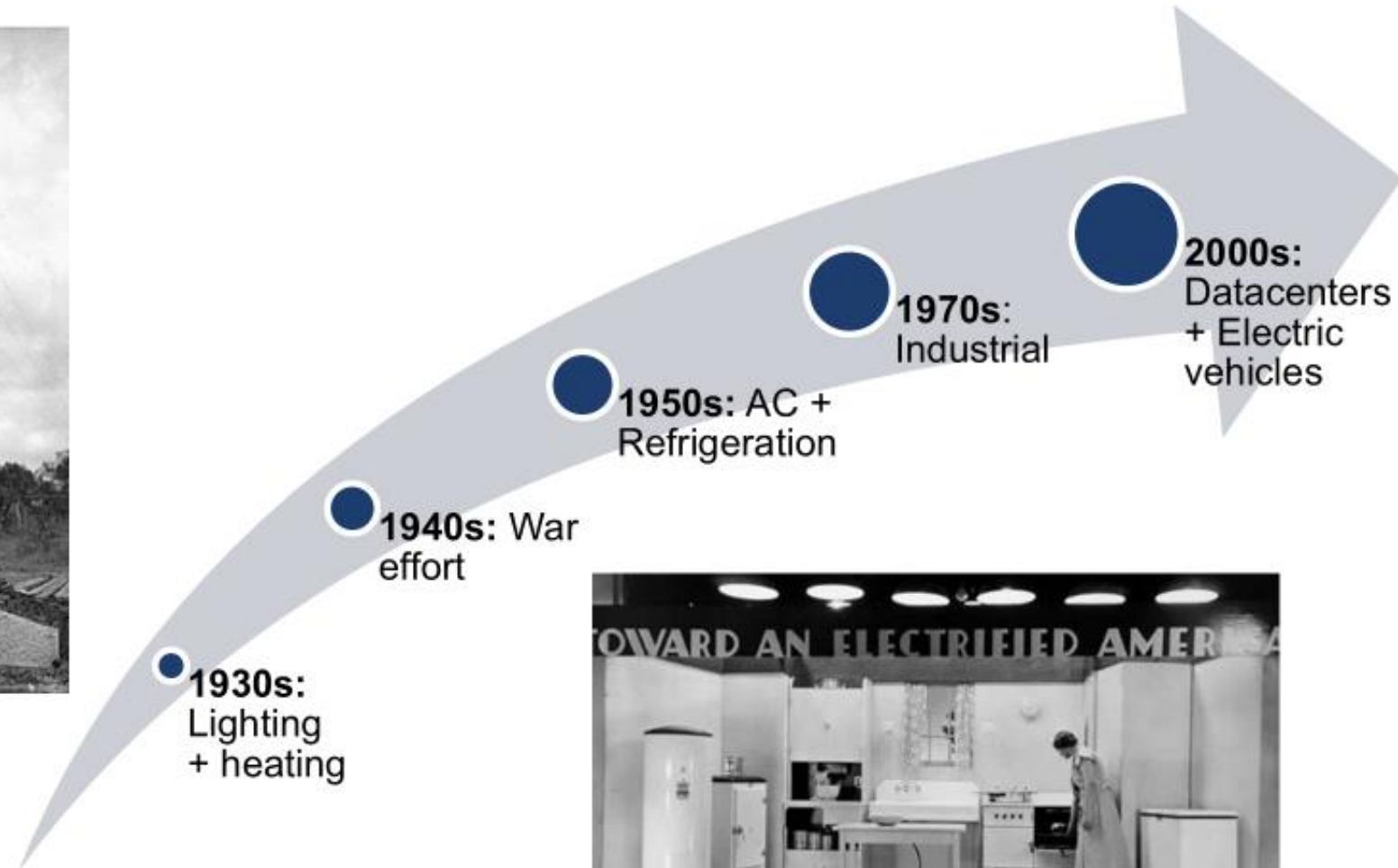


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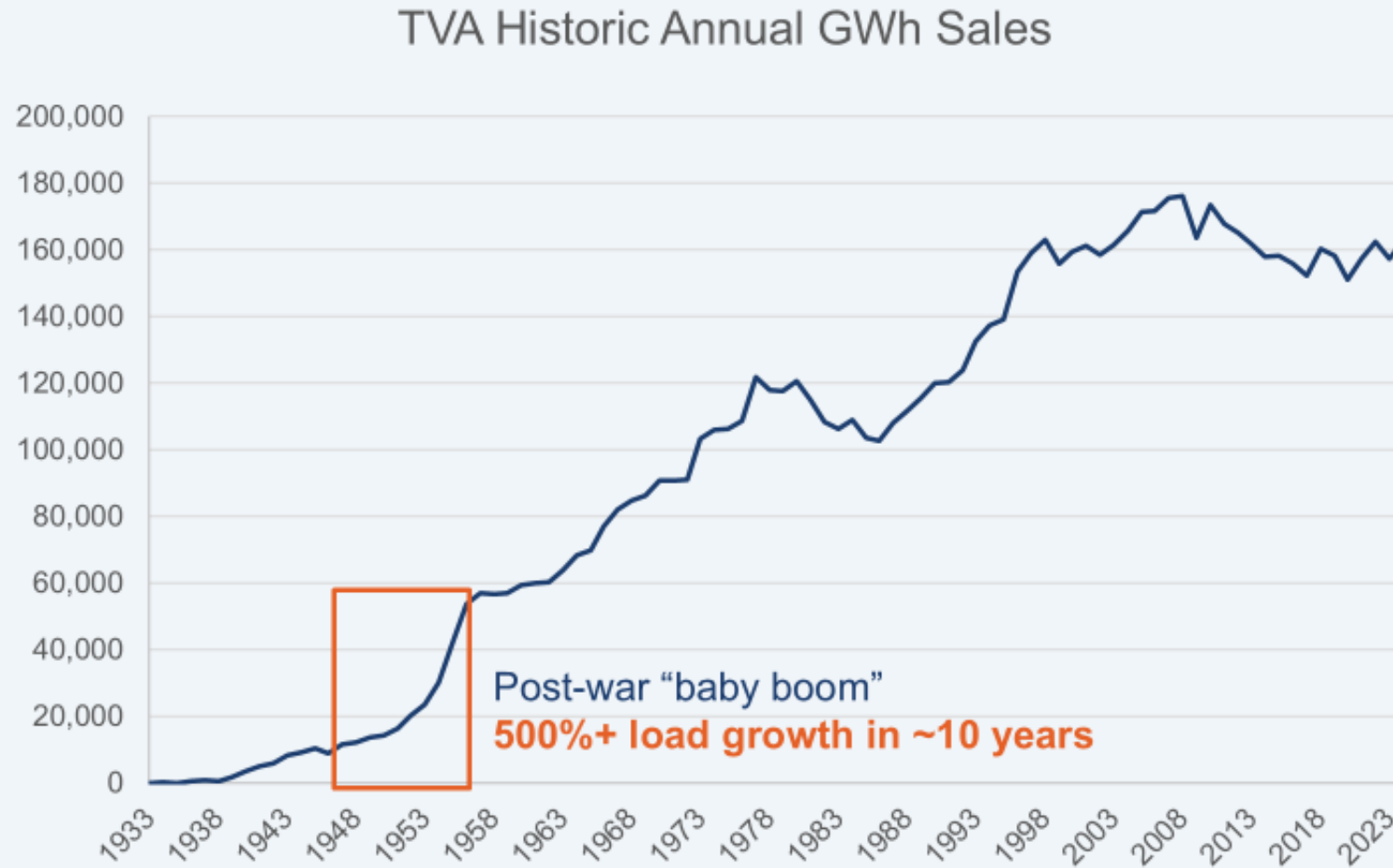
A look back

# A look back: Chapters of load growth





## Utilities have seen load growth before and answered the call to meet customer demands



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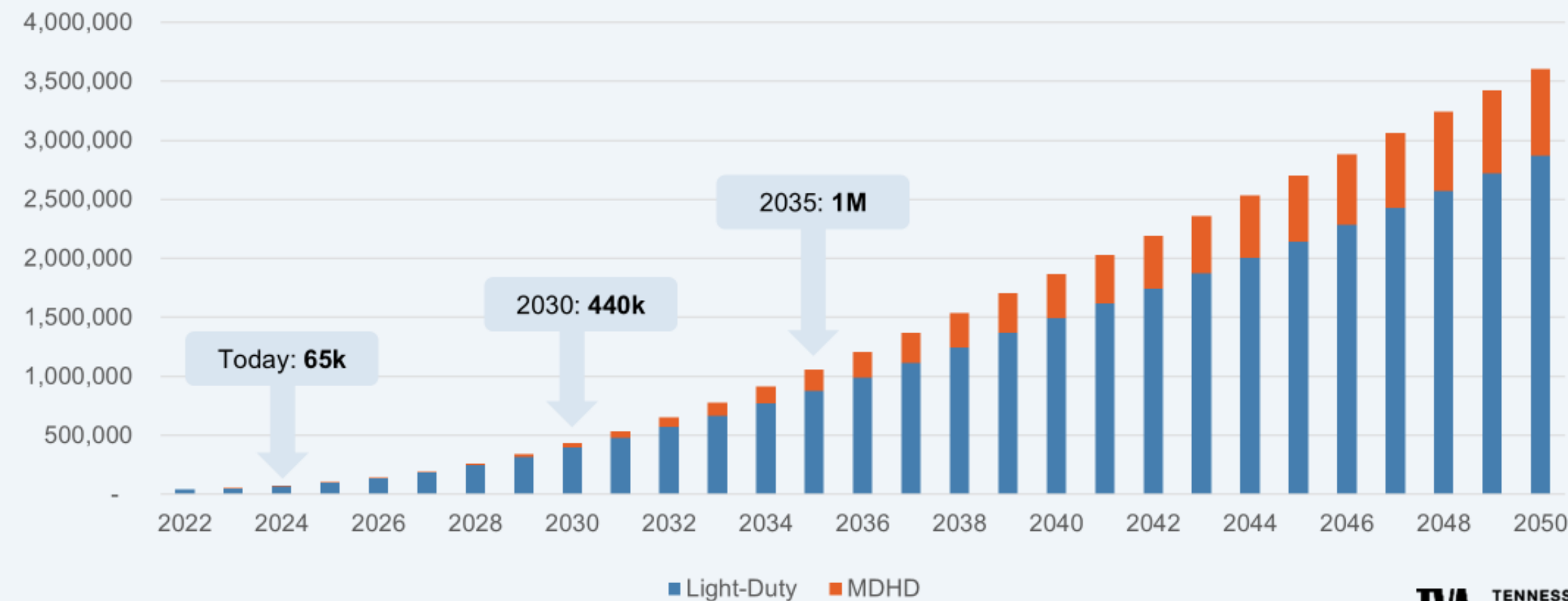


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# What does the data tell us?

# Projected EV Population in the Valley

LIGHT, MEDIUM, AND HEAVY DUTY EV POPULATION IN TN VALLEY, MEDIUM SCENARIO



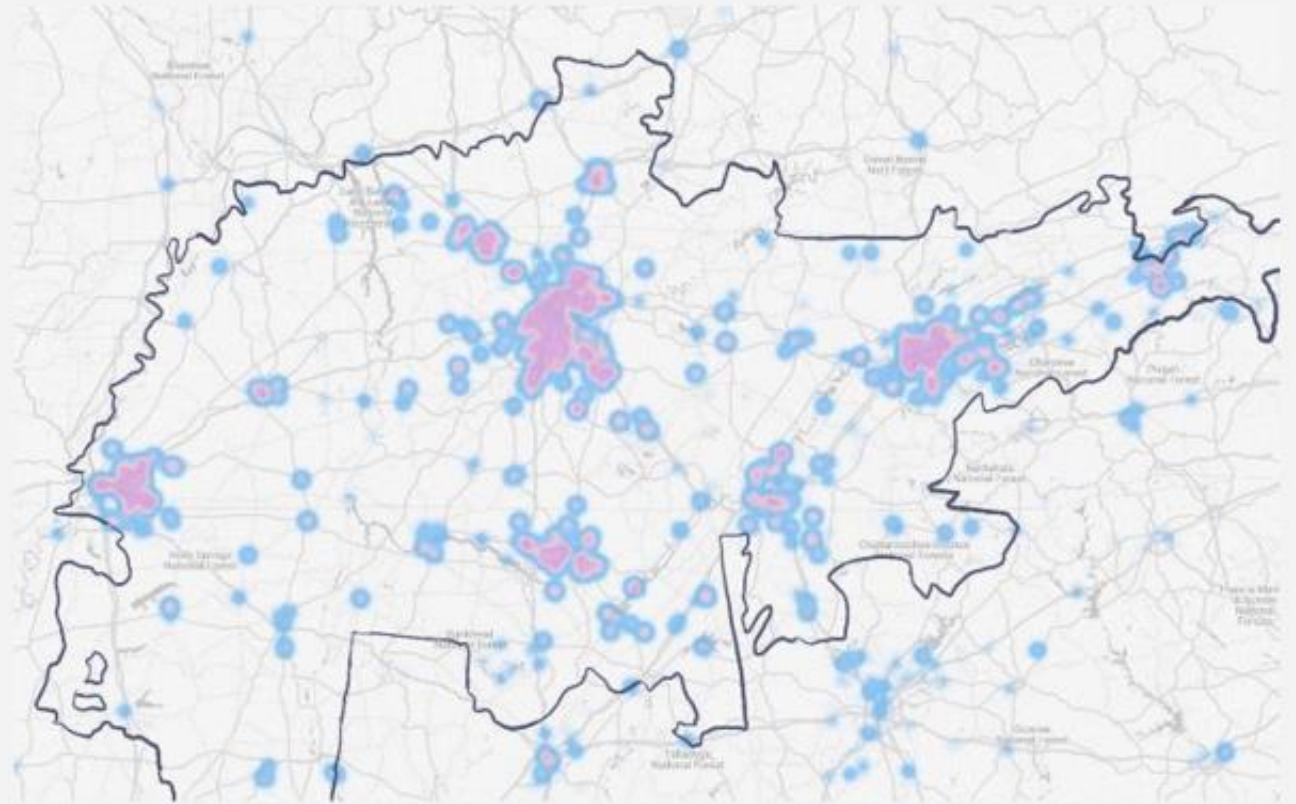
# EV Charging Data Sheds Light on Charging Behaviors

## 600

**vehicles** actively charging  
(~2% of EVs)



**Tesla vehicles** are majority  
(~95% of EVs)



**2023 TVA RFP WINNER**

provided telematics data from active EVs in the Valley **since 2020**

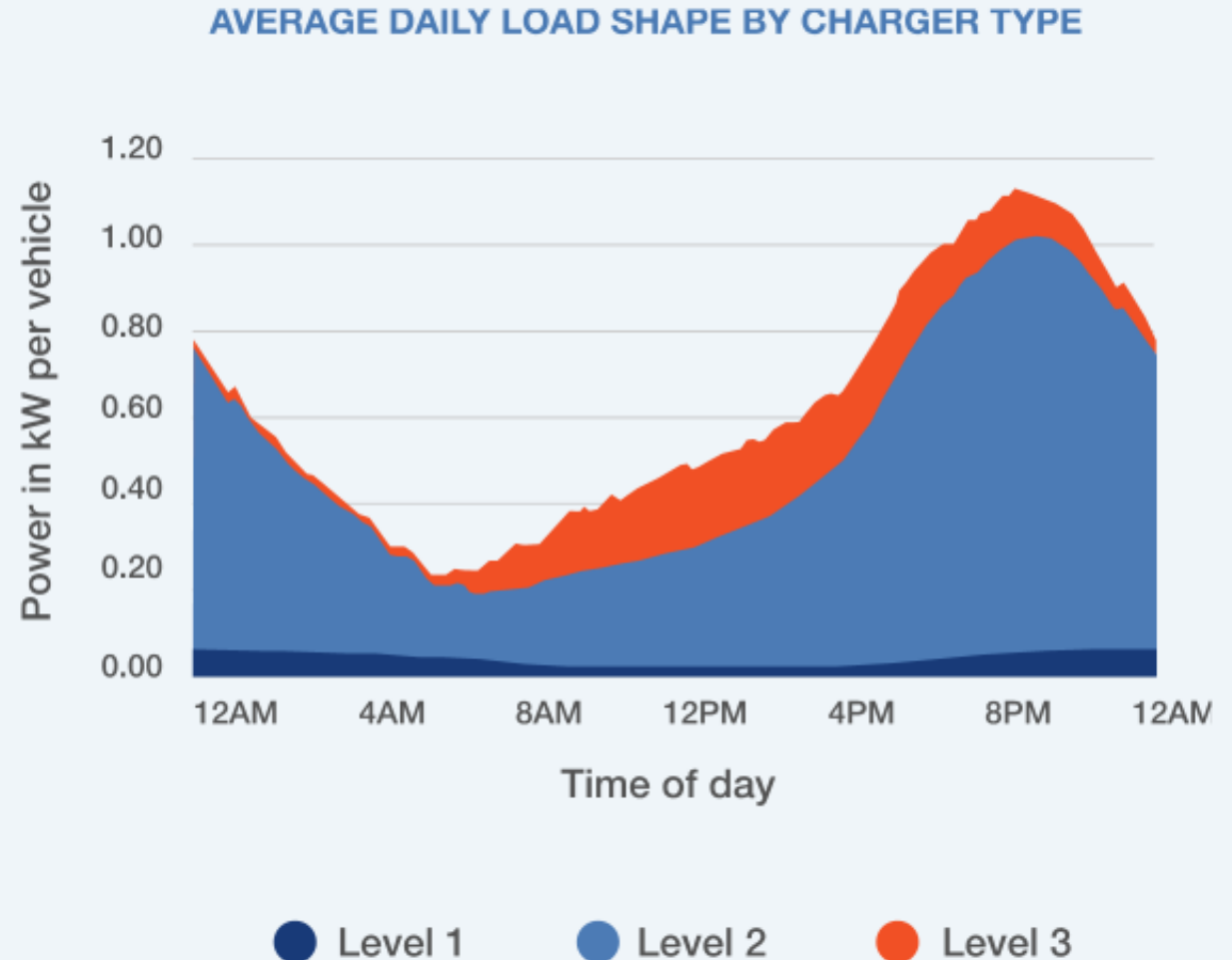
# EV Charging Peaks at 8:30 p.m.

## 1.1 kW

added to the system  
by an EV on an average day

## Level 2

charging drives load shape





# EV Charging Doesn't Contribute to Winter Peak

**81%**

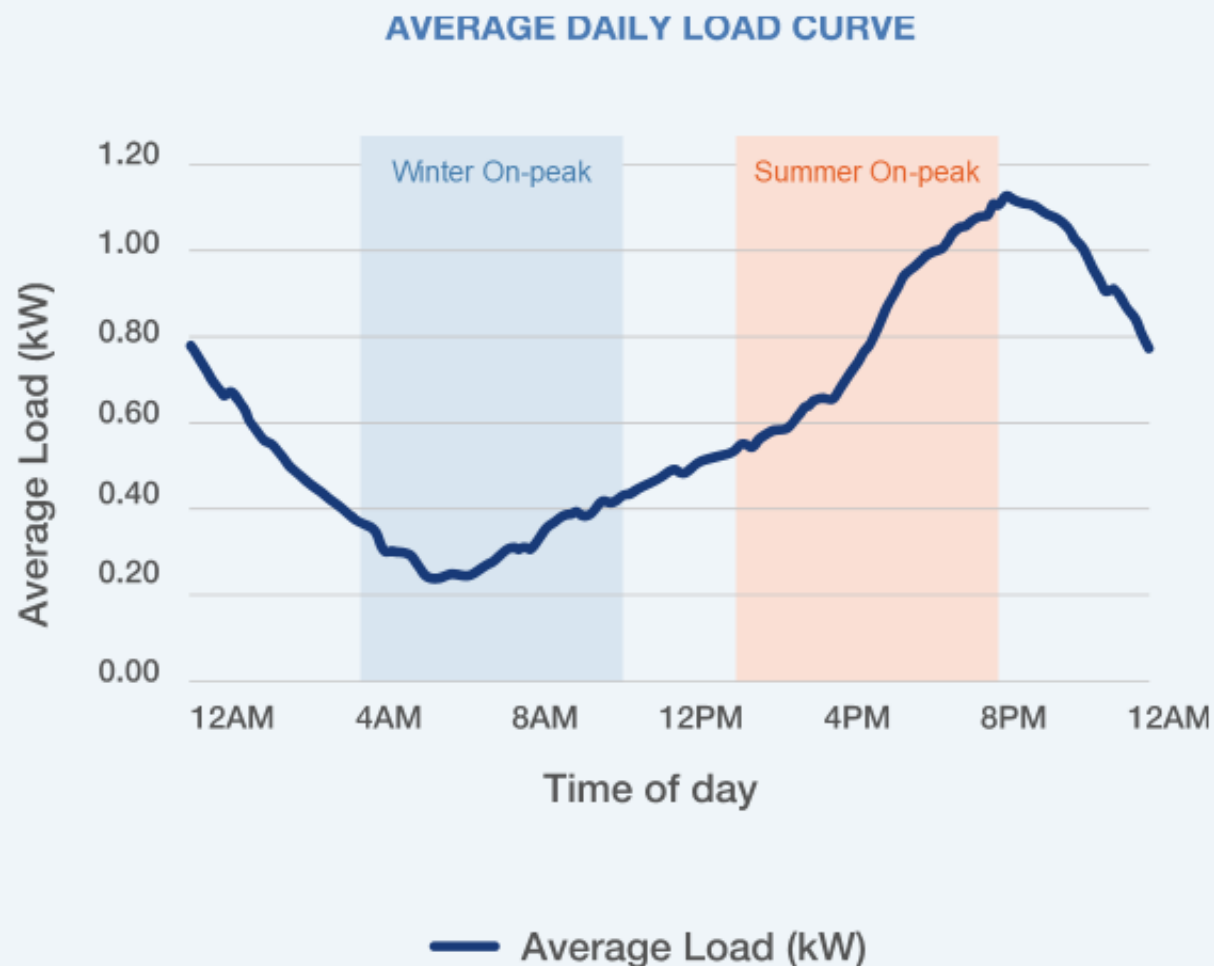
of charging  
load is off-peak

**76%**

of residential  
load is off-peak

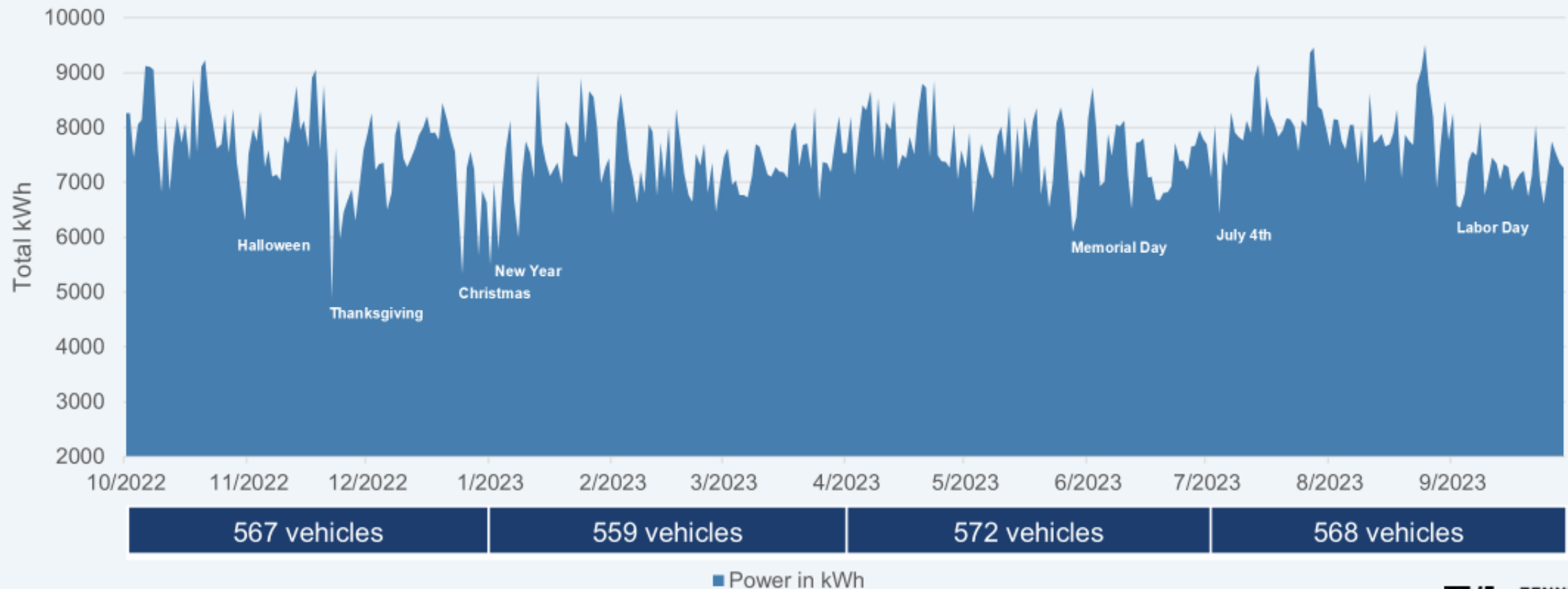
**5,000 kWh**

energy used by an EV per year  
(similar to a residential heat pump)



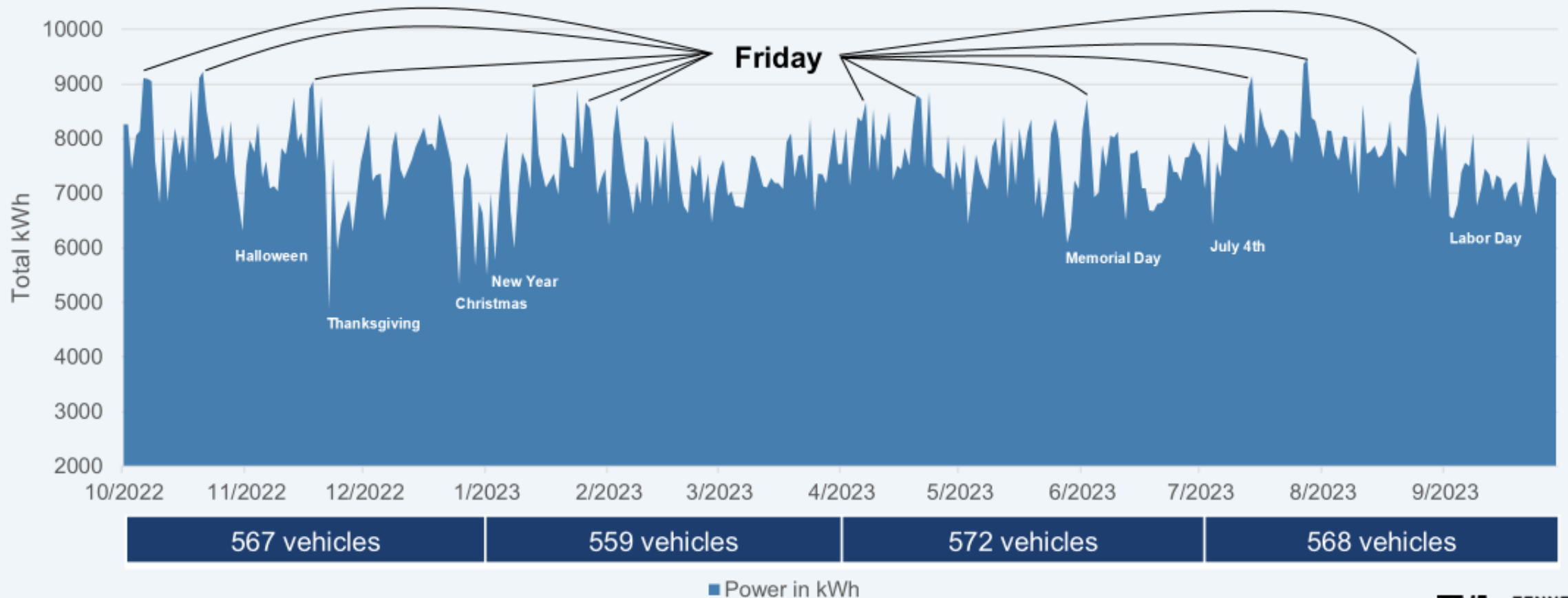
# EV Charging Correlates to Travel Patterns

## TOTAL KWH DELIVERED BY DAY



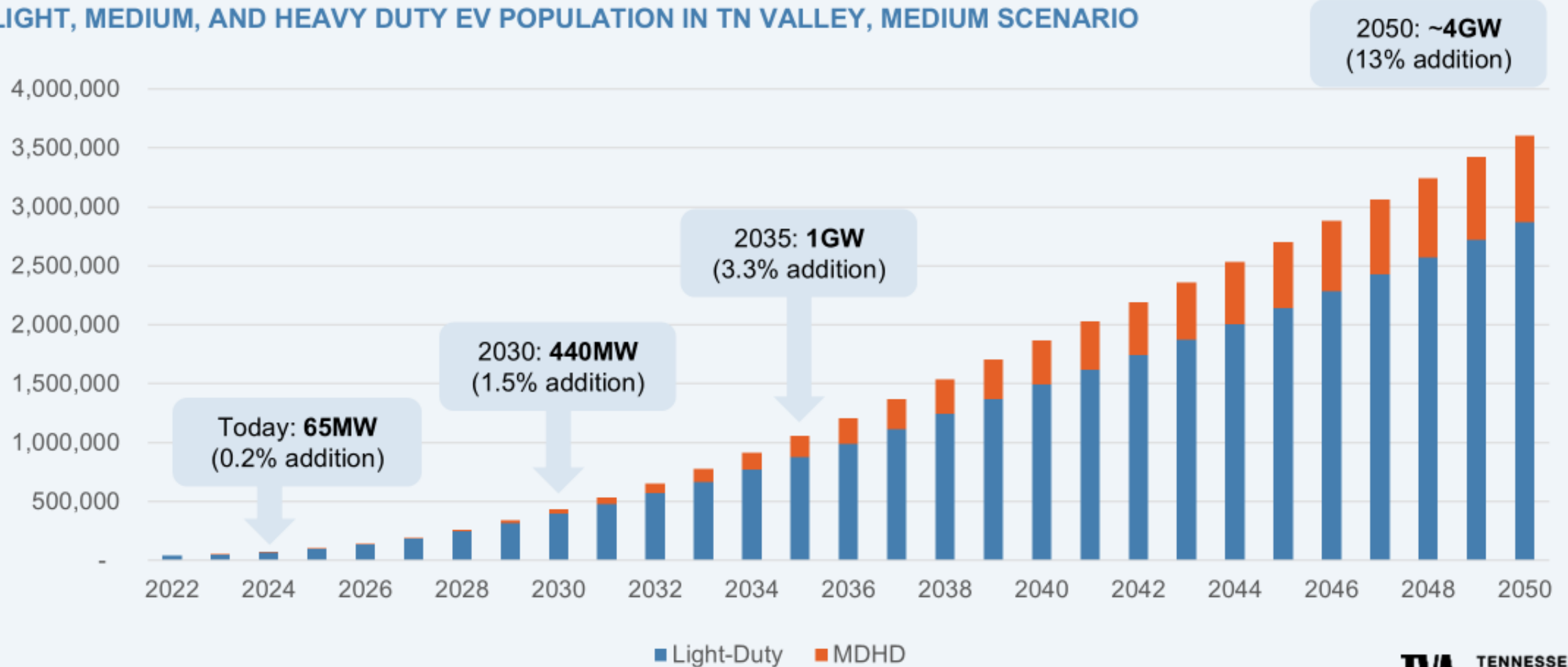
# Fridays Consistently Show More Charging Load

TOTAL KWH DELIVERED BY DAY



# Potential EV load growth in the Valley

LIGHT, MEDIUM, AND HEAVY DUTY EV POPULATION IN TN VALLEY, MEDIUM SCENARIO





## What's Next?



**Exploring the  
additional value of  
managed charging**



# Managed Charging: flatten the peak

How will we manage EV charging in Valley?

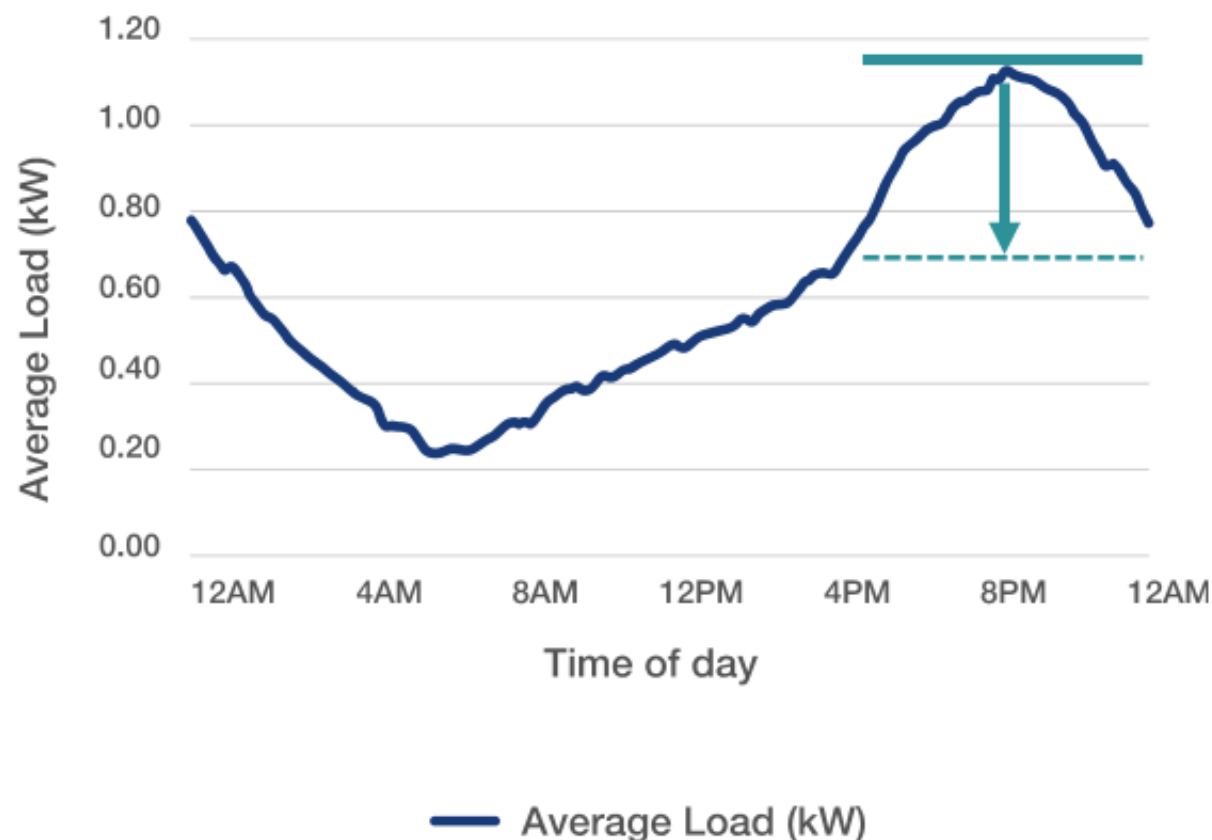
## Strategies available now:

- In-vehicle charging schedules
- Rates (TOU)
- Public messaging

## Future:

- Dynamic control during peaks?

AVERAGE DAILY LOAD CURVE





# Connect With Us for Resources

[eevolution@tva.gov](mailto:eevolution@tva.gov)

## AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- **TN Valley EV Adoption Forecast**
- **EV Charging Load Shape Data**
- **EV Program Strategy (ETIPS) Case Study**  
*(Coming Soon)*





# Fleet Transition Planning & Utility Coordination

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Executive Director

Center for Transportation and the Environment

# About CTE



## Who We Are

501(c)(3) non-profit engineering and planning firm



## Our Mission

Improve the health of our climate and communities by bringing people together to develop and commercialize clean, efficient, and sustainable transportation technologies



## Portfolio

\$3.8 Billion+

- Research, Demonstration, Deployment
- 142 active projects totaling \$756 Million+
- 50 pending projects totaling \$2.6 Billion



## Our Focus

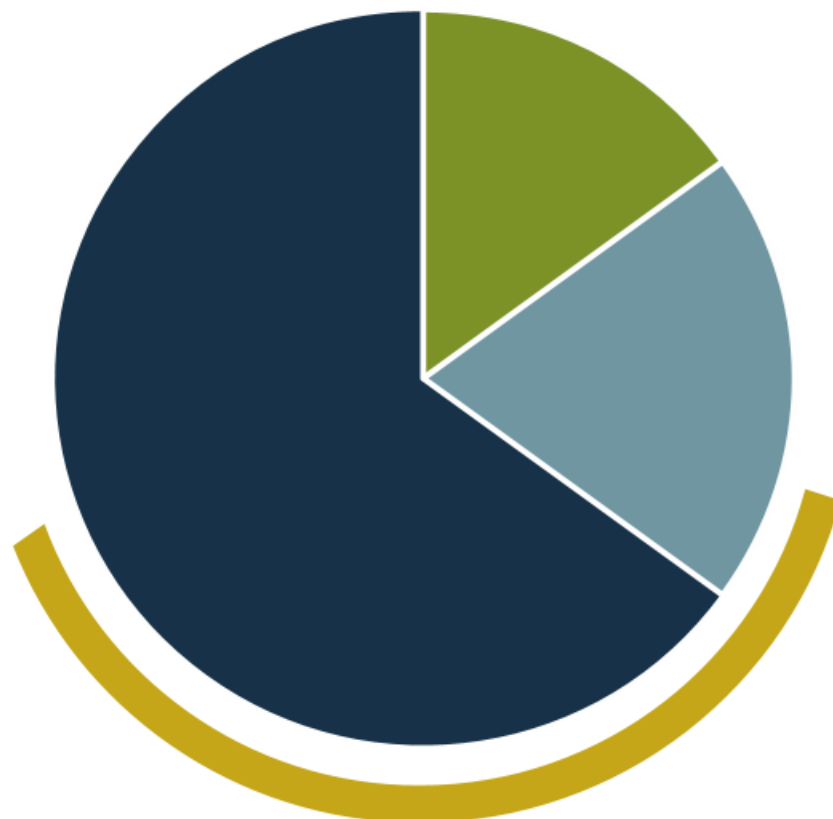
Zero-Emission Transportation Technologies



## National Presence

Atlanta, Berkeley, Denver, St. Paul

# Who We Are



Our staff has the diverse set of skills to support all aspects of transportation zero-emission goals.

15% Administration

20% Development, Policy, & Outreach

65% Professional Project Managers

40% Engineers (of total staff)

# What We Do



## Technology Development

Innovative pilots for pioneering tech



## Smart Deployment

Technical solutions for early adopters



## Transition Planning

Strategic plans for full-fleet electrification



## Advocacy

Unified advocacy for a zero-emission future

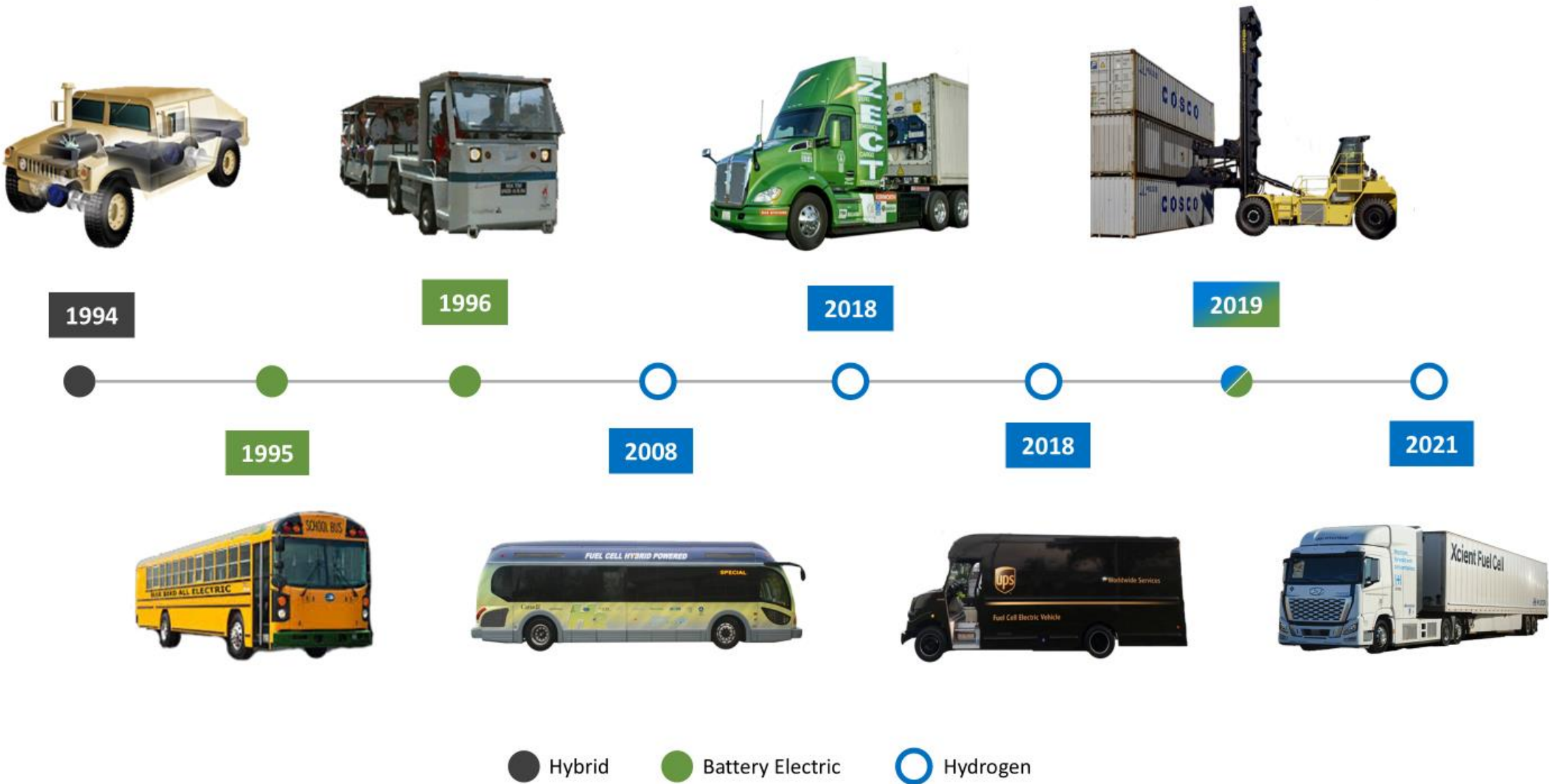


## Grant Writing as a Service

Comprehensive support for team building and project planning



# Technology Development Projects





# Smart Deployment

**We support early adopters by providing the best technical solutions for initial deployments.**

CTE has assisted **more than 250** operators that have either deployed, or will soon deploy, **more than 1,400** zero-emission vehicles.

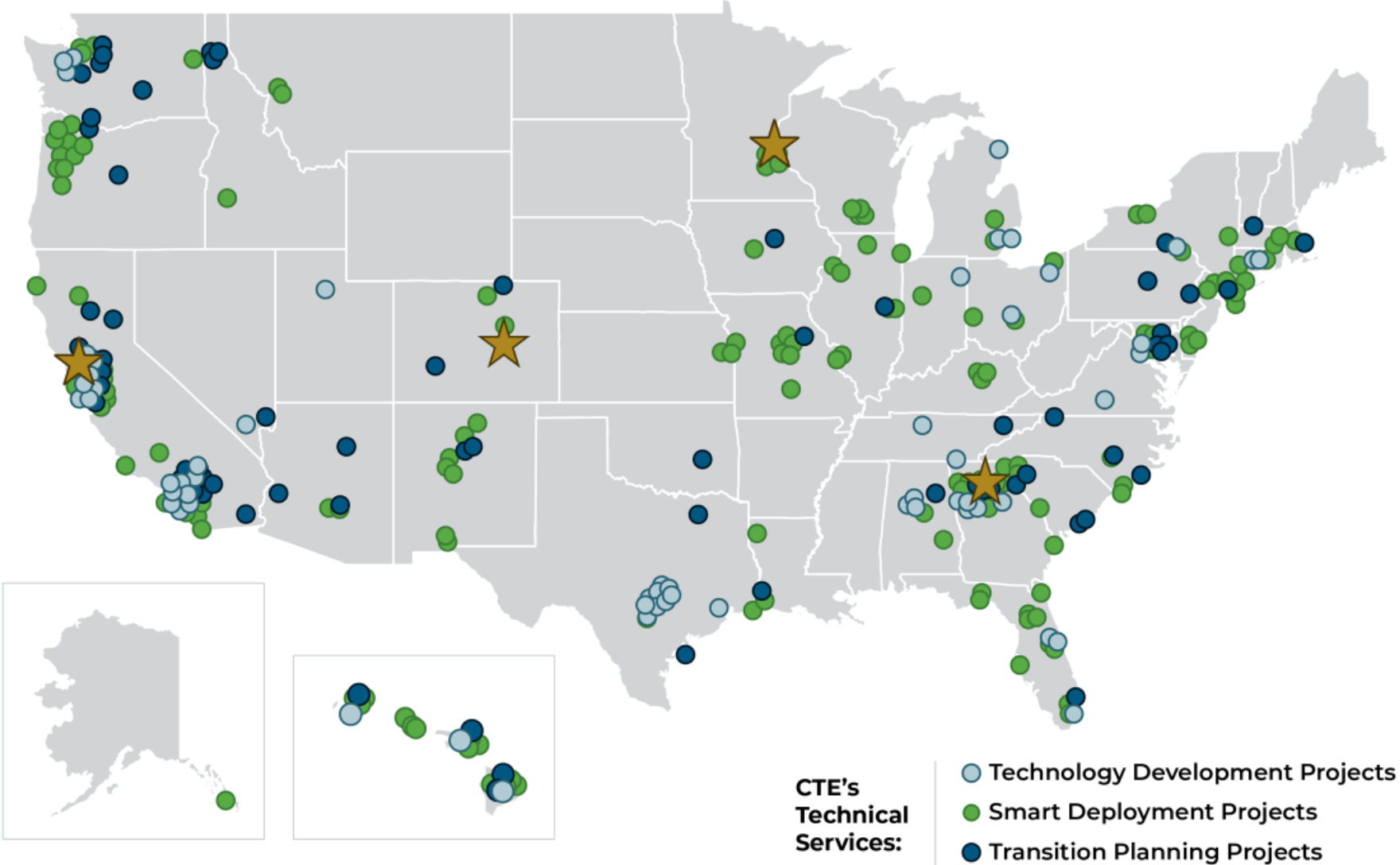


# Transition Planning

**We help fleet operators implement strategic plans for a full zero-emission fleet.**

CTE has managed or participated in **80** transition planning projects across the country.

# 31 Years. 142 Active Projects





# Advocacy

**We help amplify the zero-emission  
industry's collective voice.**





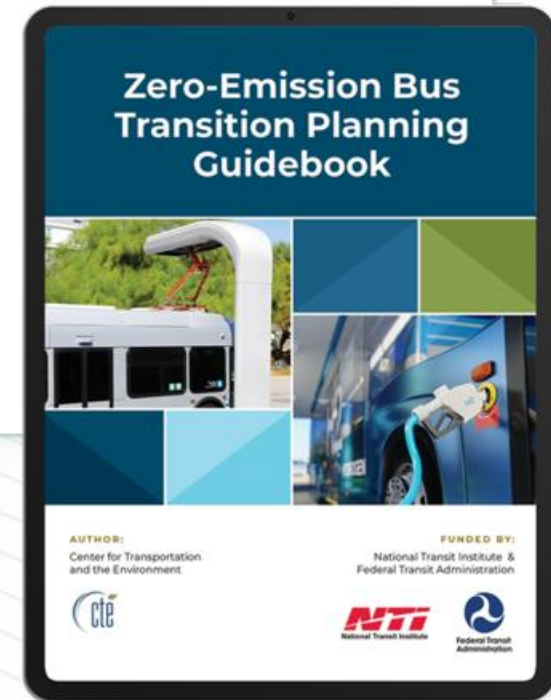
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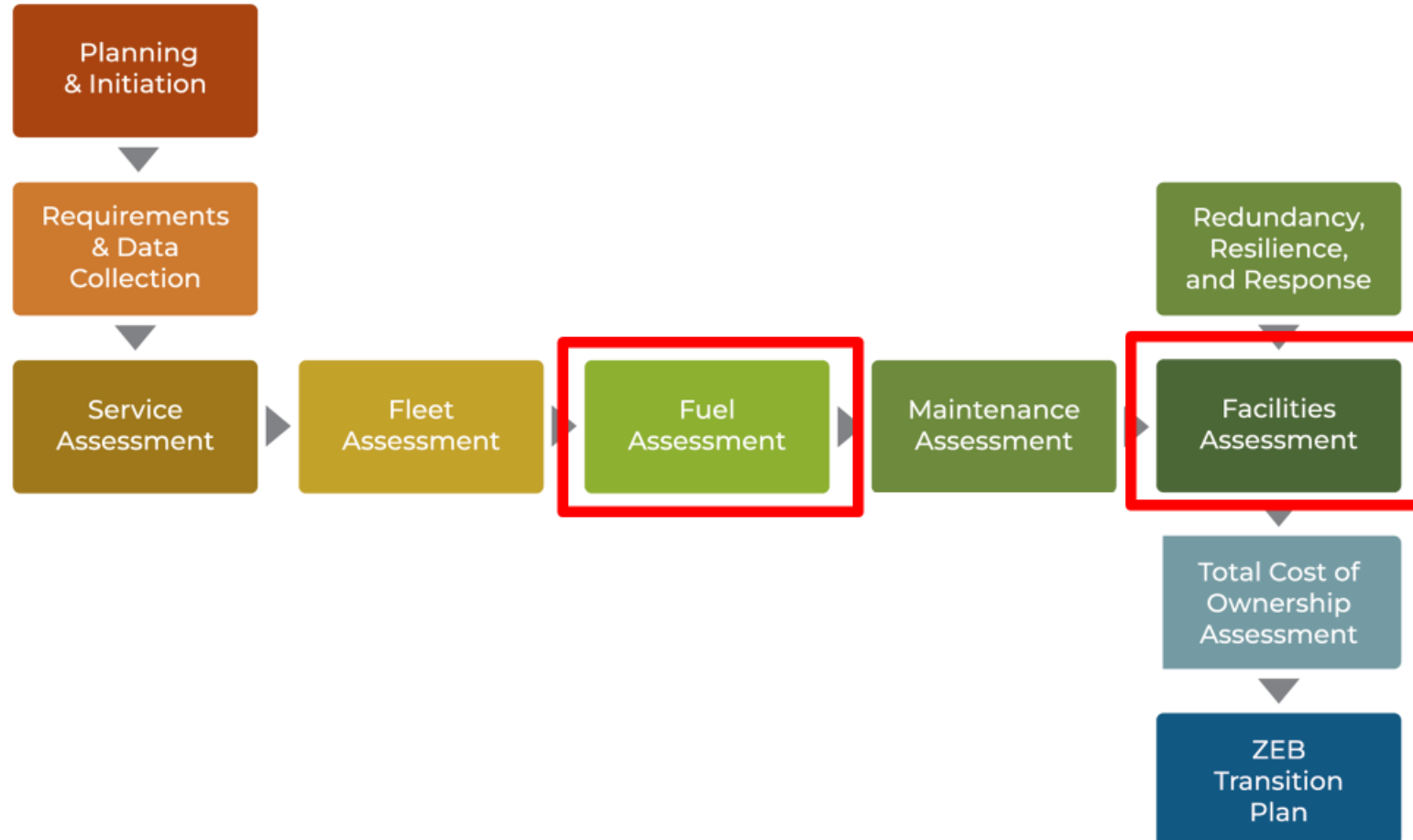
# ZEB Deployment Guidebook



# ZEB Transition Planning Guidebook



# Transition Planning Approach Highlighting Steps with Utility Tie-In



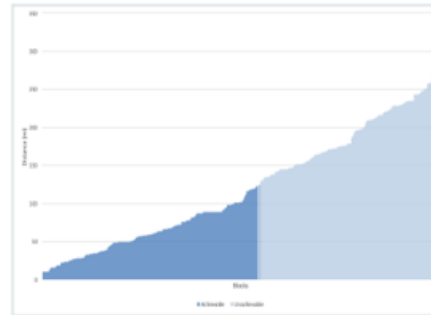
# CTE's Transition Planning Methodology



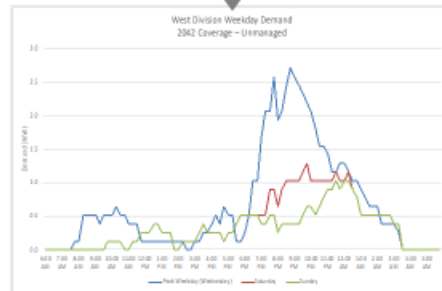
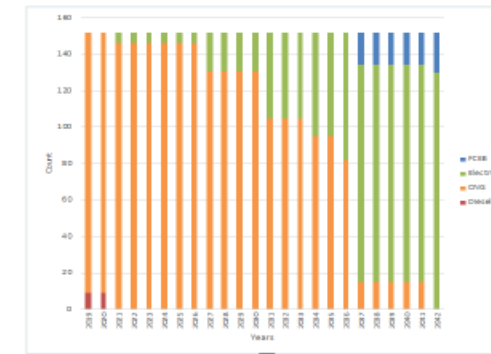
## Modeling



## Feasibility Analysis



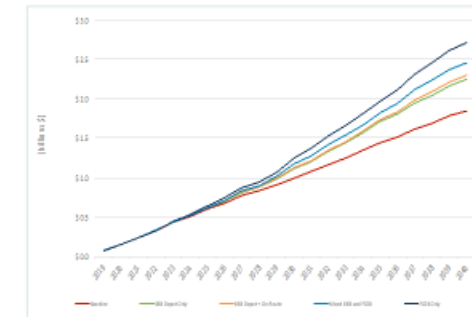
## Procurement Plan



## Energy Analysis



## Infrastructure Plan



## Total Cost of Ownership

# Sample of CTE's work with PDX

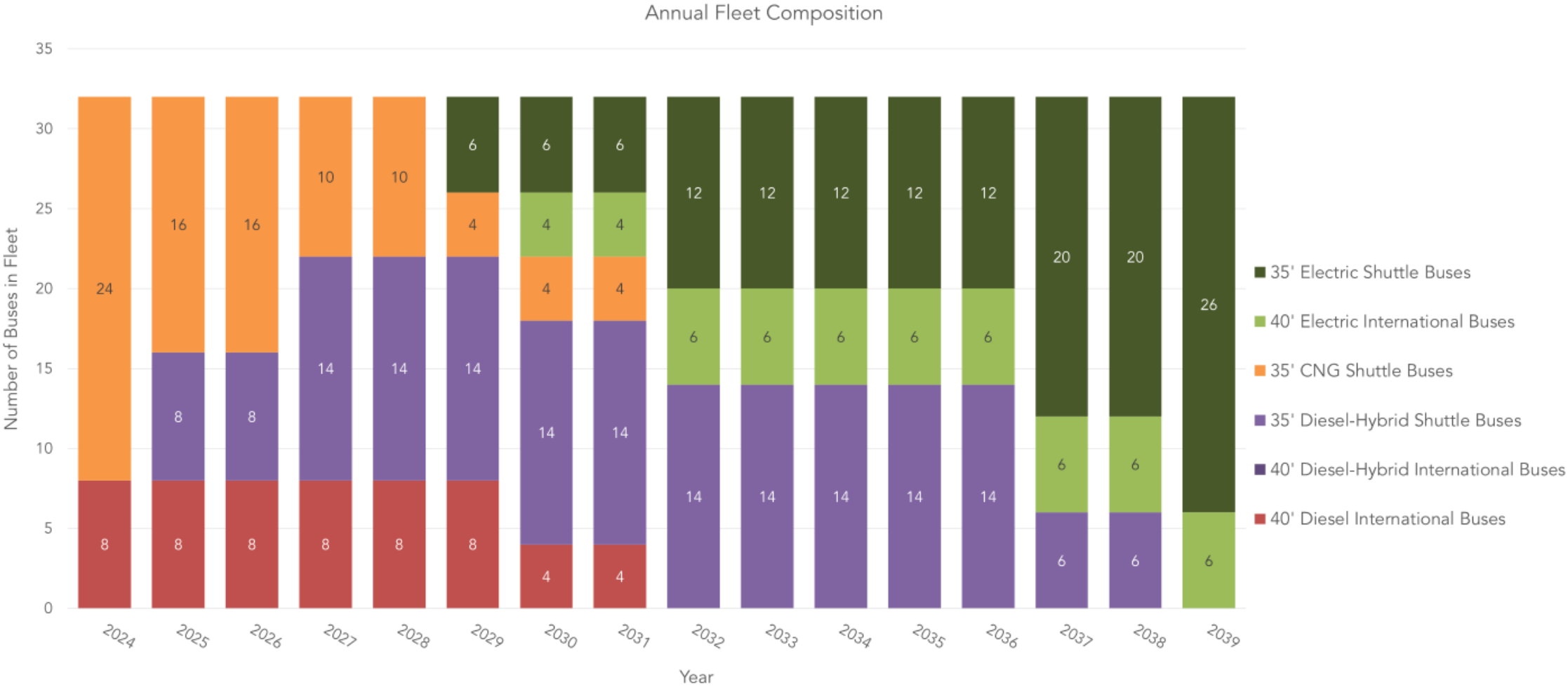


## Conducting a ZEB Transition Plan

- Develop BEB Only, Mixed Fleet, and FCEB Only transition scenarios that meet service requirements
- Estimate fleet, fuel, facilities and maintenance costs for these scenarios over this period
- Provide an understanding of capital and operating challenges for BEBs and FCEBs
- Provide an understanding of the power requirements to support utility coordination



# BEB Only: Fleet Composition



# Charging Assumptions



## Number of chargers

- One 150kW depot charger with three dispensers/pantographs is purchased for every three buses.
- Two 350kW opportunity chargers are purchased in 2029 in BEB Only Scenario.

## Charging behavior

- The buses depot charge during the off-peak period.
- Up to half of the fleet can charge at any given time.
- The 35' buses use two opportunity chargers as needed during operation, including charging during on-peak and off-peak times.

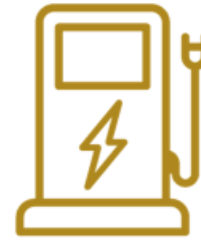
## Charger Power

- Off-duty (slower) chargers are 150 kW
- Opportunity (faster) chargers are 350 kW

# Utility Impacts

PDX was informed by utility that power upgrades for current depot would cost them \$3M-\$4M

- Utility informed PDX that upgrading their maintenance facility to have sufficient power, but moving vehicle fueling there would create significant operational challenges



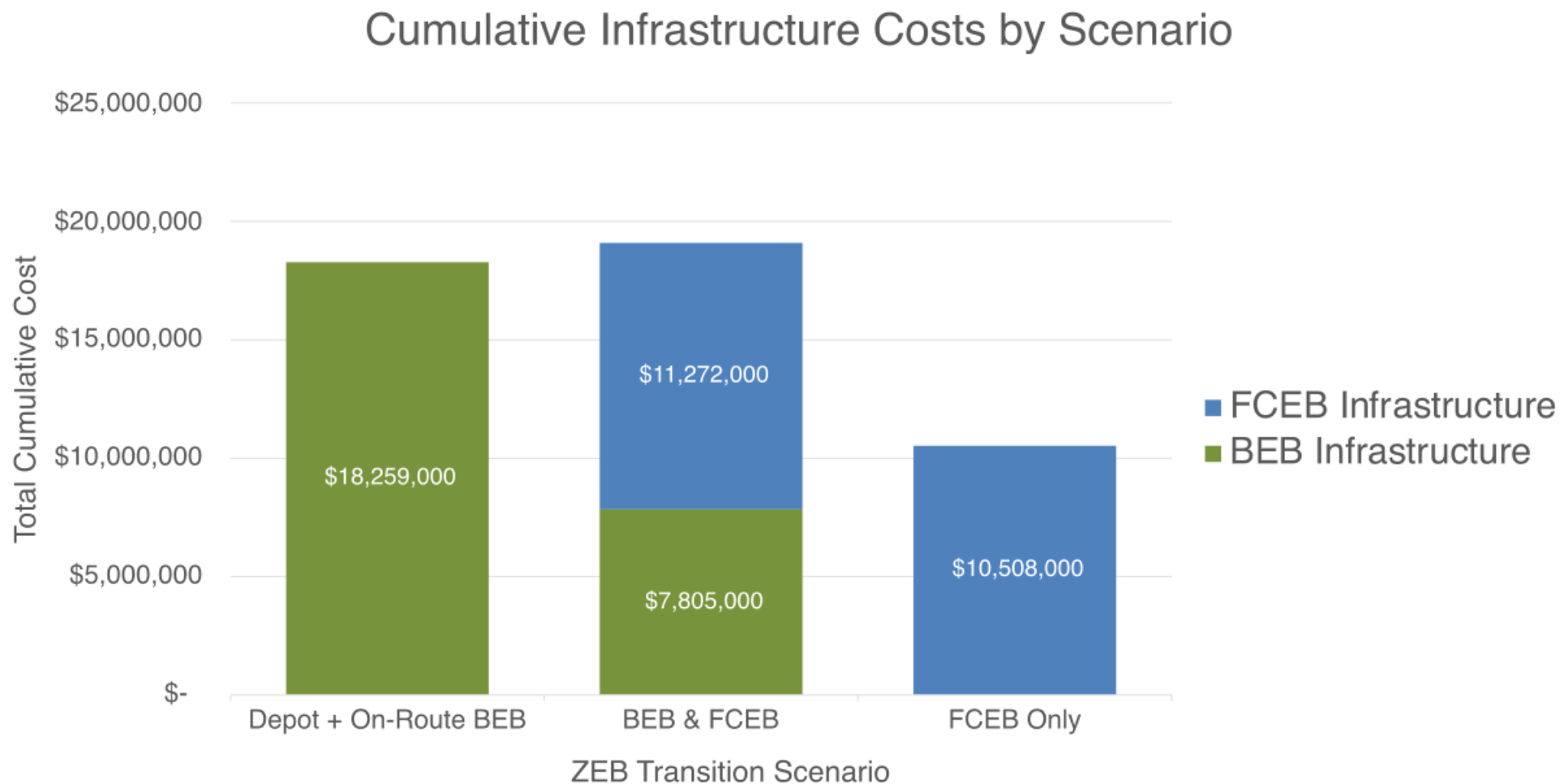
CTE provided the utility with a timeline for how PDX's demand would increase over time as more chargers are added at the depot

# Cumulative Fuel Cost Summary



Scenario	Total Cost	Incremental Cost of ZEB Transition	Percent of BEB	Percent of FCEB
Baseline	\$15.0M	\$0	0%	0%
1: BEB	\$12.0M	-\$3M	100%	0%
2: BEB + FCEB	\$18.5M	\$3.5M	13.3%	86.6%
3: FCEB	\$18.1M	\$3.1M	0%	100%

# Cumulative Facilities Cost Summary





# Facilities Map



**PDX Maintenance Facility**  
Where all buses are maintained and CNG buses currently fuel.

**PDX Parking (Depot)**  
Where all buses are parked and where operators currently take their breaks.

# Fuel Cell vs. Battery Electric Bus

## Infrastructure Investment

