



# AAPA Webinar

Electrifying Port Freight: Insights from the ASPIRE Center and Its Pioneering Electrified Roadway Projects

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# 1. ASPIRE VISION

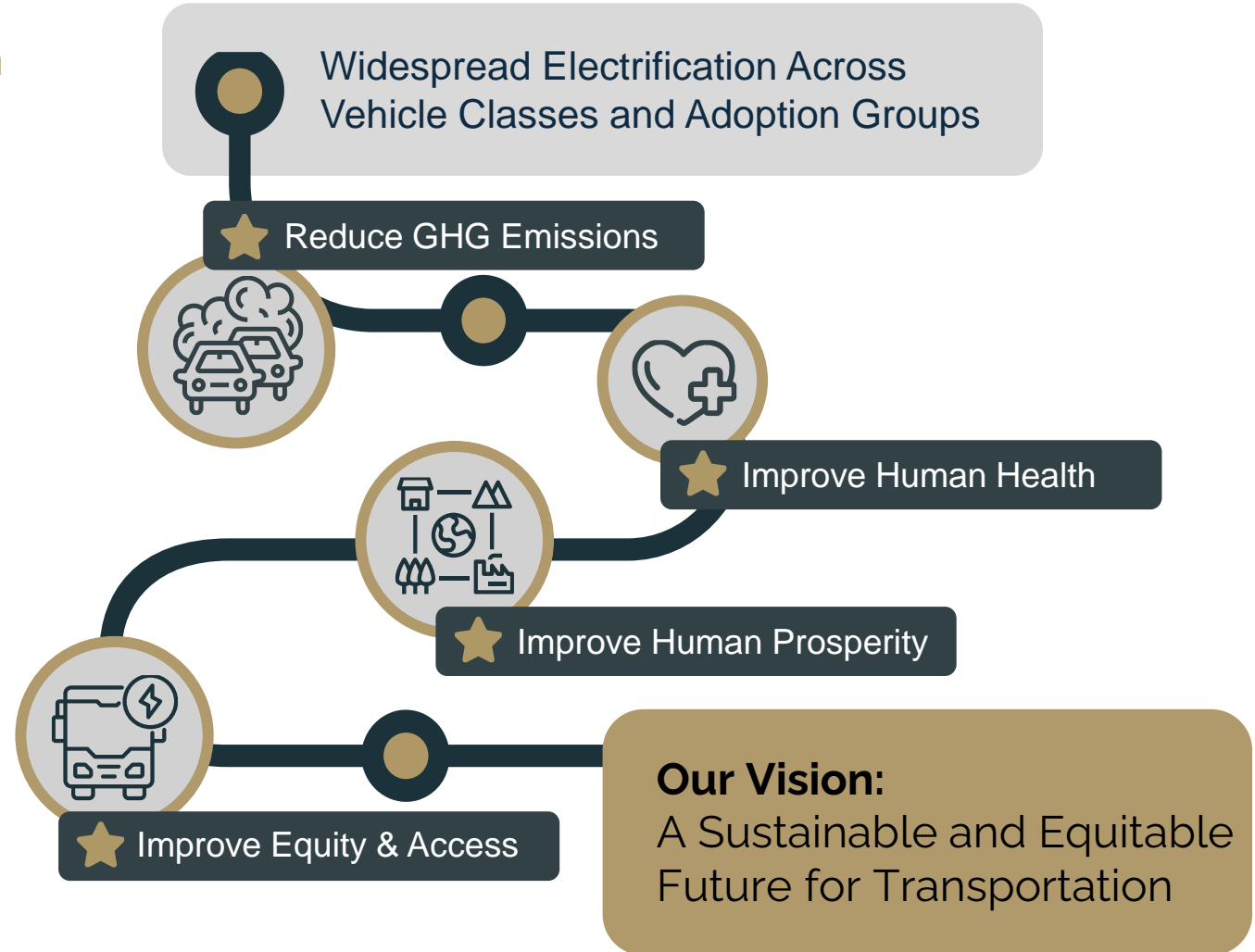
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SUSTAINABLE & EQUITABLE, RESEARCH, PROJECTS

# ASPIRE's Vision



ASPIRE is a multi-disciplinary effort **across ten Universities** and over **sixty partners**



# What Is Electrified Transportation?



Energy  
Diversity

Vehicles  
Fleets

Electrified  
Roadways

Roads &  
Buildings

Moving People  
Moving Goods

More than just EVs



# Four Converging Trends

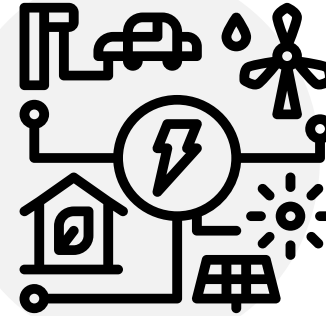
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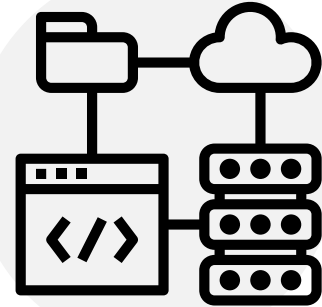
Autonomous



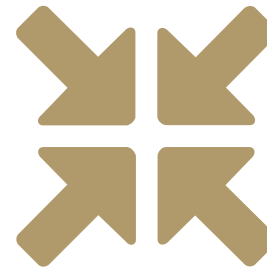
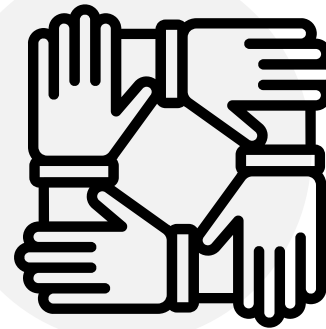
Electrified



Connected



Shared



"ACES"



# ASPIRE *by the Numbers*



From our 2023 Annual Report

**124**million in total funding

**14+**

Patents  
Awarded

**60+**

Industry &  
Innovation (IIB)  
Members

**140+**

Peer Reviewed  
Publications

**400+**

Faculty, Students  
& Staff

**11,500+**

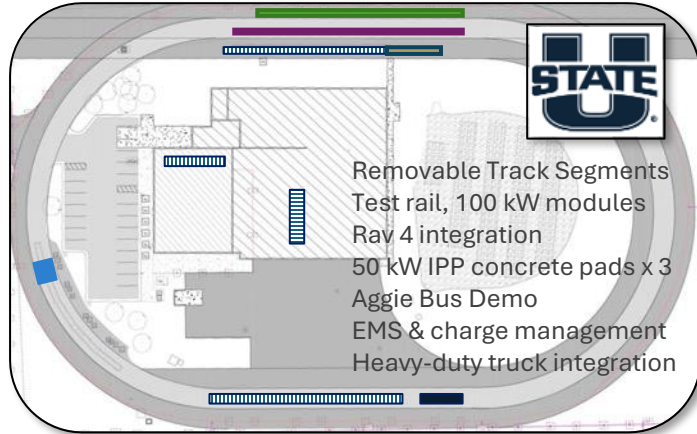
Attendees reached  
through events



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The 2023  
Annual  
Report



# Growth Trajectory



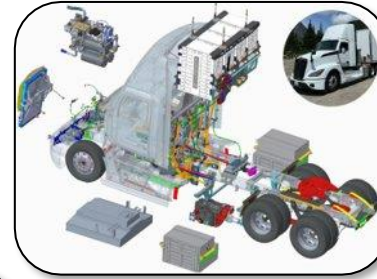
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40m DWPT



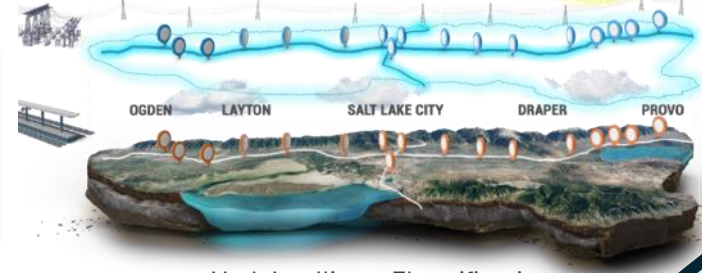
Purdue 200  
kW DWPT  
2023



CFX ¾ Mile  
Pilot



Utah 1MW Charging Pilot  
with Kenworth & UPS



Utah Intelligent Electrification  
Planning Initiative



Electreon 25 kW+  
x 3 50m DWPT



WPT Pad



50 kW 10m DWPT



Michigan / Electreon  
¼ Mile Pilot



Indiana  
¼ Mile Pilot



Utah / ASPIRE / Stadler Battery-  
powered Passenger Train



2020 ASPIRE  
Engineering Research  
Center



60+  
Industry  
Members

2012 WAVE  
Spin Out

2015 EVR and  
SELECT

2021, 2022, 2023  
Pilot Projects  
UT, IN, FL, MI, PA

2024 EVR Expansion,  
ASPIRE HQ, Utah  
Planning Initiative

\$100M  
Achieved

# Industry + Innovation





## 2. ASPIRE RESEARCH

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ENERGY MANAGEMENT, SMART GRID, COMMAND & CONTROL

# Areas of Research



## Equity

- Social Equity
- Environmental Justice
- Technology & K-22 Education



## Data

- Data Analysis & Fusion
- AI / Optimization / Co-sim
- Cybersecurity / IoT / Networks



## Adoption

- User Acceptance / Society
- Public Policy / Economy
- Techno-economics



## Power

- Power Systems
- Grid Integrated Charging Systems
- Battery Systems



## Transportation

- Transportation Systems
- Transportation Infrastructure

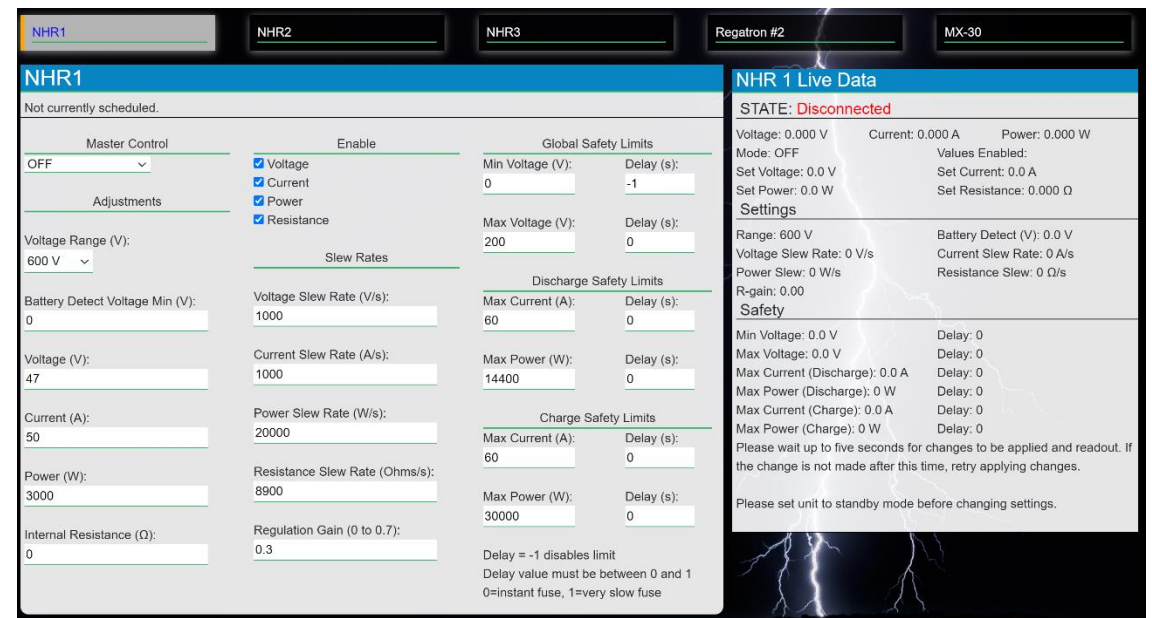
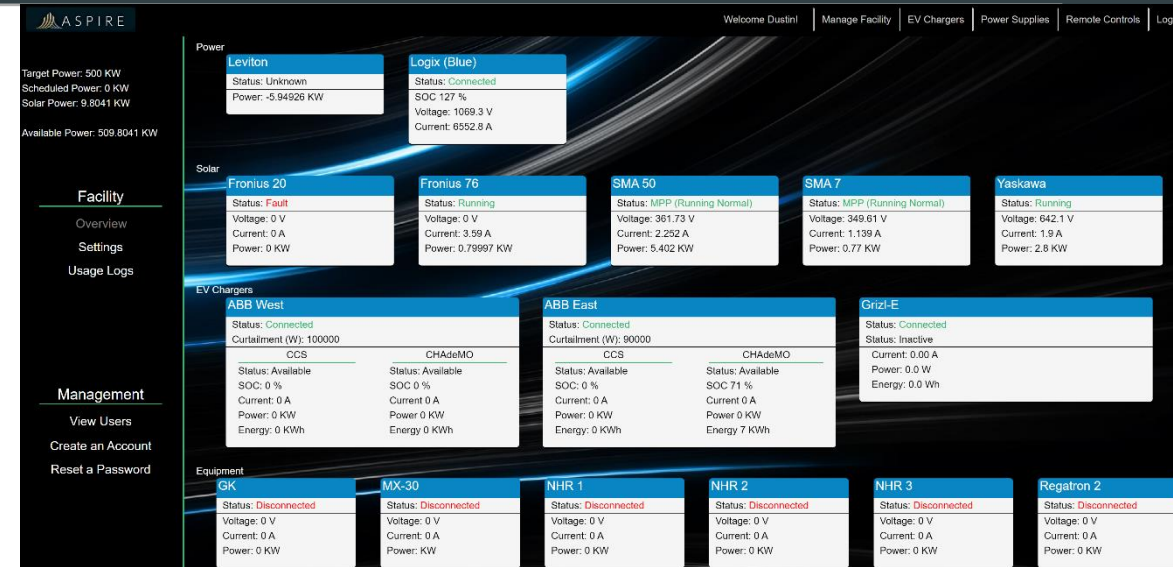
# Energy Management System

## Purpose

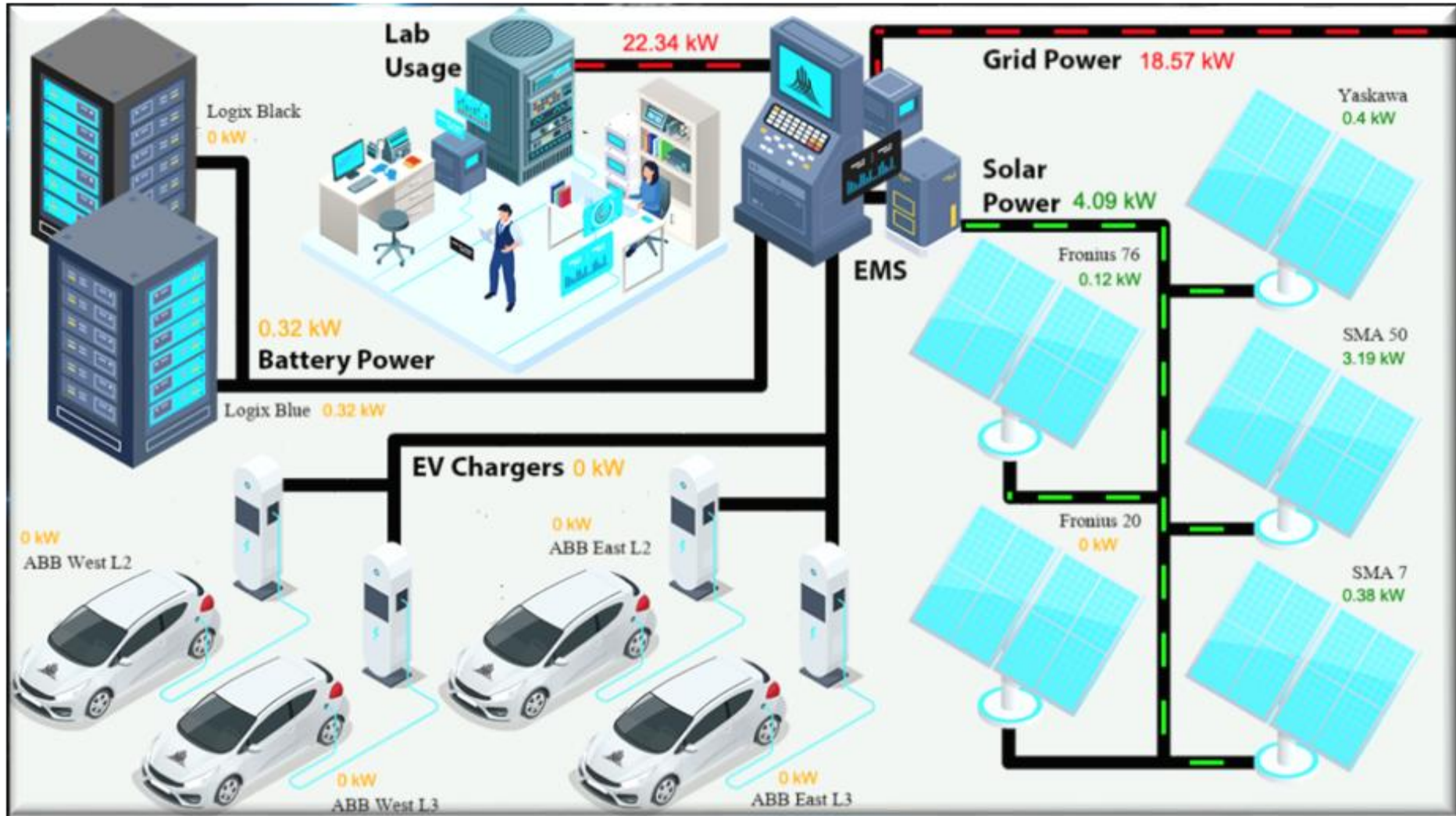
- **Facilitating high-power testing**
  - 128 kW solar power, 260 kWh battery storage, 750 kW utility service, 250 kW battery test, 60 kW CNG generator, flexible power supply, battery emulator, battery cycler, grid emulator, and vehicle lift
- **Minimizing electric utility bill**
  - Lower peak load charges
- **Testing with managed distributed energy sources**

## Future Enhancements

- **Established communication with devices**
- **Created common central control**
- **Equipment types**
  - Solar inverters
  - Power supplies
  - Battery inverters
- **Controllable parameters**
  - Voltage
  - Current
  - Curtailment



# Command & Control





# 3. REAL-WORLD DEPLOYMENTS

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Examples of Port & Related Deployments

# Public Transit & Port Deployments

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## **WAVE** **Inductive Charging**

Most applications today are for light-duty vehicles. But in-road wireless charging can extend to transit buses and other medium- and heavy-duty vehicle applications.



## **Port of Los Angeles**



# Port – Drayage & CHE

**500 kW  
wireless  
charger**

Class-8 Port  
Drayage Truck



**Universal Studios**

Hollywood Trams Go  
Electric with Wireless  
Charging



**250 kW  
wireless  
charger**

52-ton  
container  
handler



# 4. ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS

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ASPIRE Center deployment of electrified transportation projects



# ASPIRE NSF Engineering Research Center



1



Charging  
Stations  
of the Future

2



Electrified  
Roadways

3



Systems of  
Systems

4



Learning &  
Engagement



# Megawatt Charging

*Stationary inductive wireless charger for class 8 trucks*

**Coming September 2024**

- **Kenworth Class 8 Truck**

- More than 1,800 miles of validation testing completed in Seattle.
- Truck has been rebuilt after testing to handle Utah's cold climates and mountain passes.
- Construction bids for Inland Port site are being received.
- Construction is advancing at ASPIRE's Electric Vehicle Roadway (EVR) in Logan.

- **Two UPS routes**

- Utah Inland Port, SLC – Logan, 193 miles
- Utah Inland Port, SLC – Orem, 187 miles





# Detroit, Michigan 14<sup>th</sup> St

*Michigan DOT / Electreon / ASPIRE*

## Motor City's Electrified Roadway

### ▪ Dynamic Wireless Charging

- ¼ mile of Electreon inductive-charging roadway in Detroit's historic Corktown neighborhood.
- Electreon technology uses inductive coupling between copper coils installed below the road surface that transmit to receivers installed on electric vehicles.
- Powers a shuttle equipped with an Electreon receiver.
- Fully operational since November 2023.
- The Electreon system has been installed in ASPIRE's EVR testbed at USU in Logan, Utah.



electreon



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*Michigan DOT / Electreon / ASPIRE*



Credit: MichiganDOT

<https://eepower.com/news/detroit-tests-nations-first-wireless-ev-charging-road/#>





Credit: AP Photo/Paul Sancya  
<https://www.fox8live.com/2023/11/29/new-technology-installed-beneath-detroit-street-can-charge-electric-vehicles-they-drive/>



# US 231 / US 52, West Lafayette, IN

*Indiana DOT / ASPIRE – Purdue / Cummins*

## Charging Vehicles Big and Small at Highway Speeds

### ■ Dynamic Wireless Charging

- ¼ mile of electrified roadway under construction in West Lafayette, IN.
- Uses the ASPIRE – Purdue system designed to work at higher power levels for heavy duty freight.
- The ASPIRE – Purdue system has been installed in ASPIRE's EVR testbed at USU in Logan, Utah.



**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



Credit: Purdue University/Greta Bell

<https://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2024/Q1/building-the-first-highway-segment-in-the-u.s.-that-can-charge-electric-vehicles-big-and-small-as-they-drive.html#:~:text=%E2%80%94%20the%20%E2%80%9CCrossroads%20of%20America,carge%20while%20driving%20on%20highways.>

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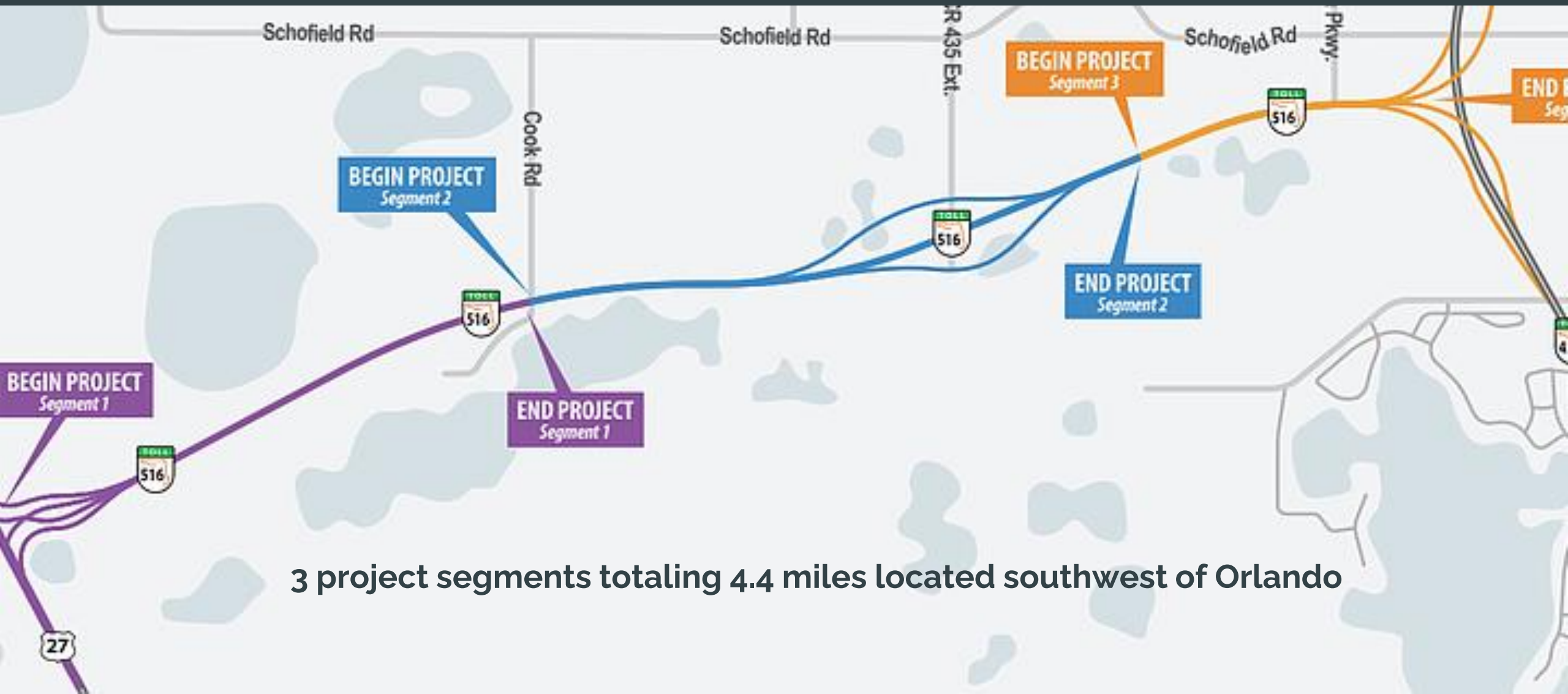
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# SR 516 – Lake/Orange Expressway

*Central Florida Expressway / ENRX / ASPIRE*



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# Utah Inland Port, SLC

*ASPIRE – USU / Kenworth*

## Drayage Freight Electrification

- **Purpose**

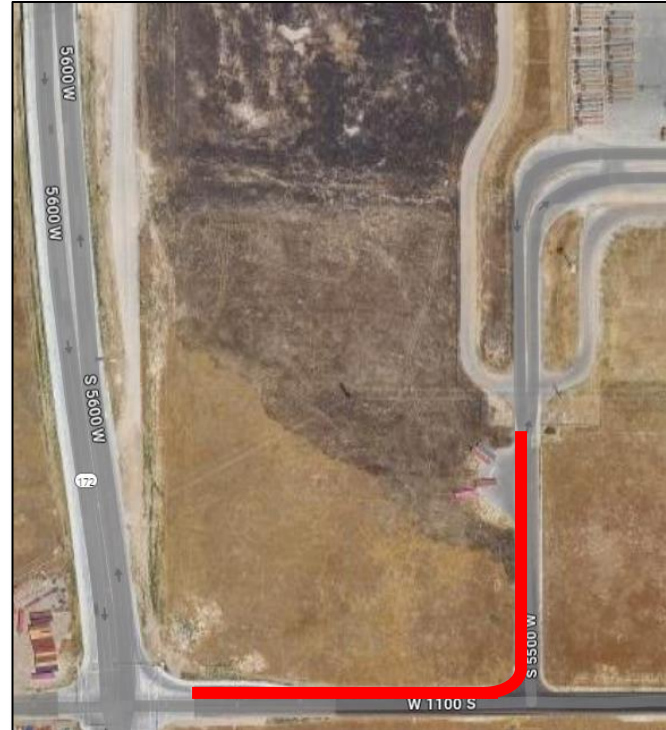
- Facilitate short-haul movement of shipping containers to storage facilities within the Utah Inland Port

- **Location**

- Utah Inland Port, 5600 W 1100 S, Salt Lake City
- Entrance to Union Pacific Intermodal Terminal

- **Technology**

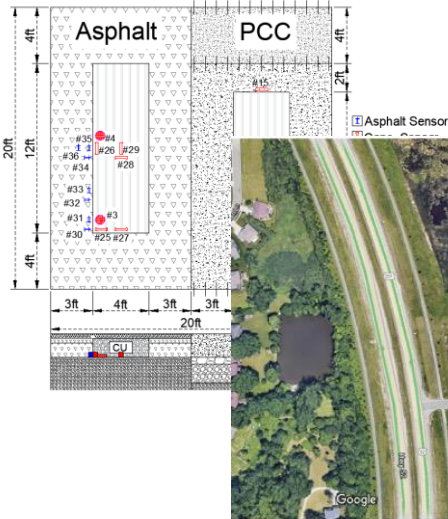
- Combination of static and dynamic wireless charging demonstrating how the truck can work using both systems.
- Includes both the Michigan Electreon system and the Indiana ASPIRE-Purdue system.
- Present deployments will inform improvements at Utah location that increases the power, truck clearance, and makes electronics advancements.





# In-Motion Charging

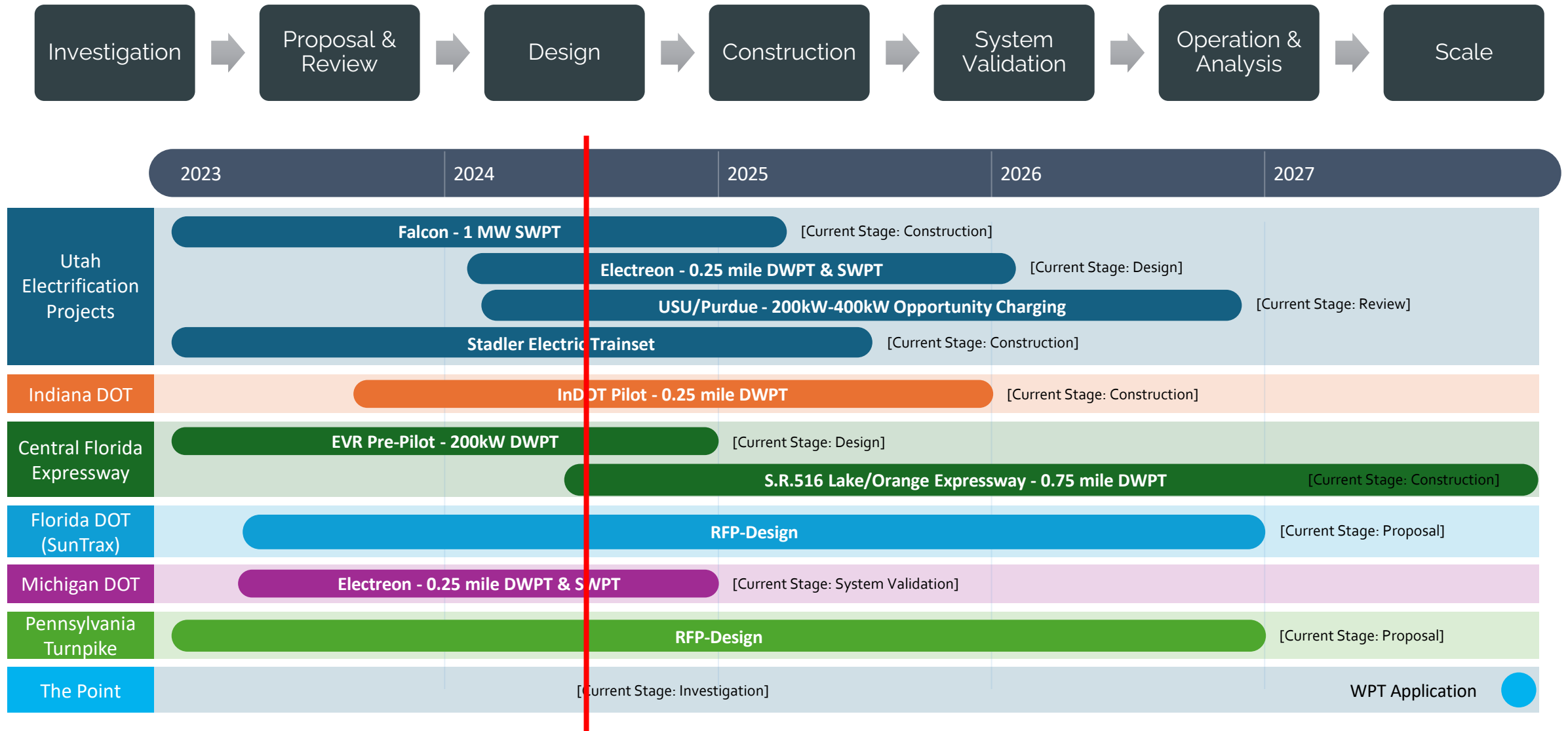
*\$60M Funding in 4 States*



CENTRAL  
FLORIDA  
EXPRESSWAY  
AUTHORITY

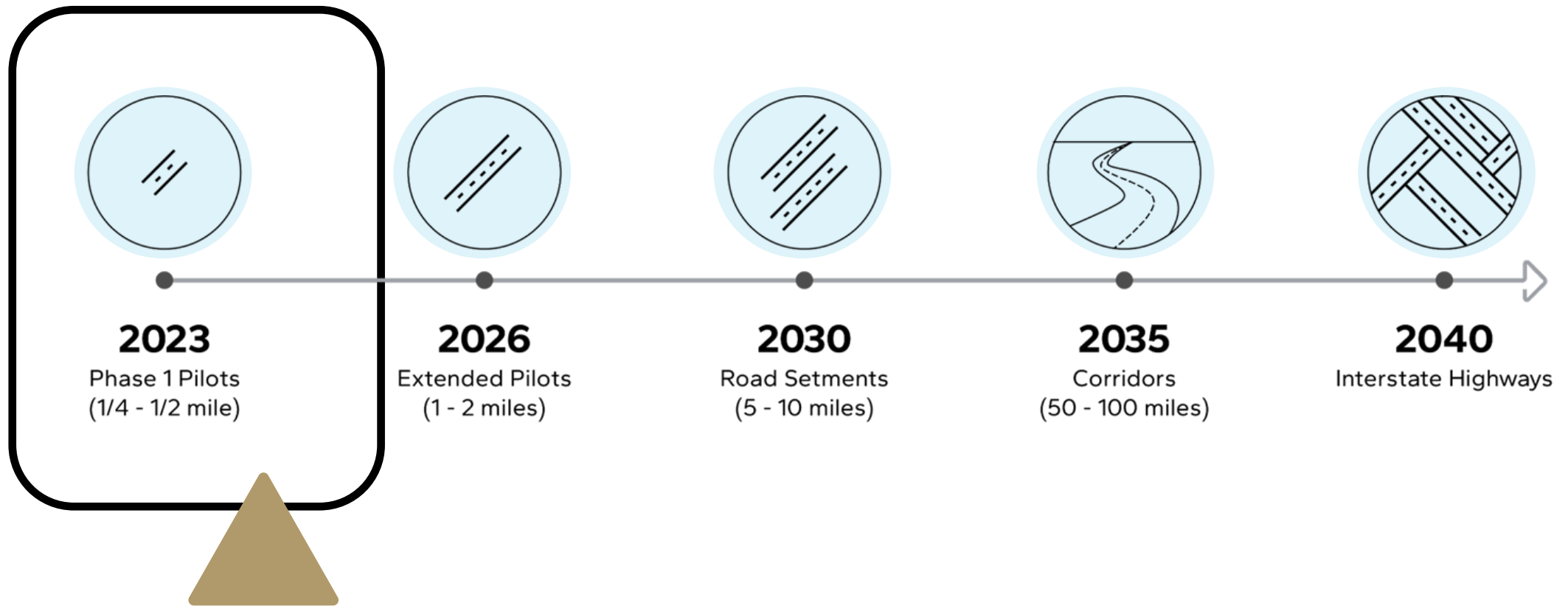


# ASPIRE - Commercial Projects



# Roadway-Electrification Roadmap

*20 Year*





# 5. National ZE Freight Strategy

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Joint Office

# EPA Clean Ports

Linked to the National Zero-Emission Freight  
Corridor Strategy

Daimler's Electric Trucks  
Freightliner, eCascadia, eM2, Jouley school bus



Credit: Jameson Dow

<https://electrek.co/2021/05/25/we-drove-daimlers-electric-trucks-and-want-them-everywhere/>

# National Zero-Emission Freight Strategy

## Phase 1 (2024-2027)

### Establish Hubs

- Favorable launch areas
- Immediately suited to early deployments
- High concentration of first and last-mile delivery trucks
- Initial focus on port drayage

### Prioritization

- States that encourage ZEV deployment
- EPA nonattainment areas
- I-80 and 100-mile freight corridor (I-15)
- 40% benefits to disadvantaged communities





# National Zero-Emission Freight Strategy

## Appendix A: Phase 1 & 2

### ZEV Freight Hubs (UT)

- Intermodal Freight Air-to-Truck
  - SLC International Airport
- Intermodal Freight Rail
  - Union Pacific Intermodal Terminal, Salt Lake City (Utah Inland Port)



# National Zero-Emission Freight Strategy

## Phase 2 (2027-2030)

### Connect Hubs

- I-80 connected coast-to-coast
- I-15 will connect SLC to San Diego
- Initial long-haul deployments begin
- I-80 Northeast and Midwest freight will move through Utah to ports in Seattle, Portland, and Oakland via I-80; and to ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach via I-15, and vice versa
- DOE will deploy Hydrogen Hubs
- Port drayage operations expand to additional ports



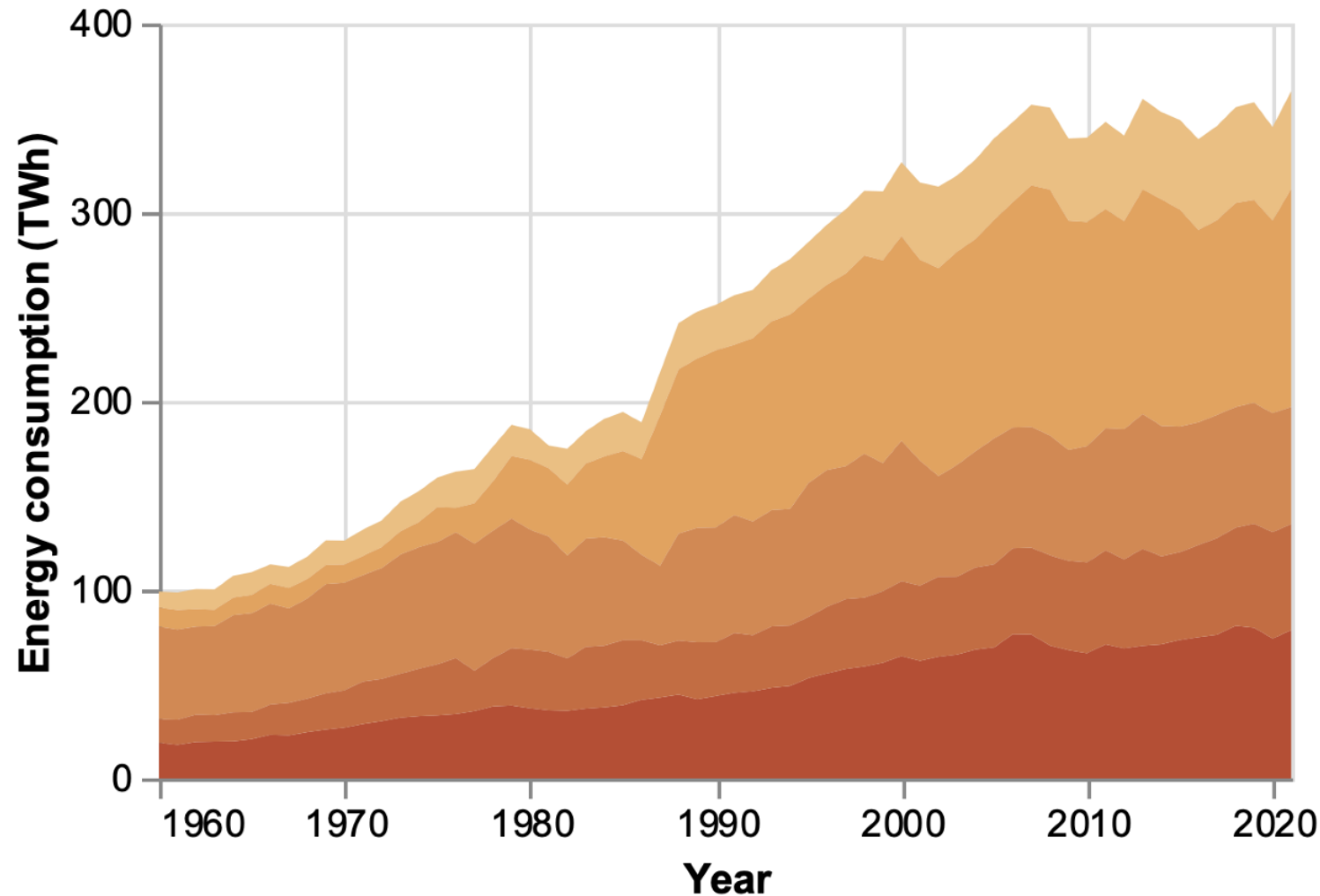
# 6. Modeling & Simulation

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“Some” ASPIRE Initial Data & Capabilities



# Energy Consumption



## Sector

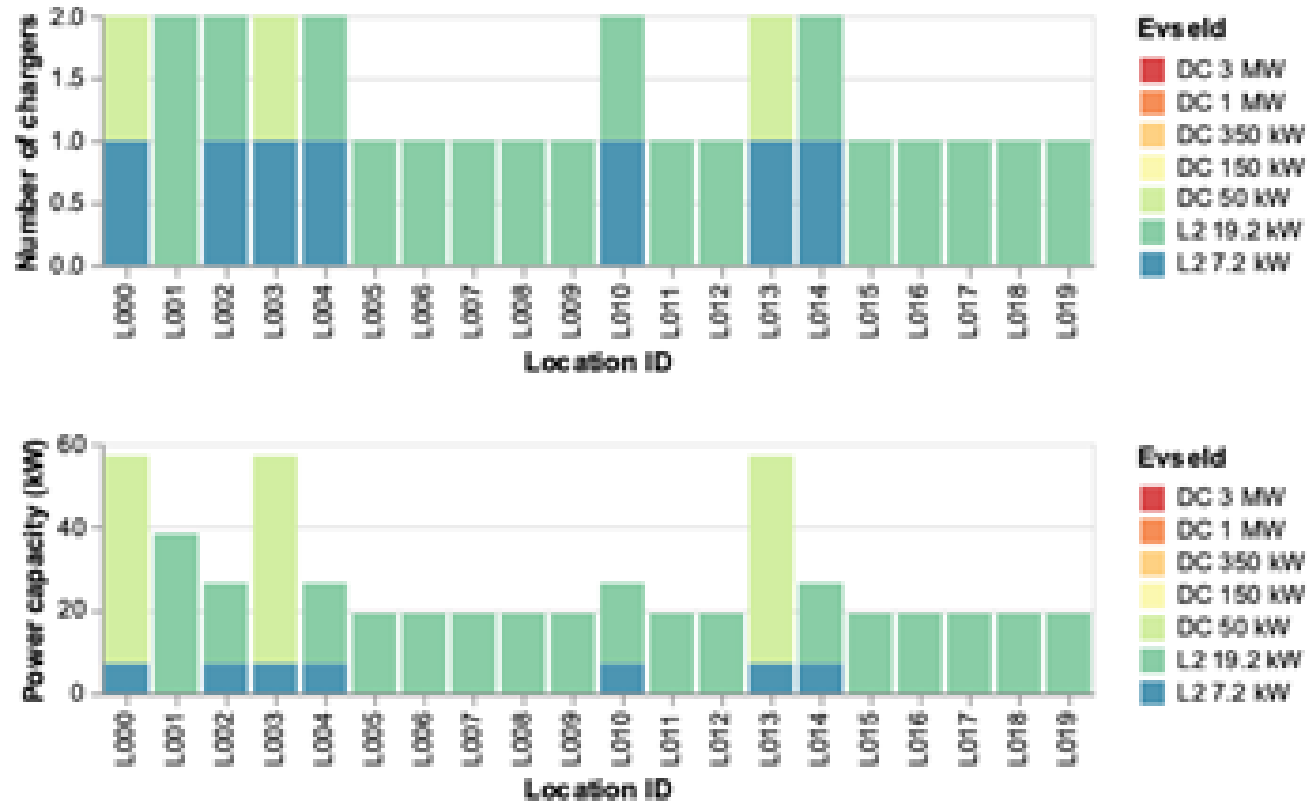
- Commercial
- Electric power
- Industrial
- Residential
- Transportation

History of total annual energy consumption in Utah, inclusive of all energy sources, across five sectors

*Data from U.S. Energy Information Administration*

# Infrastructure Optimization Tool

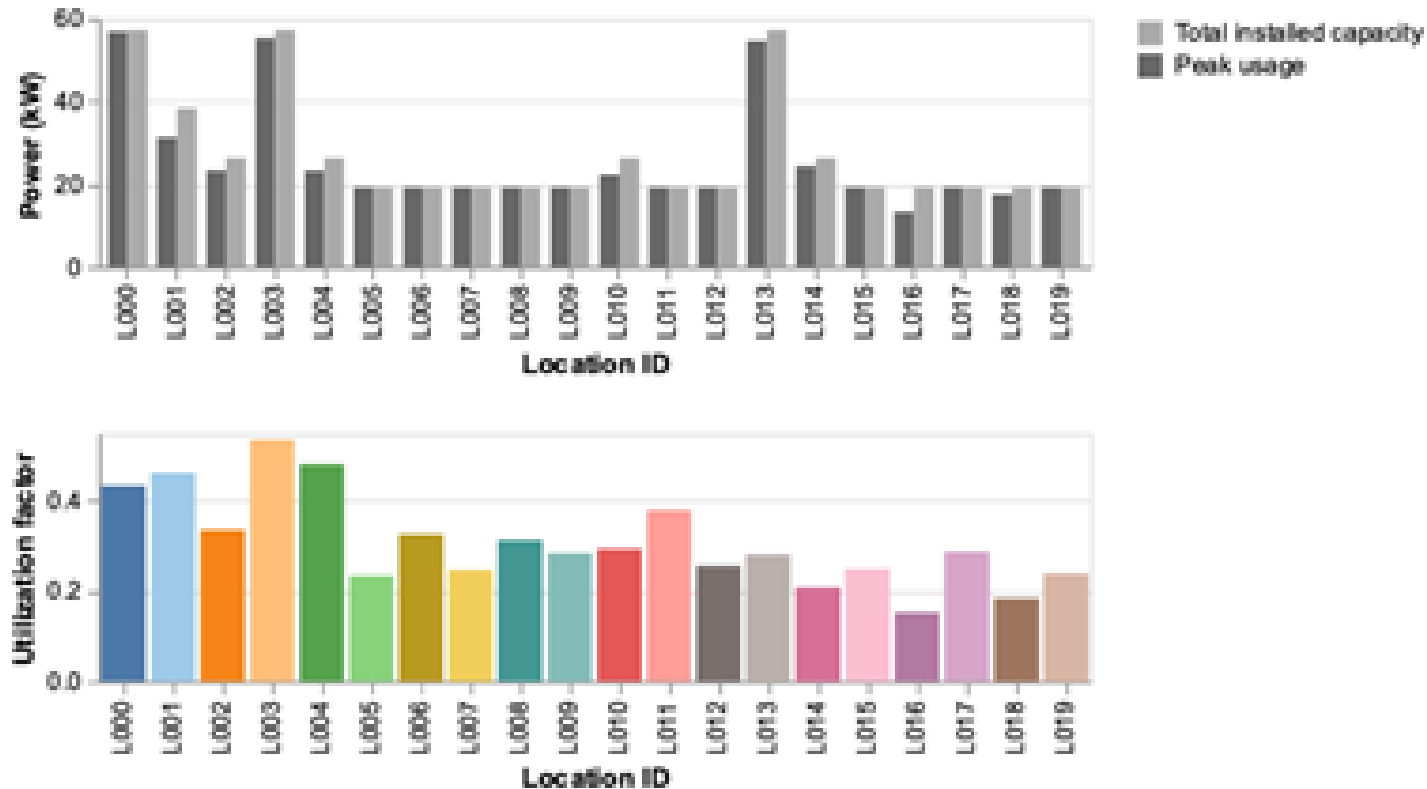
Infrastructure configuration and cost



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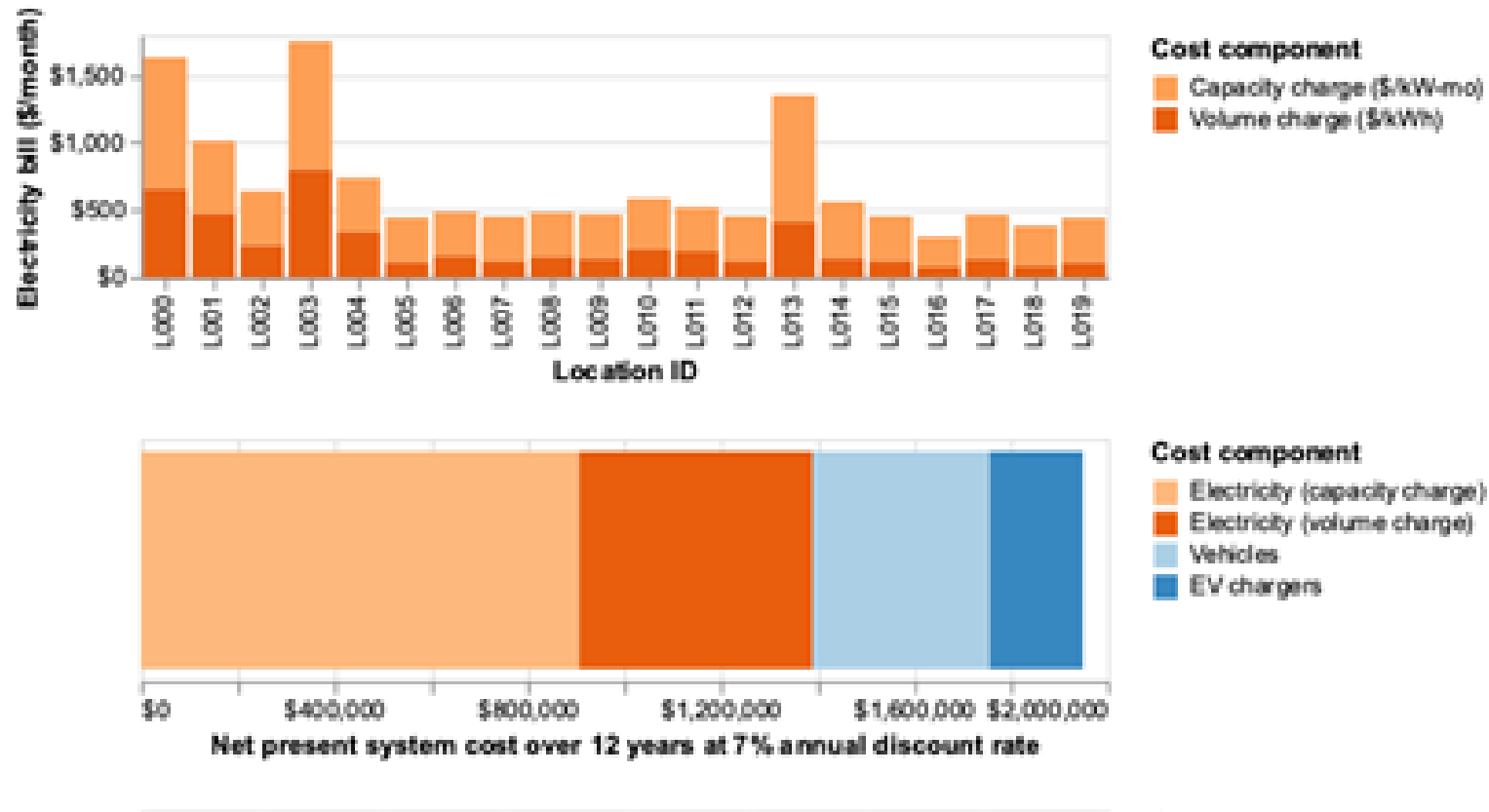


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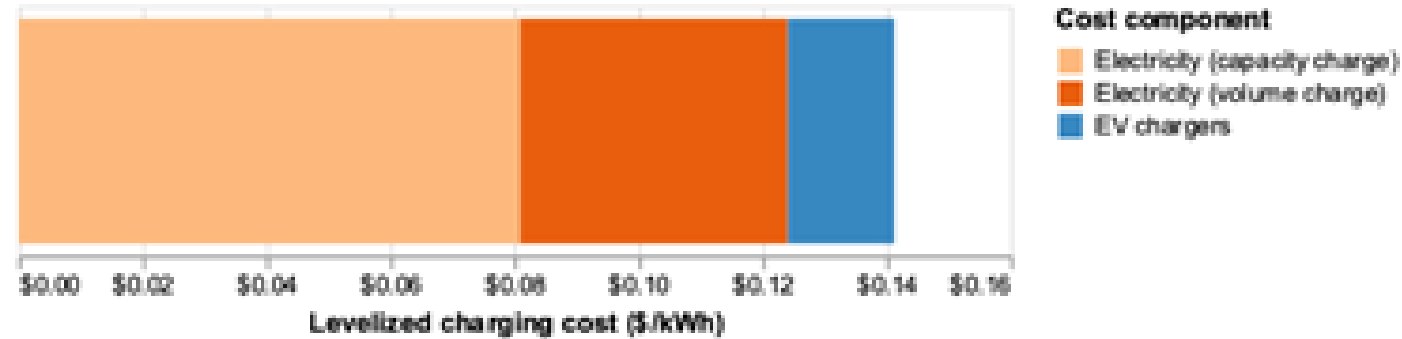
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# Class 8 Truck Dwell Times >30 Minutes

Class 8 truck stops where dwell times are at least 30 minutes. Data from Geotab.

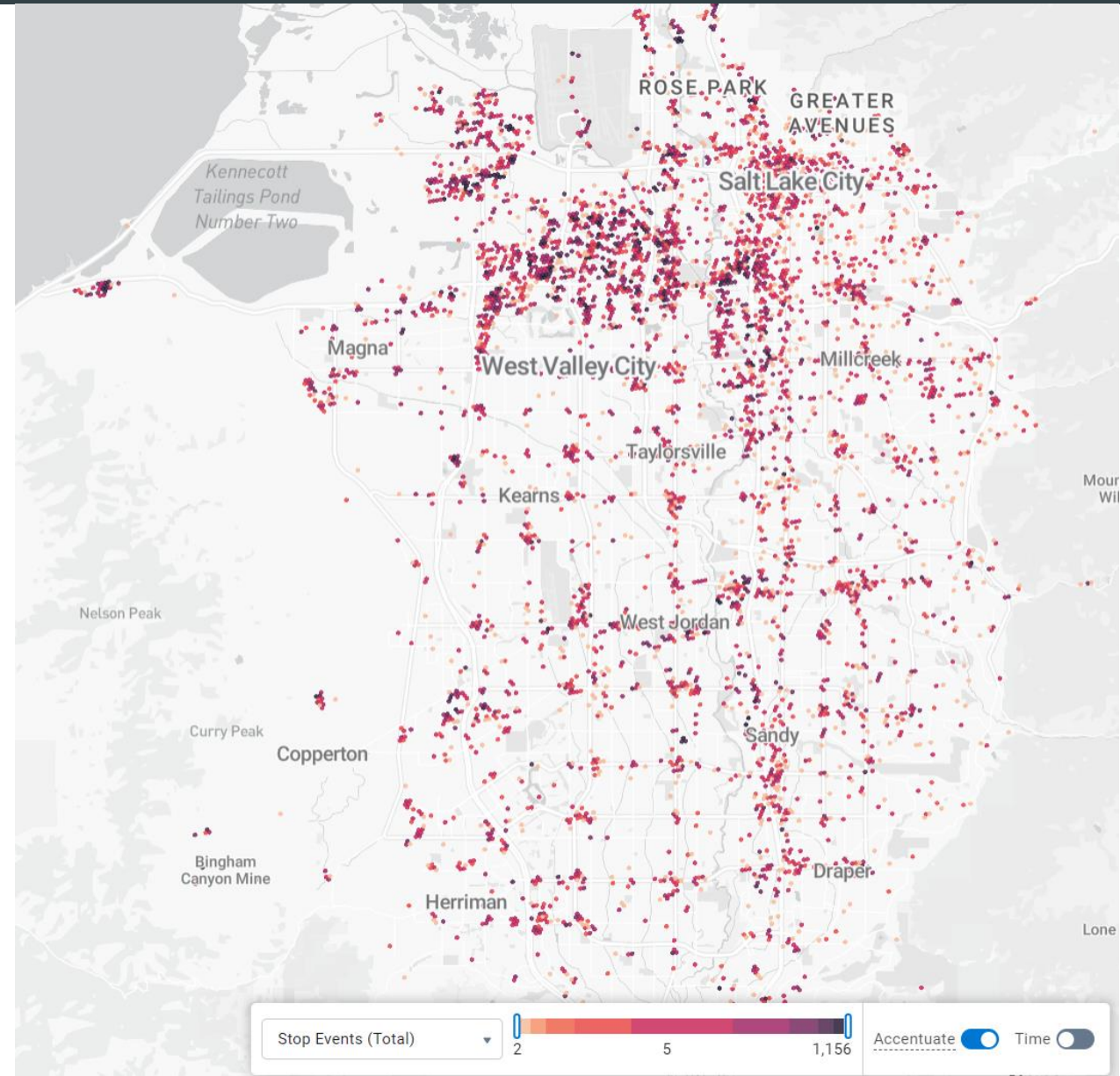
## CLASS 8

## OVER 33,001 POUNDS

Heavy isn't enough of an adjective – these trucks are called severe-duty

Most big rigs, along with cement trucks and dump trucks

Famous representation: Optimus Prime





# 7. The ASPIRE Network

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How YOU Can Work With Us

# ASPIRE Network



# Electrification Workforce Development

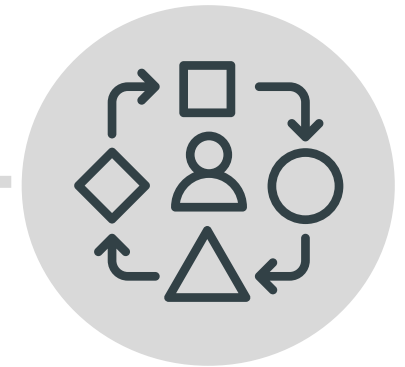
Transitional Reskilling & Upskilling and Regionalized Customization



**Training  
& Certification**



**Scalable  
& Intersectoral**



**Targeted  
& Adaptable**



# Utah Electrification Initiative



## What is SB125?

SB125 launched ASPIRE's strategic Intelligent and Electrified Transportation plan for Utah to:

- Improve air quality
- Create meaningful jobs
- Build resilient communities
- Boost mobility & economic growth



## Cross-Industry Coordination

Collaborate with state agencies, UDOT, UTA, GOEO, & GOED, and industry partners, like Kenworth, UPS, etc.



## Data-Driven Solutions

Deliver timely, accurate, and relevant data.



## Technical Expertise

Provide innovative research with up-to-date insights.



## Community Integration

Bring stakeholders together to allow communities to determine the best options for their areas.



# Our Vision

**Our goal is to define and develop a strategic action plan for intelligent electrified transportation infrastructure throughout Utah.** This will entail strategies encompassing all vehicle classes and modes of travel — including public transportation — and charging infrastructure. It is vital that we incorporate the expertise and lived experiences of people, communities, businesses, universities, state agencies, industry experts, and non-profits across the state to improve health and quality of life.

# How YOU Can Partner with ASPIRE

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## Strategic Planning

- Electrified Transportation Plan
- Multi-Modal Mobility
- Improved Air Quality
- Economic Growth

## Stakeholder Coordination

- Project Management
- Workforce Development
- Leverage ASPIRE Industry & Innovation Network

## Proposal

- Support or Lead Role
- Technical Guidance
- Trusted Guide
- Standards & Interoperability

## Implementation

- Requirements Planning
- Design
- System Validation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Evaluation & Reporting



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