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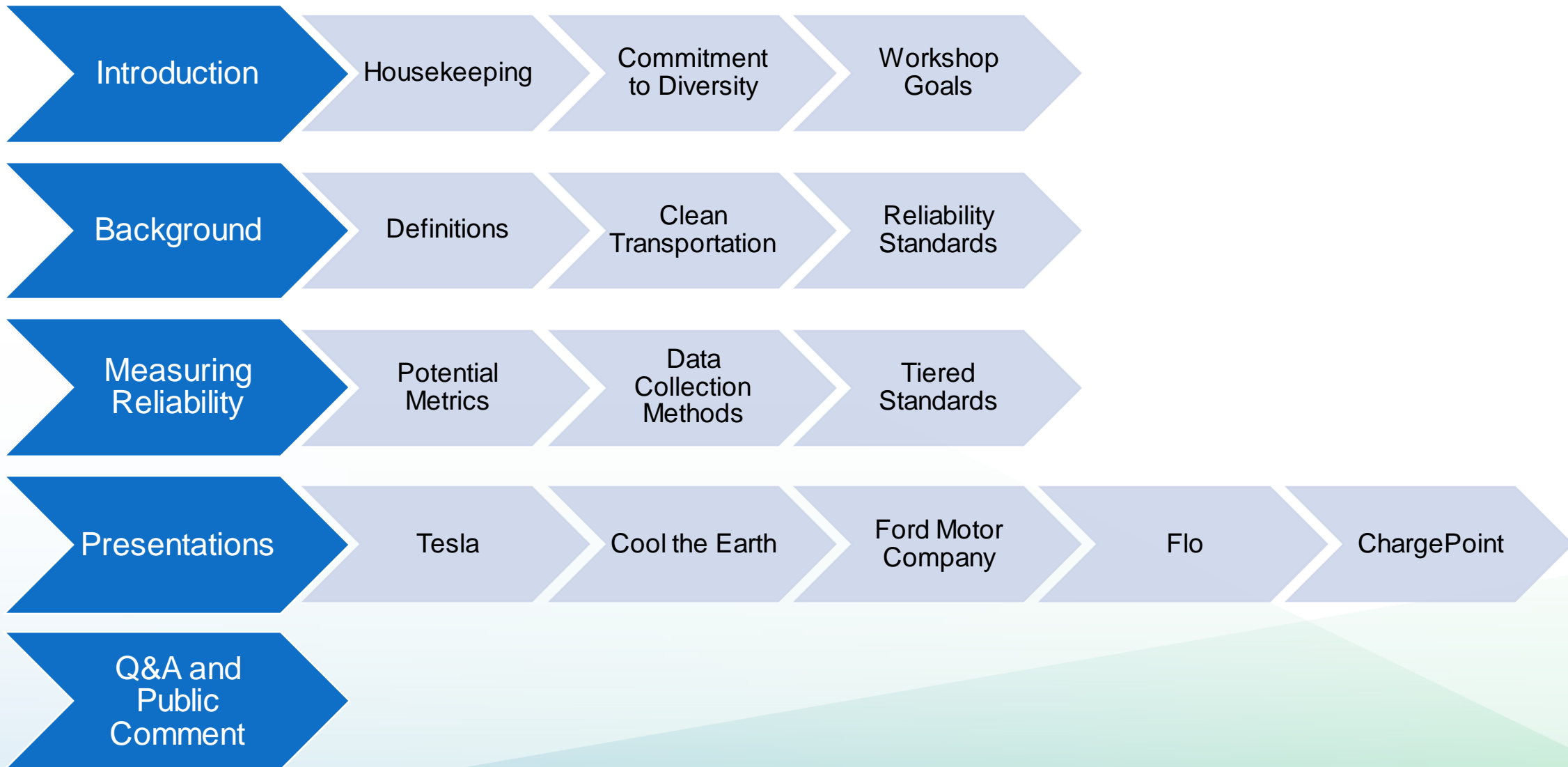
# California Energy Commission

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Reliability Workshop

March 11, 2022



# Workshop Agenda





# Introduction



# Introduction - Housekeeping

- Workshop is being recorded
- Workshop Event Webpage:  
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/events>
- Virtual Participation through Zoom
  - Q&A period after the main presentation
  - Raise Hand or Q&A feature
- Written Comments to Docket # 21-TRAN-03:  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-TRAN-03>  
**Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022**





# Introduction - Commitment to Diversity

The CEC adopted a resolution strengthening its commitment to diversity in our funding programs. The CEC continues to encourage disadvantaged and underrepresented businesses and communities to engage in and benefit from our many programs.

To meet this commitment, CEC staff conducts outreach efforts and activities to:

- Engage with disadvantaged and underrepresented groups throughout the state;
- Notify potential new applicants about the CEC's funding opportunities;
- Assist applicants to understand how to apply for funding from CEC's programs;
- Survey participants to measure progress in diversity outreach efforts.



# Introduction - Diversity Survey



Scan the code on a phone or tablet with a QR reader to access the survey.

Survey Link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RBI6rPQT9k6NG7qicUgZTmWqI GAqr0JNux5TMCEdoEBURTJFUUVI5UVhTQUgwQldGQIo4SUxGTjdDWi4u>

## One Minute Survey

The information supplied will be used for public reporting purposes to display anonymous overall attendance of diverse groups.

Zoom Participants, please use the link in the chat to access the survey or scan the QR code on the left of the screen with a phone or tablet to access the survey.

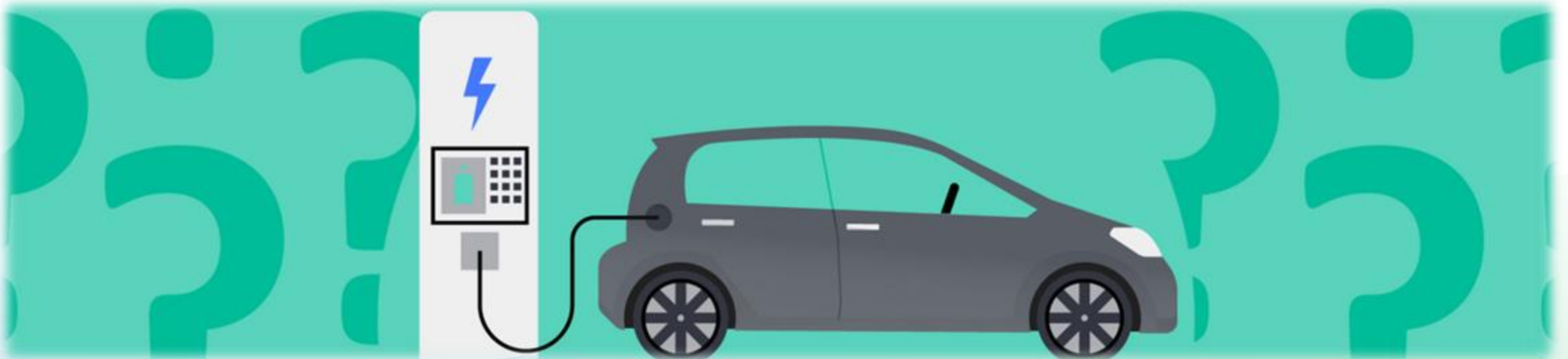
Survey will be closed at the end of the day.



# Introduction - Workshop Goals

This workshop seeks to gather stakeholder feedback on how to answer two questions related to reliability.

1. How to define and measure reliability, and whether/how to publish reliability metrics?
2. How to set reliability standards for EV charging infrastructure funded by the CEC?







# Background



# Definitions

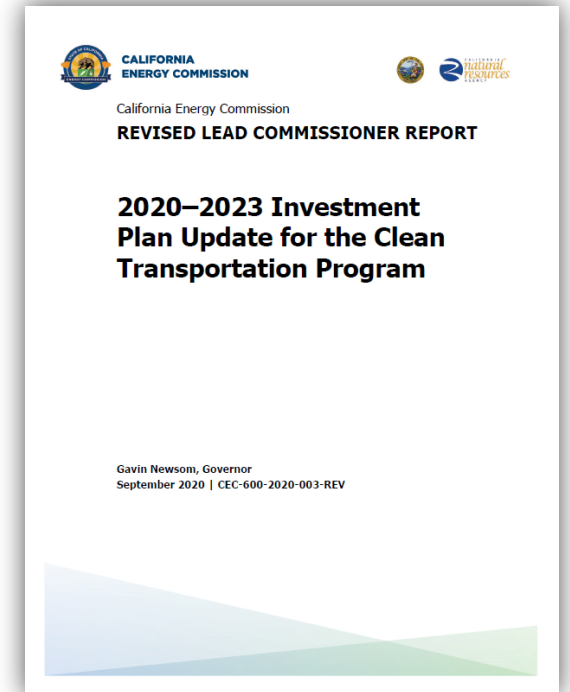
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1. User Experience is the overall experience of drivers that use public charging infrastructure to charge their electric vehicle (EV).
2. EV charging infrastructure reliability (charger reliability) refers to any element that must be operational to successfully charge an EV at a publicly available EV charging station. This includes hardware and software.



# Clean Transportation Program

- Established in 2007 by Assembly Bill 118 (2007).
- Extended to January 1, 2024 by Assembly Bill 8 (2013).
- Provides approximately \$95 million of funding per year through 2023.
- Investment Plan to determine funding allocations across various categories.





# Reliability Standards

The Energy Commission has already begun incorporating reliability standards in recent grant solicitations. Recently, the REV and REACH solicitations included the following language on reliability:

*“The equipment must be operational at least 97 percent of the standard operating hours of the charging facility for a period of 5 years from commissioning. It will be the recipient’s responsibility to demonstrate this uptime requirement is met.”*

Those solicitations also listed “extended warranty or agreement for operation, maintenance, or servicing of equipment for up to five years” as eligible costs and required an operation and maintenance plan as part of the application package.



# Measuring Reliability



# Impacted Chargers

Should the CEC seek to collect, aggregate, and publish reliability metrics for the full network of public chargers in California (both CEC funded and non-CEC funded)?

- If so, how can this be done?
- What are feasible metrics for evaluating reliability?

Should the CEC only focus on CEC funded chargers?

- How long should the reporting period and reliability standards be set for?
- What are feasible metrics for evaluating reliability?



# Reporting

Who is responsible for reporting?

Grant Recipient

Site Host

Network Provider

How is data reported?

Periodic Reporting (e.g. Monthly or Annually)

Application Programming Interface (API)

Other?



# Data Collection Methods

## Owner / Operator Remote Monitoring

- Charger
- Grid
- Payment Systems

## Third-Party Remote Monitoring

- OEM In-Vehicle Telematics

## Manual inspection

- Crowdsourcing via App
- Inspections

## Suggestions?





# Consideration of Tiered Standards

Should there be different reliability standards / metrics / reporting requirements for Level 2 and DCFC?



Level 2 Chargers



DC Fast Chargers



# Presentations



**TESLA CHARGING**  
CEC WORKSHOP ON RELIABILITY

# OUR MISSION

ACCELERATE THE WORLD'S TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



# T E S L A C H A R G I N G



Supercharging



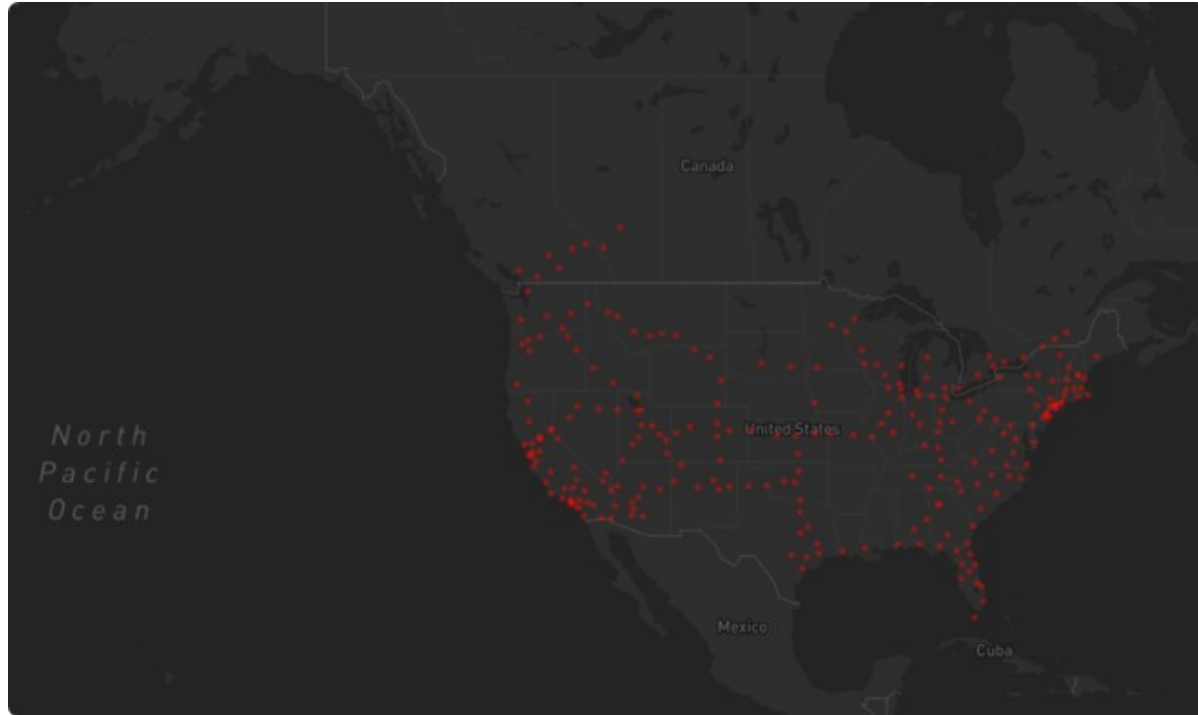
Destination Charging



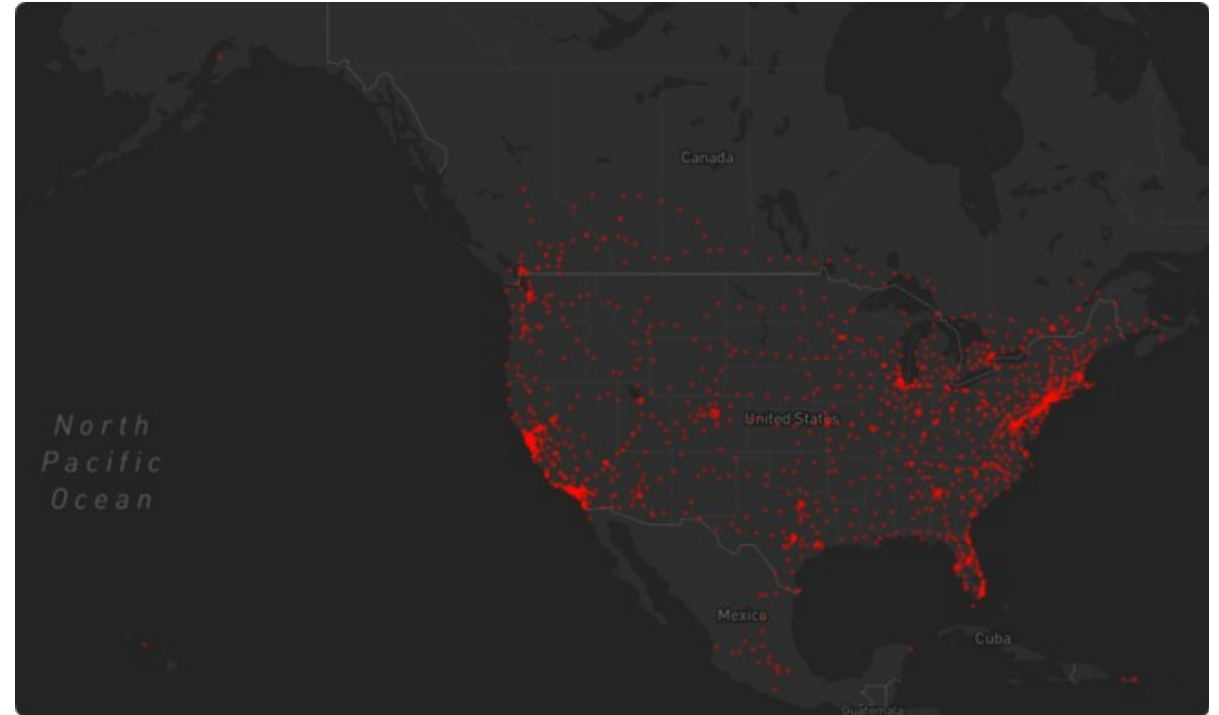
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# NETWORK GROWTH

2015



2021

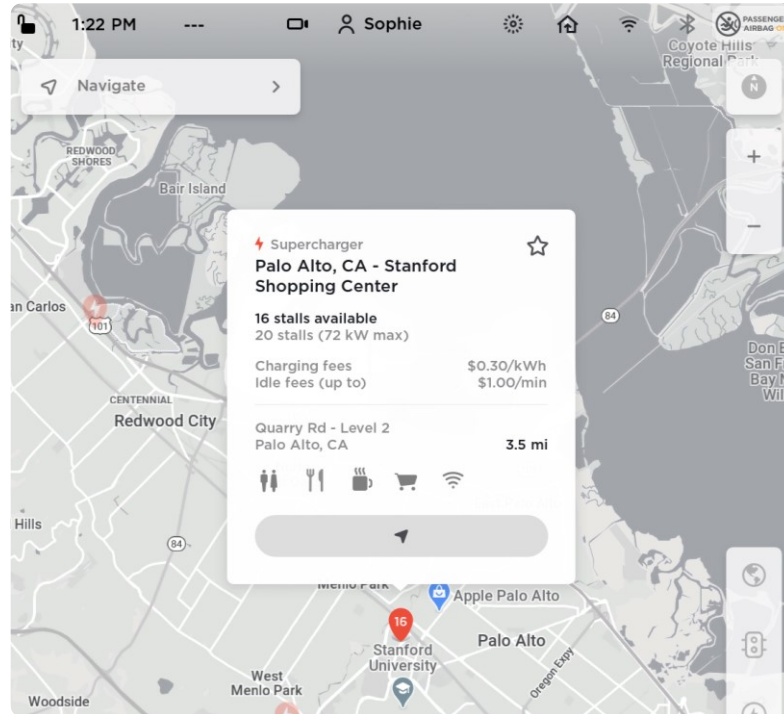


# SUPERCHARGER

GO ANYWHERE



RECHARGE



CONVENIENCE



# STATION LAYOUT

PARKING STALL WITH SUPERCHARGER

EQUIPMENT

NEW UTILITY SERVICE





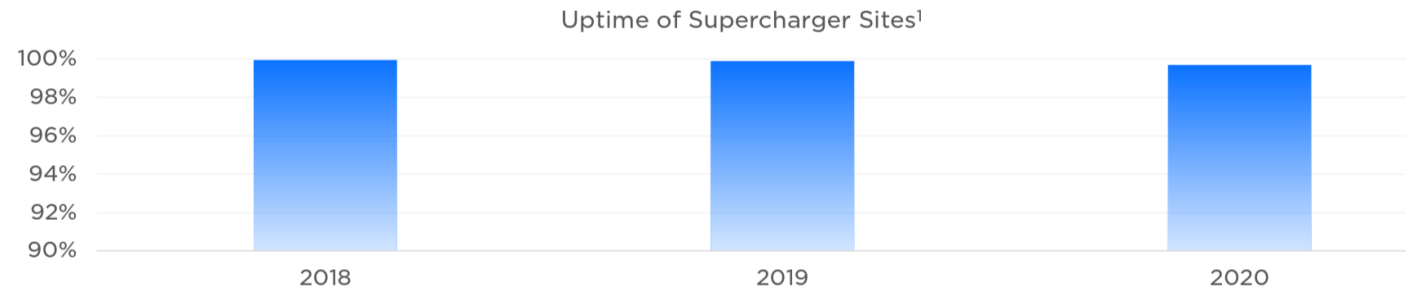
# RELIABILITY FACTORS

- ✓ Site Design
- ✓ Service and Maintenance
- ✓ Customer Communication



# U P T I M E   A S   A   M E T R I C

- ✓ Site Level
- ✓ Customer Experience
- ✓ Calculation and Key Terms



<sup>1</sup>Uptime of Supercharger Sites reflects the average percentage of sites globally that had at least 50% daily capacity fully functional for the year.

Source: Tesla 2020 Impact Report





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# **Open-System Public Charging**

Improving Reliability to Support Rapid and Large-Scale EV Adoption

Carleen Cullen

Founder and Executive Director



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## **Discussion Topics**

**What is reliability?**

**Beyond early adopters**

**Is there a reliability issue?**

**New objective evaluation**

**Concerns**

**Defining reliability**

**Next steps**





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# What is the Consumer Definition of Reliability?

**CONFIDENCE**



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# Early Adopters to Early Majority

Early Adopters tolerated functionality failures and usability issues.

Early Majority demands functional and usable stations:

- One standard for DCFC plugs
- Clarity about rate of charge, including vehicle's charging profile
- A canopy to protect from the elements
- Cables and plugs that are easy to maneuver
- Directional signs to locate the stations
- A safe location, including on evenings and weekends
- Easy-to-navigate user interface

# Public Charging is Unreliable



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## Consumer Opinion Surveys

CARB (Feb. 2022):

- 40% of CA respondents contacted customer service
  - Top reasons: charging kiosk not working, plug was broken, or shut off during charging

Plug In America (Feb. 2022)

- 34% of those who used DC fast charging noted that broken chargers were at least a "moderate concern"

## EV Service Provider Survey\*

CARB (Feb. 2022):

- EVSP report a 95-98% uptime

\*4 of 11 responded



Sources:

CARB: Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Standards Technology Review

Plug in America: EV consumer survey report. February 2022





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# UC Berkeley Study of Open-system Public Charging Stations in the Greater Bay Area

- Reliability study of all 181 open, public DCFC charge stations; more than 650 connectors/plugs tested
- Study of machine functionality with a specific protocol to test if the kiosk could initiate and maintain a charge for two minutes at the time of testing
- Preliminary results indicate that approximately one-quarter of plugs tested are unreliable or have design failure.

UC Berkeley will be releasing the study in about a month.

Sign up to receive notification of the release: [www.cooltheearth.org](http://www.cooltheearth.org)



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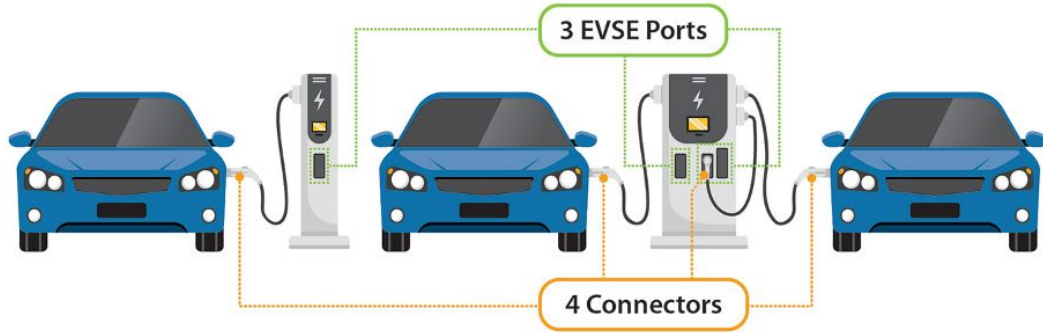
# Risks if Reliability is Not Improved

- Stall the growth of the EV market
- California will not reach its climate commitments
- Significant equity issue
- Consumer protection
- Concerns of misuse of public funds
- Settlement and contract compliance
- Disclosure requirements for public companies

# Defining Reliability and Uptime



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Source: DOE Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC) 2022



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# Defining Reliability and Uptime

Reliability is assessed based on the following functionality:

- The EV charging connector/plug is compatible with any current (2022) open-system EV
- The payment system accepts a credit card and/or debit card payment
- The kiosk successfully charges until vehicle is charged to maximum capacity or until the driver ends the session

Uptime is defined as:

- The percent of time that the components of the charging port are operational and charging in sustained
- Contracts should require 98% uptime per port/connector/plug with no more than 3.4 hours/week (average) of downtime, including maintenance. Power outages and scheduled maintenance are not included in downtime.

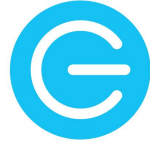
# Next Steps



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- Funding for maintenance
- Testing protocols and metrics
- Third-party evaluation
- Funding released as key metrics are met
- Public reporting of reliability data
- National database (NREL) with real-time data on functionality





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**Thank you**

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# Charger Reliability Workshop

Dave Hurst

March 11, 2022

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# BlueOval™ Charge Network: North America's Largest Public Charging Network



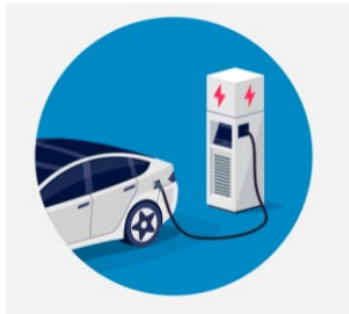
Maximizing Access to Charge Points, Provide a Simple Interface, and a Common Payment Platform for Customers Using FordPass



# What Issues Do We See?

AC Charging is mostly fine – DC Charging is where we see majority of issues

Issues Can Be Binned In 3 Categories



## Vehicle-2-Charger Interface

- Timeout issues
- Voltage/Amp issues
- Billing errors

## Interoperability

- Remote request rejections
- Billing issues
- Lack of error explanation/data

## Charger and Cable Issues

- Defective/broken cables / connectors
- Errors / power loss
- No connectivity

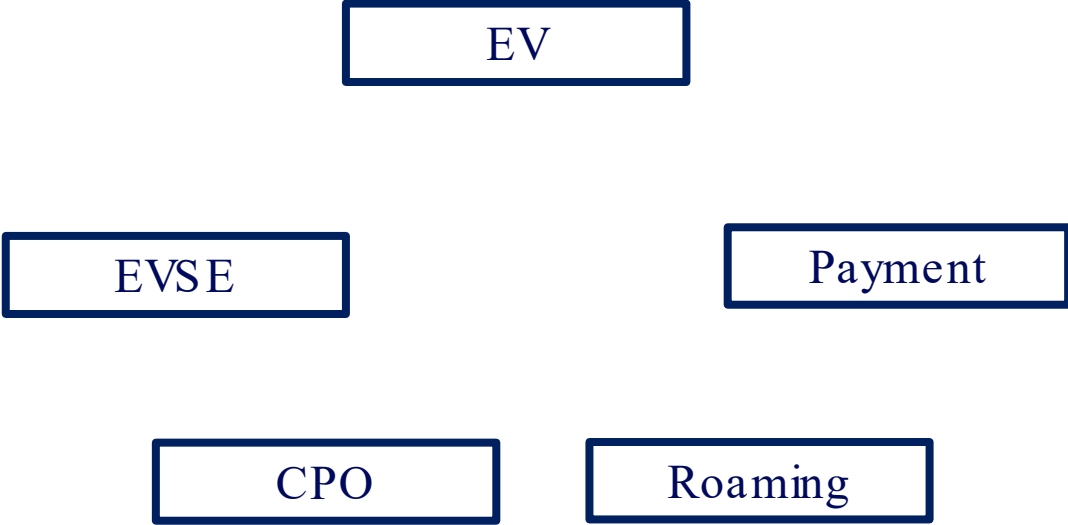
Revealed A Need for Improved Charger Data

# Crux Issues: Ecosystem Complexity And Standards Maturity

Standards Are Immature and Fragmentation Is A Concern

- PLC
- ISO 15118-2
- ISO 15118-20 (lack of backward compatibility)
- SAE PKI
- OCPI 1.6/2.2
- OCPP
- Proprietary protocols
- Fragmentation of certificate issuing authorities

Ecosystem Complexity With No Change Control Protocol



Coordinating Ecosystem Is An Existential Issue For BEVs –  
Current Experience Is Unacceptable

# What Is The Charge Angels' Mission?

## Test Problematic Chargers:

- Initial focus on largest networks: Electrify America, EVgo, ChargePoint, Shell Recharge/Greenlots, EV Connect
- DC charging focus

## Utilize Site Score Rubric from internal Charging Data Service

## Utilize insights from connected vehicle data

## Tools:

- CAN-VDR
- PLC-VDR --- Wireshark
- Subjective Input Form





Thank You

# Accelerating EV Adoption

Through Improved Reliability and Customer Experience

**Cory Bullis**

Senior Public Affairs Specialist



We have sold and deployed over  
55,000 residential, public, workplace  
and commercial charging stations in  
North America over 10+ years.



## 3 Gaps in EV Charging Policy



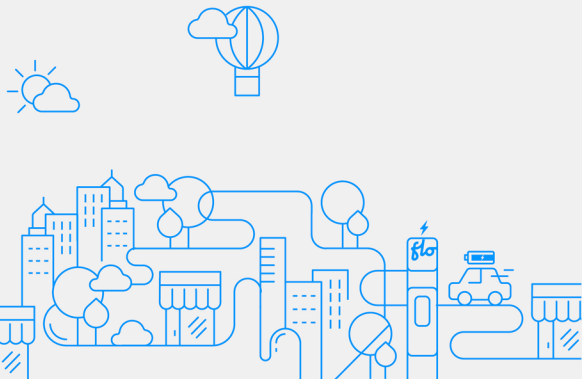
Patchwork of firm **uptime** requirements.



Little analysis of **publicly funded** station **reliability**.



No analysis of **equitable** access to **reliable** stations.

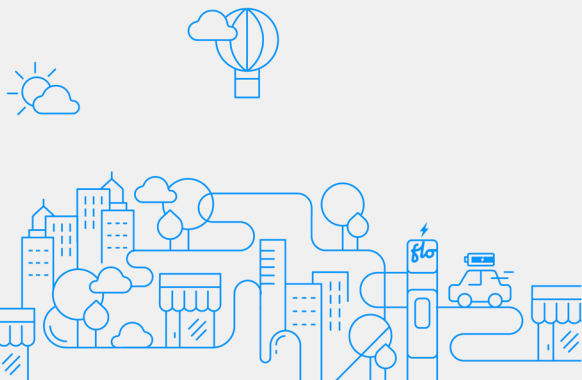


**Public or ratepayer- funded charging stations should have uptime requirements.**

- FLO believes 97% is a reasonable uptime requirement to begin with (with a minimum of two stations per charging site).

Uptime Percentage	Days of Availability/Year
95 %	347 days (8,322 hours)
96 %	350 days (8,410 hours)
<b>97 %</b>	<b>354 days (8,497 hours)</b>
98 %	358 days (8,585 hours)
99 %	361 days (8,672 hours)

The difference between 95% and 97% is 1 week across an entire year.





# Examples of uptime requirements.



conEdison, inc.

98% uptime for its DCFC program



97% uptime for its DCFC grant program



FPL®

98% uptime  
(Florida Power & Light)



Requires 99% uptime for DCFCs  
(Louisville Gas & Electric)



Recommends 99% uptime for DCFCs



97% uptime requirement for MFH grant  
97% uptime requirement for rural grant



Recent federal guidance from FHWA proposed a greater than 97% uptime requirement for IIJA-funded EV infrastructure

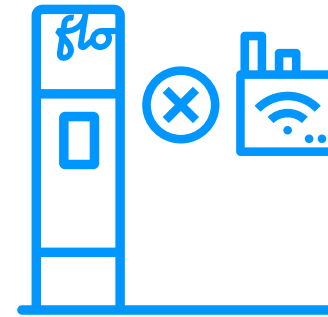


# Calculating Uptime

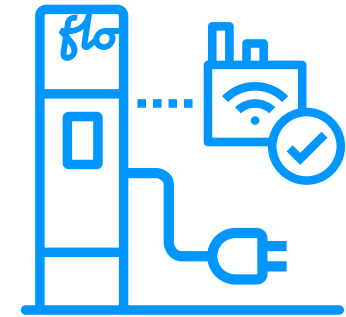
## Key Terms



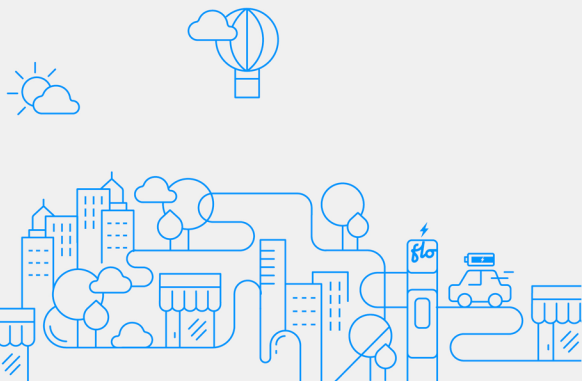
**Outage Time (OT):**  
the time required to bring the charger back online (also known as “mean time to restore service - MTTRS”).



**Excluded Time (ET):**  
the time a charger is offline due to issues outside of the EV charging network’s control.



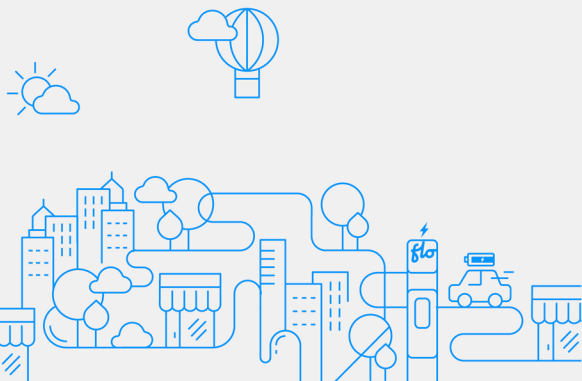
**In-service Time (IT):**  
the time a charger is online and available for use or is in use.



## Calculating Uptime

### Excluded Time

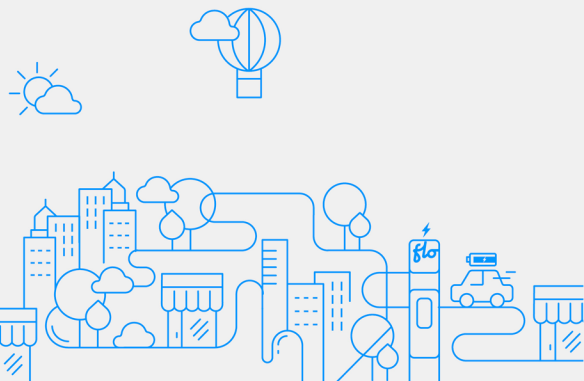
- Two key issues are outside the network provider's control:
  - Upstream power, internet, or cellular power failures
  - Abuse or vandalism
- Outage time due to abuse and vandalism should be exempted, otherwise it could disincentivize deployment in areas with higher rates of vandalism



# Calculating Uptime

## FLO's Formula

$$\frac{[(\text{Number of hours in the period} * \text{number of available stations}) - (\text{OT} - \text{ET})]}{(\text{Number of hours in the period} * \text{number of available stations})}$$



## Questions?

## Contact

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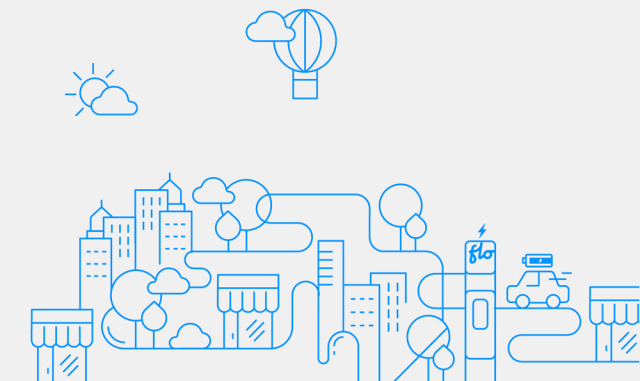
### To learn more about reliability:

[Reliability Blog Series #1: Can Drivers Count on EV Charging Stations to be Reliable? \(flo.com\)](#)

[Reliability Blog Series #2: Supporting EV Drivers with a Charging Station Reliability Standard \(flo.com\)](#)

[Reliability Blog Series #3: Calculating Standardized Charger Uptime \(flo.com\)](#)

[Charging Station Reliability Is an Equity Issue \(flo.com\)](#)





# CEC EVSE Reliability Workshop

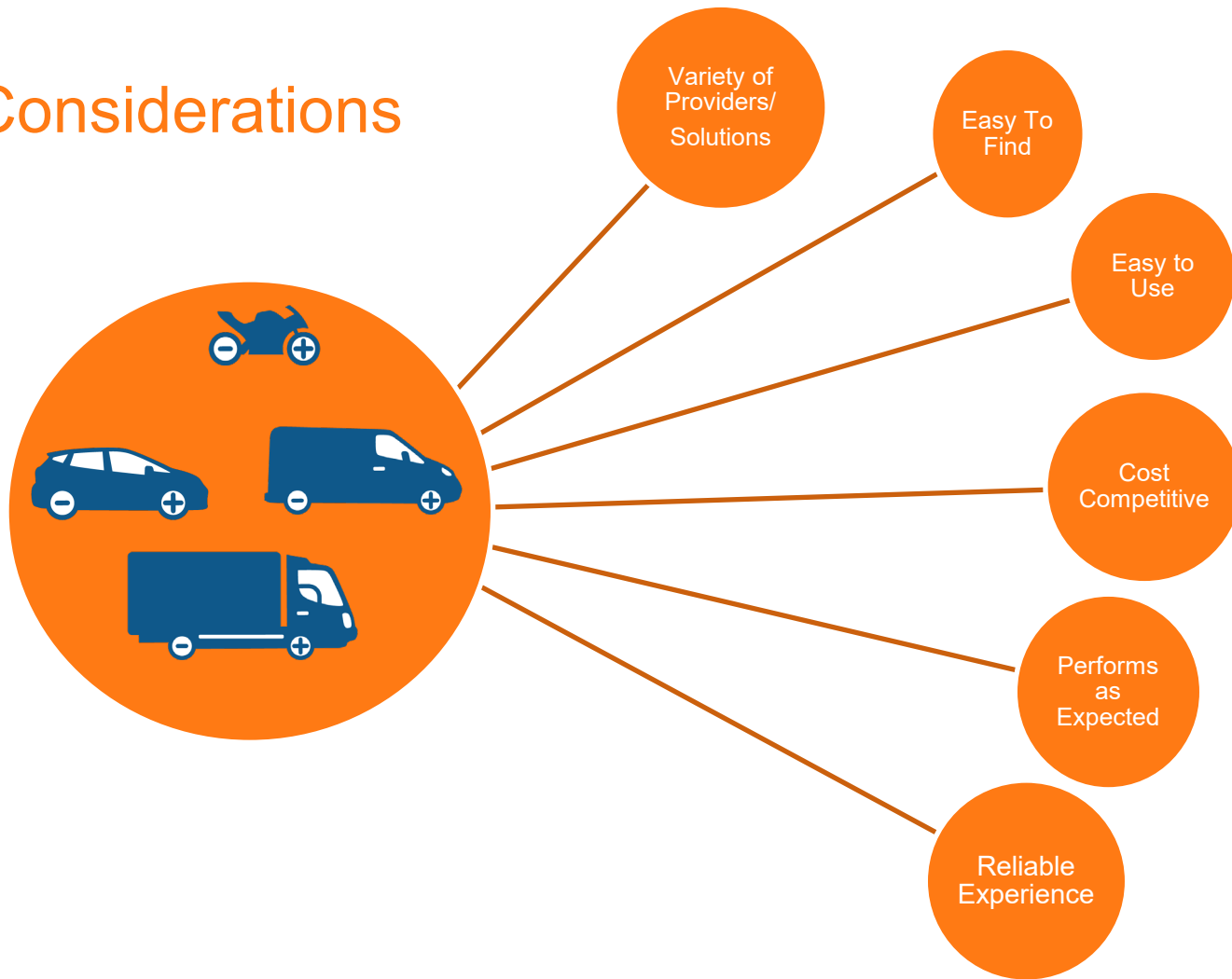
**Justin Wilson - Director, Public Policy**

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# Pathway to Reliability Standards

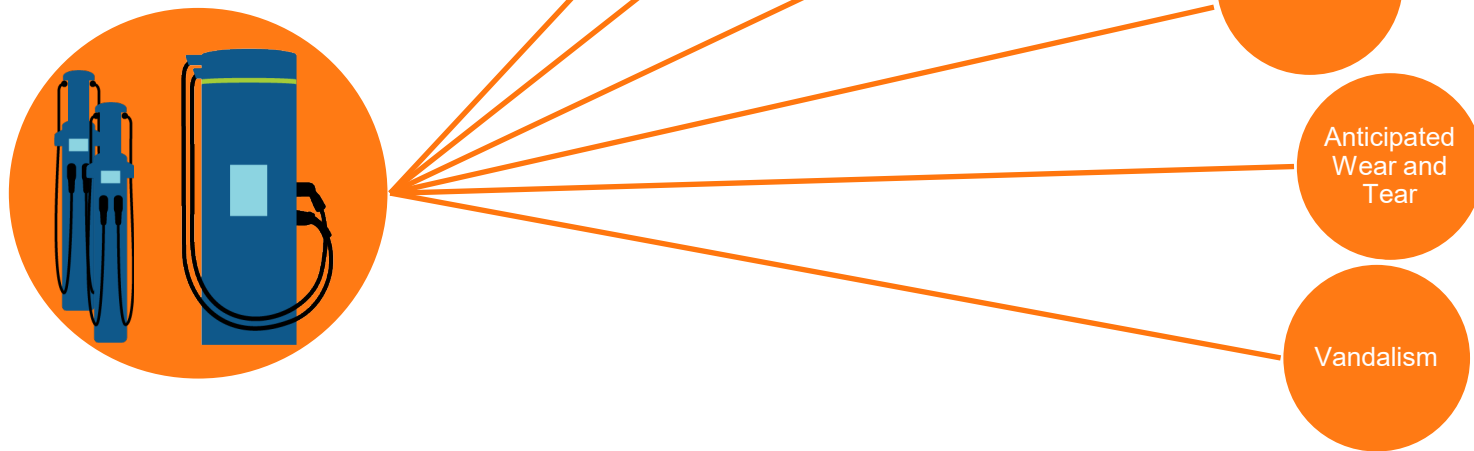


# Driver Considerations

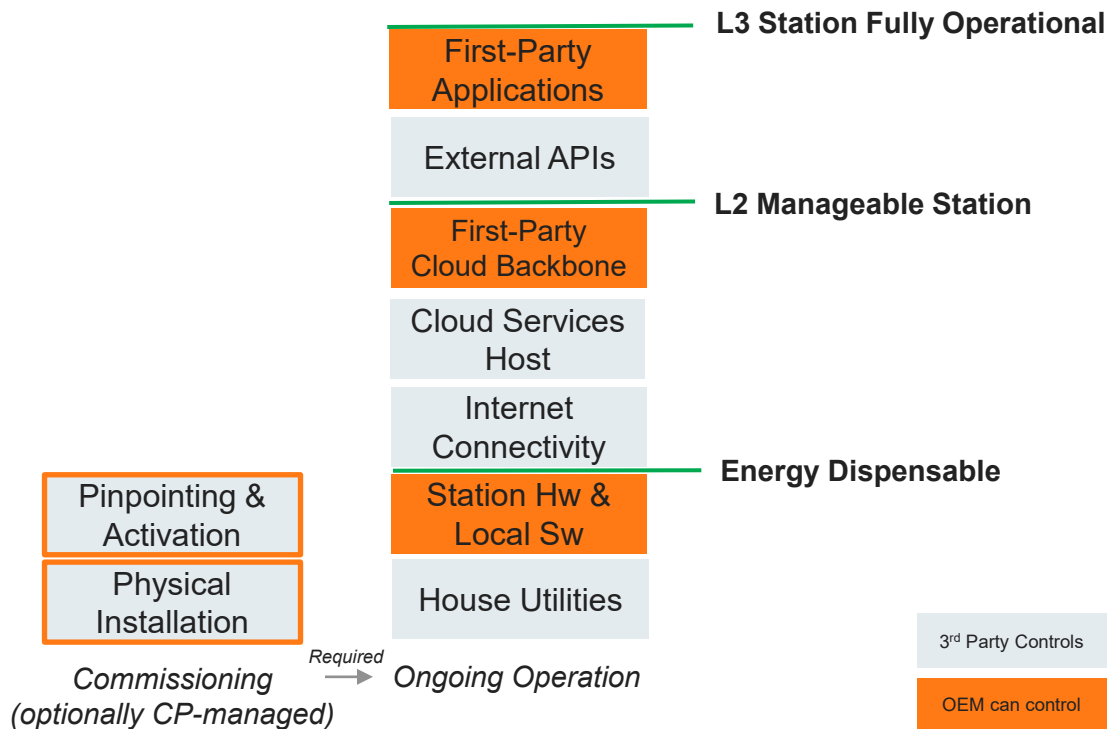




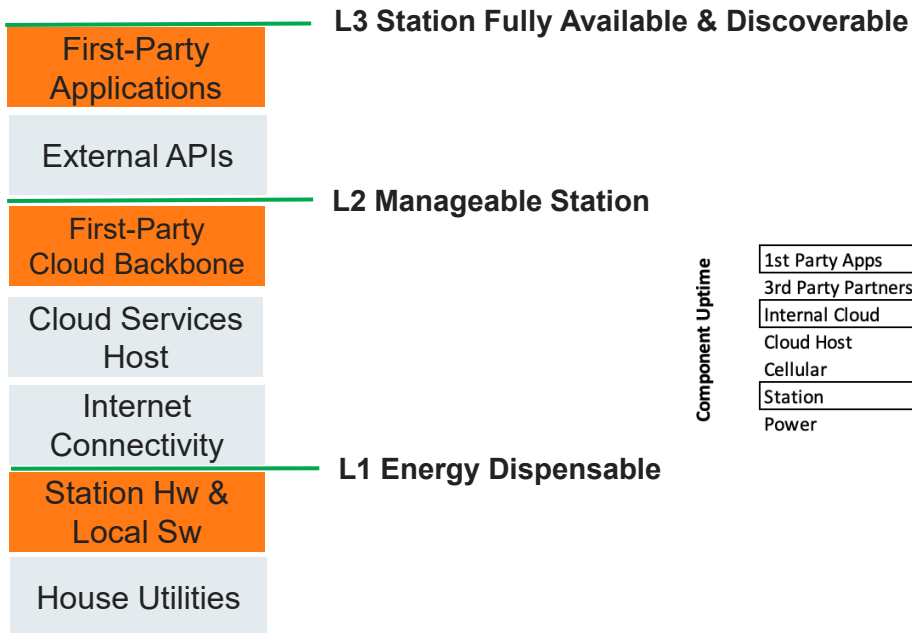
# Provider Considerations



# Uptime Hierarchy



# Reliability Chain



	Total Uptime %						
	90%	95%	96%	97%	98%	99%	99.90%
1st Party Apps	98.51%	99.27%	99.42%	99.57%	99.71%	99.86%	99.99%
3rd Party Partners	98.51%	99.27%	99.42%	99.57%	99.71%	99.86%	99.99%
Internal Cloud	98.51%	99.27%	99.42%	99.57%	99.71%	99.86%	99.99%
Cloud Host	98.51%	99.27%	99.42%	99.57%	99.71%	99.86%	99.99%
Cellular	98.51%	99.27%	99.42%	99.57%	99.71%	99.86%	99.99%
Station	98.51%	99.27%	99.42%	99.57%	99.71%	99.86%	99.99%
Power	98.51%	99.27%	99.42%	99.57%	99.71%	99.86%	99.99%

## Thank You

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# Public Comment





# Public Comment Questions

## Zoom Participants

- Use “raise hand” feature to make verbal comments
- Use the “Q&A” feature to type your question

## Telephone Participants

- Dial \*9 to raise your hand
- Dial \*6 to mute / unmute you phone line

1. How to define and measure reliability and how to publish metrics.
2. How to set reliability standards in funding opportunities.
3. What lessons learned can help build reliable charging networks?
4. What metrics that can be feasibly collected?
5. Are there publicly available data sets that can better inform the CEC’s understanding of the reliability of existing EV charging infrastructure?
6. How can we ensure inoperable hardware is reported and information on down chargers is reported to consumers?



# Thank You!