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Press Release

Mayor McCarthy Announces Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Schenectady, NY - The City of Schenectady, once known as the City that Lights and Hauls the World, is proud to announce the installation of the first City owned electric vehicle charging station. Mayor Gary McCarthy today was joined by City officials in unveiling Schenectady's new Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. This dual plug station, located in the Liberty / Broadway parking lot, will be available to the public in a continued effort to promote the use of technology and alternative fuel vehicles.

"We continue to use technology to enhance the quality of life in our community. This project will save taxpayers money by reducing Schenectady's fuel costs and will also help encourage the use of clean energy by the public," said Mayor Gary McCarthy.

"Being that Schenectady is the city that lit the world it's important that we are at the forefront of this. It is essential to have these sorts of stations downtown so that electric car drivers are able to partake in the resurgence of downtown and all of the wonderful restaurants and businesses." said Paul Dietershagen, member of the Capital District EV Driver's group. "Our group has over 150 members and we are all very excited about being able to charge downtown."

This installation is in conjunction with the City's current Climate Smart Communities effort related to the adoption of code and zoning changes to allow for easier residential and commercial installation of similar electric vehicle charging systems.

"The City of Schenectady was one of the first municipalities in our area to receive funding from our Alternate Fuel Program. We really appreciate the City's support for CDTC and for this program," said Michael Franchini, Executive Director of Capital District Transportation Committee.

This project was made possible with funds programmed by the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) which is a public transportation planning agency, and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Albany-Schenectady-Troy and Saratoga Springs metropolitan areas and the four County region.

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