

Drive Smart FAQs

What is Drive Smart? A Tampa Electric pilot program that will install more than 200 electric vehicle public charging stations.

Where will the chargers be installed? Tampa Electric will install chargers to serve five market segments: workplace, public/retail, multi-unit dwellings, income-qualified and government.

How can my business apply to participate? Complete the online application at tampaelectric.com/ev. Once your application is received, our team will evaluate to determine eligibility. Please know that our response time may vary based on the number of applications received.

What criteria will be used to select businesses that apply? The purpose of the Drive Smart pilot is to collect EV charging data that will support long-term planning and any upgrades to the electric grid to ensure continued reliable service to all customers. With that as the primary objective, consideration for each participant will include:

- How often charge ports are expected to be utilized by EV drivers
- An equitable distribution across the five market segments listed above
- An equitable distribution across Tampa Electric's service territory
- Driver safety (accessibility, lighting, etc.)
- Overall installation cost for the site (determined by on site assessments)

If selected, how much will I pay for a charger? Tampa Electric will contribute up to \$5,000 toward equipment and installation costs of each charge port (a charger typically has one plug or charge port). The participating business will bear any additional costs. For EV chargers installed to serve income-qualified areas, and for government entities, Tampa Electric expects to cover the full cost of equipment and installation. Tampa Electric will conduct on site assessments for any participating business to determine overall costs.

Is there a fee for drivers who use the charger? Participating businesses will have two options; the chargers can be available at no cost to drivers (as an amenity), or a fee can be charged to help cover the electricity costs. The participating business will be responsible for the electric service consumption at each location, provided by Tampa Electric, using standard rates.

Why would I want a charger for my business? To help future-proof your business for your customers and/or employees. According to the Edison Electric Institute, 19 million

electric vehicles are expected to be on the road within the next decade, and Florida consistently ranks among the top states for new EV sales.

What's the catch? There isn't one! Throughout the four-year pilot, Tampa Electric will own and maintain the chargers. In exchange, each participant will agree to provide access to charging data that will support our long-term electrical infrastructure planning and reliability.

What happens after the pilot? Tampa Electric has not determined next steps after the four-year pilot period, and data collected during the pilot will help to inform that decision. The pilot could be extended, modified in some way, or terminated. In the case of termination, Tampa Electric intends to sell the equipment to the business customer for \$1 and turn over all responsibilities to the customer.