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SUBJECT: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Available to the Public in Downtown Duluth

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station Available to the Public in Downtown Duluth

[Duluth, MN] - The first electric vehicle charging station available to the public in the Twin Ports is now operational at the Library / Depot Parking Facility located at 602 West Michigan Street.

A press conference and charging demonstration was held in the parking lot at 11:00 a.m. today.

The charging station, which offers both Level 1 charging at common 120-volt household current and faster Level 2 charging at 240 volts, is located in a reserved parking space for electric and hybrid electric vehicles. The City of Duluth currently is offering the charging service as a complimentary amenity of this parking lot, and so drivers of electric vehicles only need to pay for their parking at the automated parking kiosk. In the future, it is anticipated that users will pay for the charging service—bundled as a single transaction with the parking fee—directly at the charging station. The 120-space parking lot is owned by the City of Duluth.

Over 50 electric vehicle charging stations already have been installed in Minnesota, primarily in the Twin Cities area. In coming months, charging stations will be put online at the University of Minnesota Duluth and Benna Ford on Tower Avenue in Superior. Upon completion, the DTA Multimodal Transportation Center also will feature charging stations. Meanwhile, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is planning to install electric vehicle charging stations in state parks, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has received a Metropolitan Council grant to install up to 76 charging stations in strategic areas throughout the state, such as along Interstate 35 and Highway 61.

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