New EV Incentive Program Proposed Updates

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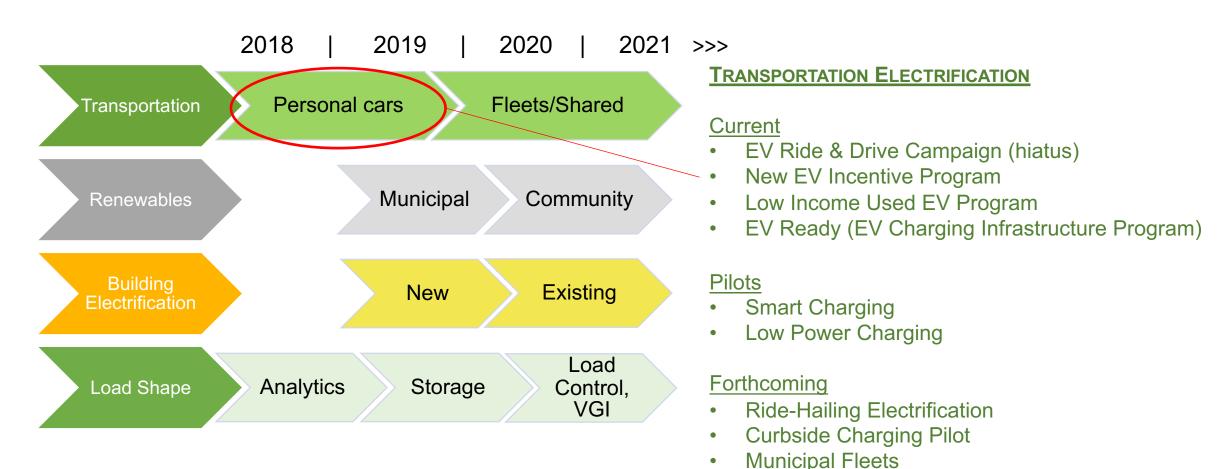
Agenda

1. 2018-19 Program Recap

2. Market Survey & Conditions Review

3. New EV Incentive Program options

High-Level Roadmap: Transportation



2018/2019 New EV Incentive Recap

Objectives

- Draw more likely adopters to choose EVs late in the sales cycle
- Increase overall awareness of EVs through county-wide marketing

Overview

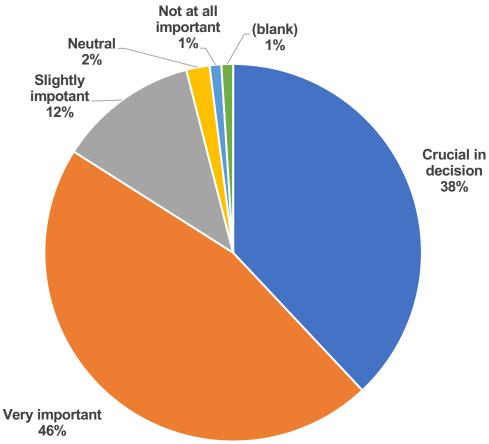
- Time-limited Q4 incentives & dealers discounts for new EVs
- County-wide marketing
- Only available at select dealerships in San Mateo County
- Started in 2018, repeated in 2019

Results

- 2018: 4 vehicle makes; 120 vehicles sold/leased
- 2019: 7 vehicle makes; 167 vehicles sold/leased

2019 EV Incentive Program Survey Results





84% reported that the incentive was Very Important or Crucial

Time limited program creates urgency and accelerates action

EV Sales Uncertainties

Uncertainty Ahead

- April new vehicle sales down 53%
- Vehicle sales declined 40% during 2007-09 recession
- Vehicle sales may be increasing after shelter in place lifted in China
- Likely major reductions in state vehicle incentive programs

BEV adoption increases 8% per \$1,000 purchase incentive*

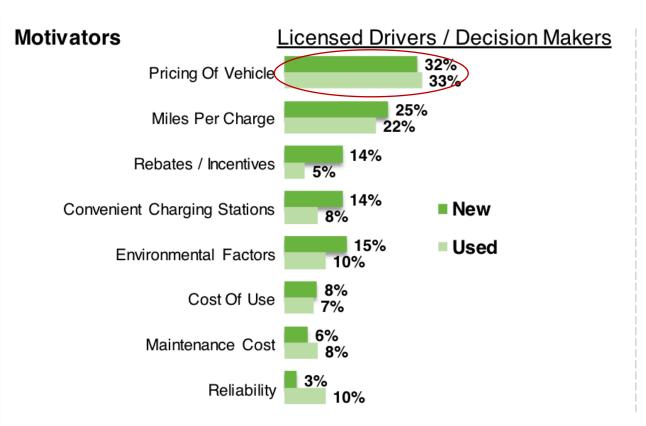
*MIT/NREL study

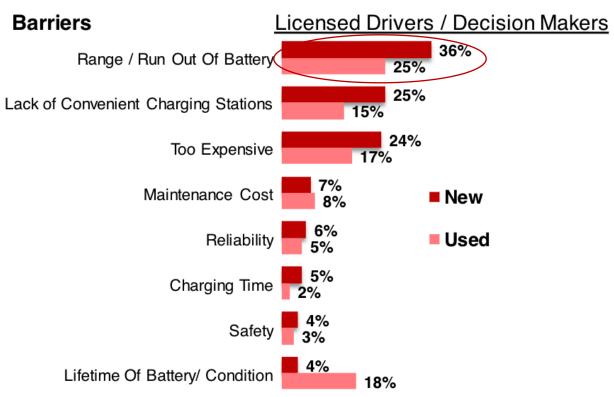
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Market Conditions: 2020 Survey



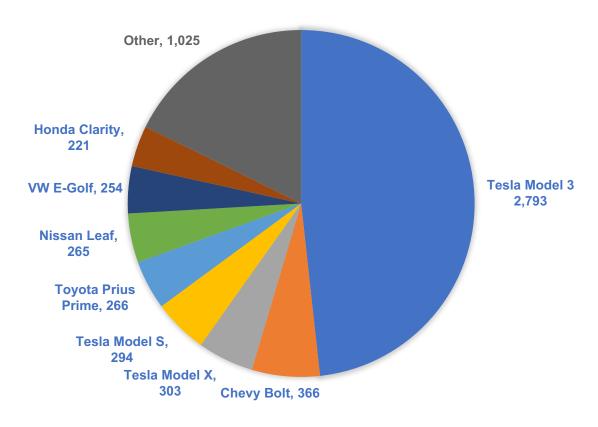


Range anxiety likely due to low familiarity

Market Conditions: Sales Mix

- ~5,800 total new EV sales in 2019 by San Mateo County residents
- ~16% of EVs purchased at dealers within SMC
- Median household income: \$225,000
- Vehicle cost cap can limit incentive "free ridership"

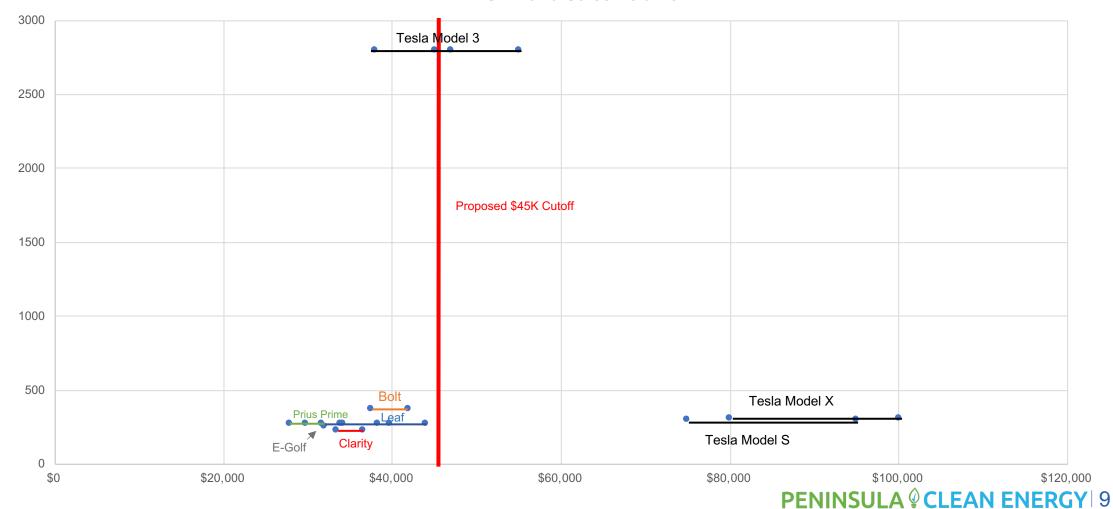
2019 SMC NEW EV SALES BY MODEL



Sales Volumes and MSRP

Sales

EV MSRP and Sales Volume



New EV Program Options

Scenario	Timeframe	Eligible Purchases	Incentive Level	Estimated Max. Rebate Amount **
1*	Q4	All new EVs <\$45KIn county and out of county sales	Plug-in Hybrid: \$700 Battery Elec.: \$1,000	~920 vehicles
2	Q4	All new EVs <\$45KIn county and out of county salesTesla excluded		~450 vehicles
3 (existing program)	Q4	All new EVs <\$45KIn-county purchase only		~190 vehicles
4	Annual	All new EVs <\$45KIn-county purchase only		~750 vehicles

^{*}PCE Staff Recommendation

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