

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER**

**Topic: Lookout Mountain Preserve - Public Service Company EV  
Charging Station Easement JCOS24-14**

**Presented by: Hillary Merritt, Deputy Director, Open Space**

**Date: 10/15/2024**

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

Consent to  
Place on Business/  
Hearing Agenda

**Issue:**

Requesting approval to grant a permanent utility easement to Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) for a new service line that supplies power to electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Lookout Mountain Preserve.

**Background:**

Jefferson County's Climate Action Plan 2022 has adopted strategic climate programs and goals, including: 1) BCC Resolution CC20-254, declaring Climate Change a critical priority for Jefferson County, 2) Jefferson County's Climate Action Plan, and 3) Jefferson County's Electric Vehicle Action Plan.

To help meet these goals, Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) installed EV charging stations at Crown Hill and Clear Creek Canyon Parks and these charging stations are effectively reducing local greenhouse gas emissions (10.2 Tons in their first year) and simultaneously generating revenue. JCOS wants to install additional EV charging stations at Lookout Mountain Preserve.

**Discussion:**

The proposed EV charging stations at Lookout Mountain Preserve are estimated to cost approximately \$65,000 and JCOS is seeking grant funds to offset the cost. PSCo is offering JCOS a \$19,000 construction allowance through its EV Service Infrastructure Program to cover the installation of new electric service to power the EV charging stations. In exchange for these funds, JCOS must grant a permanent utility easement to PSCo for the service line and agree to install two EV charging stations that provide ports to charge four vehicles at a time. JCOS will also apply for a \$25,000 Charge Ahead Colorado Grant and will cover the remaining \$21,000 with Open Space funds. The EV charging stations will be located in the northwest corner of the parking area at Lookout Mountain Preserve, just north of Boettcher Mansion.

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes  no

\$21,000 paid with Open Space Funds from the adopted 2024 budget.

- Year of impact: 2024
- TABOR impact: None
- Existing grant or project: None
- New grant or project: None
- Requested in adopted budget: Funding is part of 2024 adopted budget
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time
- General Fund impact: None
- Staffing impact: None
- ARPA impact: None
- Match requirements: None
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: None

**Revenue Limits Impact:**  yes  no

**SPA Review:** Support, no concern.

**County Attorney Review:** Anthony Chambers, reviewed October 1, 2024

**Facilities Review:** Support, no concern.

**BIT Review:** Support, no concern.

**Fleet Review:** Support, no concern.

**Human Resources Review (new FTE only):** N/A

**Recommendations:**

That the Board of County Commissioners consider the recommendation made by JCOS Staff and the Open Space Advisory Committee in Resolution #24-16 approving the grant of a utility easement to PSCo for a new service line that supplies power to EV charging stations at Lookout Mountain Preserve and authorize execution of the easement and all related documents at a future hearing.

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