

ChargeWest Collaborative Connects Eight Western States to Build Out EV Infrastructure



ChargeWest is a collective of eight Intermountain West states collaborating to build out electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure along key corridors in the region, including rural gateway communities, state and national parks, monuments, recreation areas, and scenic byways. Clean Cities coalitions are leading the charge by promoting EV infrastructure in their home states, developing infrastructure planning and solutions, engaging stakeholders, and performing education and outreach to raise awareness. ChargeWest is the largest EV corridor collaborative and was formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the governors of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

“The entire western region will benefit from the ChargeWest project, which aims to support consumer education, stakeholder engagement, and rural infrastructure development of electric vehicle charging for the expansion of alternative fuel corridors.”

—Tammie Bostick, executive director of Utah Clean Cities, which serves as the ChargeWest project lead.

Clean Cities coalition partners include:

- Utah Clean Cities (project lead)
- Drive Clean Colorado
- Treasure Valley Clean Cities Coalition
- Land of Enchantment Clean Cities
- Northern Colorado Clean Cities
- Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities
- Valley of the Sun Clean Cities Coalition

ChargeWest partners work with their local stakeholders to bring EV awareness and infrastructure to their states. The Treasure Valley Clean Cities Coalition engaged Idaho agencies to advocate for EV charging. Land of Enchantment Clean Cities conducted surveys to help inform local and state policymakers about potential challenges to expanding EV charging infrastructure in New Mexico. Northern Colorado Clean Cities, Valley of the Sun, Drive Clean Colorado, and Yellowstone-Teton all promoted and raised awareness about EVs and EV charging in their states.

“This project provided space and reason for regular meetings between state departments of environmental quality and transportation and Clean Cities coalitions, strengthening



the relationships and laying groundwork for continued collaboration,” said Alicia Cox, director of Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities.

Valley of the Sun hosted an electric bus training event with participants representing Arizona’s school districts, many from underserved and rural communities. More than 200 school district officials, fleet managers, and maintenance professionals attended.

Drive Clean Colorado worked with the Colorado Energy Office on corridor gap analysis and coaching for communities working to install EV chargers. They also worked with utilities in rural areas to provide guidance on their EV and charging programs.

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