Alternative Fuel Vehicle Signage Update Overview and Corridor Signage

ALTERNATIVE FUELS CORRIDOR







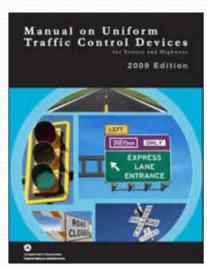






Overview

- Increasing adoption of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) will require building out more fueling infrastructure with consistent signage.
- FHWA publishes the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) which sets national standards for signs.
- FHWA also designates AFV corridors to help identify infrastructure needs and inform the traveling public.



https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/htm/2009/html index.htm

 This webinar will provide an update on signage issues related to AFV fueling infrastructure and designated AFV corridors.

Alternative Fuels Corridor Designations

- ☐ FHWA designates corridors that employ <u>electric vehicle</u> <u>charging</u>, <u>hydrogen</u>, <u>propane</u>, and <u>natural gas fueling</u> <u>technologies</u>
 - ➤ Identify near and long-term need for infrastructure;
 - > At strategic locations along major national highways;
- □ No funding authorized

FY 2016 Nomination Results

- ☐ 34 nomination packages received, with nominated corridors separated into two designation categories:
 - ➤ **Signage/Corridor-ready** sufficient facilities on the corridor to warrant highway signage;
 - ➤ **Signage/Corridor-pending** currently insufficient facilities on the corridor to warrant highway signage.
- ☐ Designations....
 - ➤ Include portions/segments of 55 Interstates and a few state roads/highways
 - Comprise 36 states plus D.C.
- Decisions based on DOE's Alternative Fuel Station Locator database

FY 2017 AFC Designations

- □ 24 nominations received mostly from State DOT's (others from state environmental and energy agencies, MPO's, 1 Governor's Office and 1 Economic development Authority
- □ 14 new lead applicants: AL, AR, AZ, DE, IA, KY, LA, MI, ND, NJ, OH, RI, WI and WY
- □ <u>**10**</u> **repeat states:** CA, GA, HI, MD, NC, NY, OK, PA, TN and TX

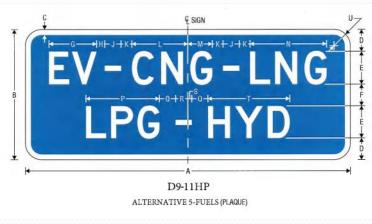
FY 2017 AFC Designations (Con't)

- □FY 2016 and FY 2017 designations:
 - ➤ Includes 58 nominations;
 - > Includes 44 states plus DC; and,
 - Covers segments or entire lengths of 71 corridors plus a few state roads/highways

AFV Corridor Highway Signage

- ☐ MUTCD Memorandum Signing for Designated Corridors
 - Provides guidance to State DOTs
 - First Corridor signs installed on I-94 and I-26
 - Some questions remain on General Service & Specific Service exit signage
 - > FHWA developed FAQs







First Corridor Signs Installed



I-26 (South Carolina)

I-94 (Minnesota)



Next Steps

- ☐ FHWA internal briefings
- □ Revise AFC web site in preparation for designation announcement
- ☐ Implement 5 Regional AFC Convening's in 2018/2019
 - > Working with states/stakeholders in priority areas to prepare for future round of nominations
 - Florida, Indiana, Western/Mountain EV Corridor
 MOU States, and remaining states with no corridors

For More Information

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Resources

FHWA Alternative Fuel Corridor website:

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/

MUTCD Memorandum – Signing for Designated Alternative Fuel Corridors:

https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/policy/alt_fuel_corridors/index.htm

DOE/NREL Alternative Fueling Station Locator:

https://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations/



I-94 Alternative Fuel Corridor in Minnesota

Tim Sexton
Alternative Fuel Signage Update, March 7, 2018
Webinar

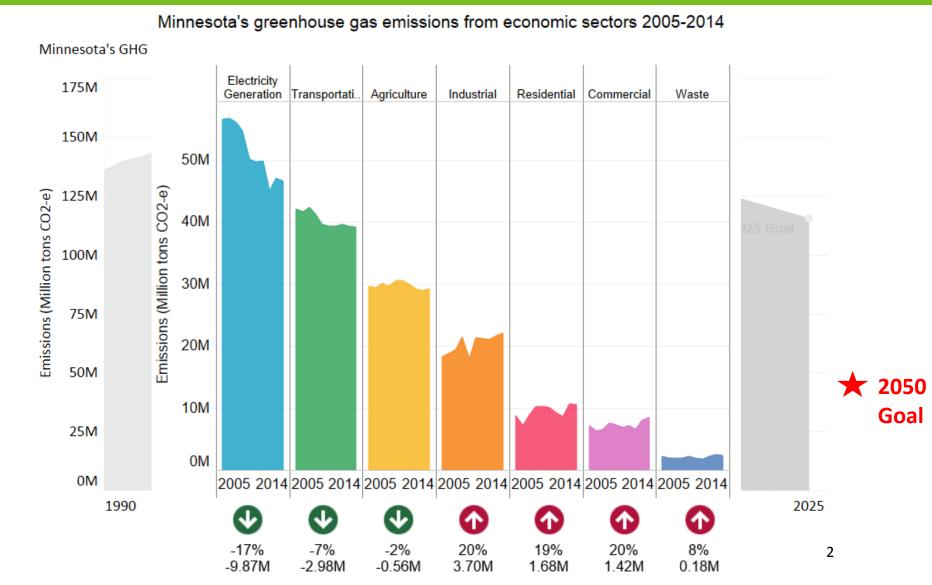


Why this matters to MN

Next Generation Energy

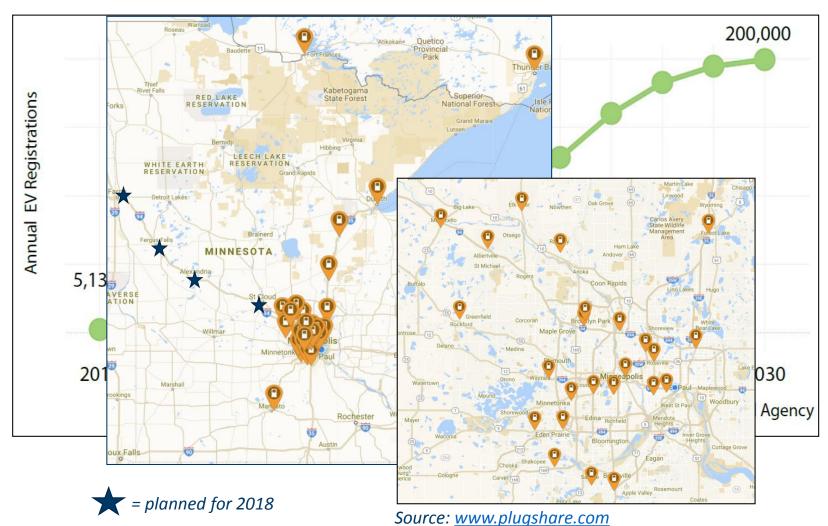
Act --- reduce GHG emissions from 2005

- 15% by 2015
- 30% by 2025
- 80% by 2050



Increased EV uptake is one strategy

 State goal for 20% of fleet to be EV by year 2030



I-94 Great Lakes Corridor

- 1. Minnesota
- 2. Wisconsin
- 3. Illinois
- 4. Indiana
- 5. Michigan
- 6. City of Detroit

Tech Support - NREL and Argonne

Other support/partners – Clean Cities, OEMs, others...



Signage

Installed

- 4 locations installed, both directions
- 3 more planned
- Internal fabrication and install (\$700 – \$1,000 per sign)

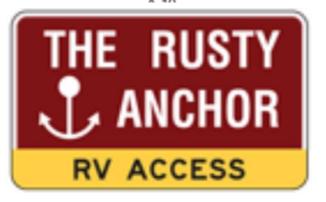
Supplemental guidance in TEM

- beginning and end of the corridor
- confirmatory assemblies at 30 to 60 miles spacing.
- Consider rural/urban environments and bypasses when spacing signs



Supplemental Signing

Facility Type	Sign Design Sign #'s refer to designation in the MnDOT Standard Signs Summary	# of Miles from an Intersection or Interchange N/E = Not Eligible		2000	Sign Program and Facility-Specific Criteria Unless otherwise indicated, the General Criteria apply for all facilities.		
		Urban	Rural		See MnDOT's Traffic Engineering Manual for placement of signs.		
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging	• D9-X6 EV-CHARGING EV-CHARGING →	N/E	2	Freeway Expressway	EV charging stations must meet the following requirements: 1. High powered charging station. 2. Located within 2 miles of the interchange. 3. Available to the public 12 hours per day 7 days per week. 4. The route leading to the EV charging station and the charging station itself should clearly identified with EV charging station signs. 5. Parking spaces identified with regulatory signs for electric vehicle charging only. 6. The EV charging station and parking facilities are lit. 7. Installation and maintenance of trailblazing signs beyond the exit ramp and on site facility signing will be the responsibility of the local road authority and requester. 8. Trailblazing signs located on local roads may use either white legend on blue background or the D9-11b (alternate) symbol.		





Questions?

Tim Sexton

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Alternative Fuel Corridors in SC

Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Corridors

PCF recommended the following:

81 FR 47850, July 22, 2016 Call

August 27, 2016, Letter to Docket FHWA-2016-0017

- Interstate 85 (to include I-85 and 385)
- Interstate 26 (to include 526)
- Interstate 77
- Interstate 20
- Interstate 95



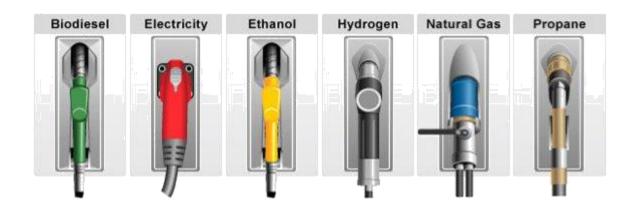
AFV Corridor Designations

Lead Agend	EV Corridor	CNG Corridor	LPG Corridor
SC Ener Office	I-85: From GA border to NC border. I-77: From NC border to the end of I-77 in Columbia. I-26: From Columbia to Orangeburg and from North Charleston to Charleston.	I-85: From the NC border to the GA border.	I-26: From Spartanburg, SC to Charleston, SC I-20: From Camden, SC to GA border.

Met with SCDOT

- Educated on alternative fuels and FAST Act
- Discussed signage process







Requested that signs be placed per FHWA specifications along designated "signage-ready" corridors

Submit Signage Request

Receive Approval/ Recognition of Request

Approval of request received and process of implementation begins

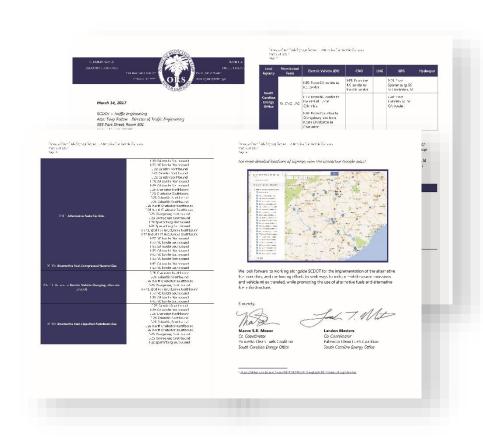


Received a detailed cost estimate

Cost Estimate

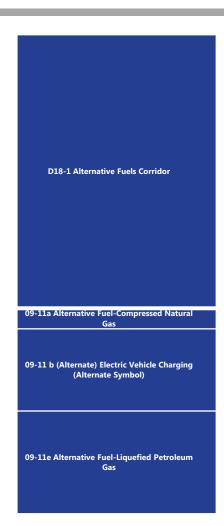
Sent Request to SCDOT

- Submitted very detailed request
 - Designated "signage-ready"corridors
 - Sign locations
 - Interactive Google Map



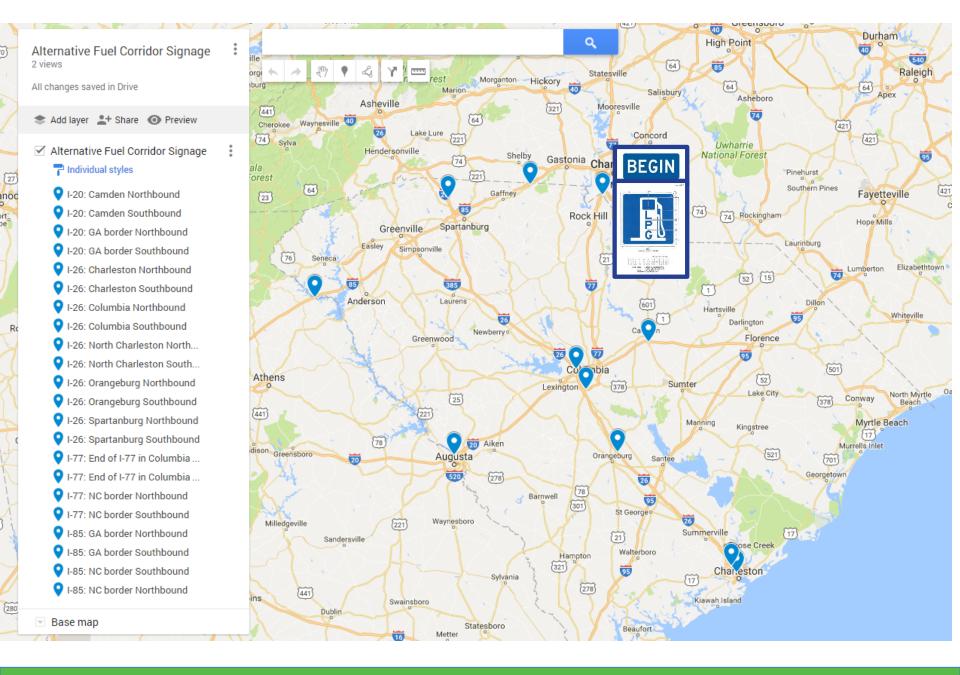
Sign Locations

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BEGIN (M4-14) Plaque	I-20: Camden Southbound I-20: GA border Northbound I-26: Charleston Northbound I-26: Columbia Northbound I-26: Columbia Southbound I-26: North Charleston Northbound I-26: North Charleston Southbound I-26: Orangeburg Northbound I-26: Orangeburg Southbound I-26: Spartanburg Southbound I-26: Spartanburg Southbound I-77: End of I-77 in Columbia Northbound I-77: NC border Southbound I-85: GA border Northbound I-85: GA border Northbound I-85: NC border Northbound I-85: NC border Southbound
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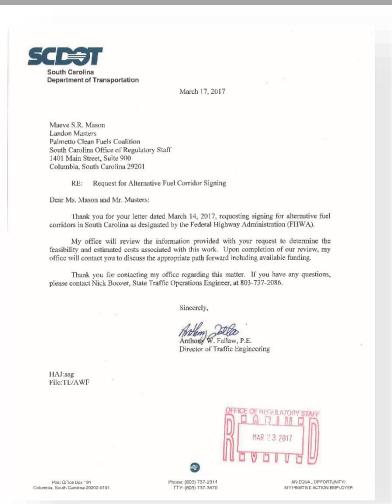
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I-26: Spartanburg Southbound



Receipt of Request

 Once we received receipt of request, we could begin discussions about implementation and costs



Estimated Costs

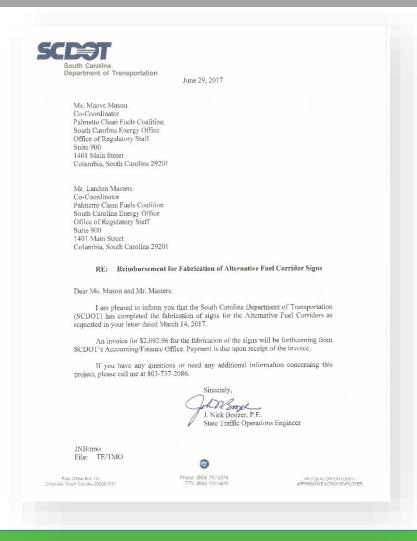
Alternate Fuel Corridor Sign Fabrication Costs						
Sign Type	Quantity	Sq. Ft/Sign	\$/SF	Cost per sign	Total Cost	
Begin (M4-14)	14	3.125	\$10	\$31.25	\$ 437.50	
End (M4-6)	8	3.125	\$10	\$31.25	\$ 250.00	
D18-1 Alt. Fuel Corr.	22	12	\$10	\$120	\$ 2,640.00	
D9-11a CNG	2	6.25	\$10	\$62.50	\$ 125.00	
D9-11b EV	8	6.25	\$10	\$62.50	\$ 500.00	
D9-11e LPG	10	6.25	\$10	\$62.50	\$ 625.00	
					\$ -	
Fabrication Total				\$ 4,577.50		

Alternate Fuel Corridor Sign Installation Costs						
No. of Locations	\$/Location	Total Cost				
22	\$125.00	\$	2,750.00			
Installation To	\$	2,750.00				

Grand Total \$ 7,327.50

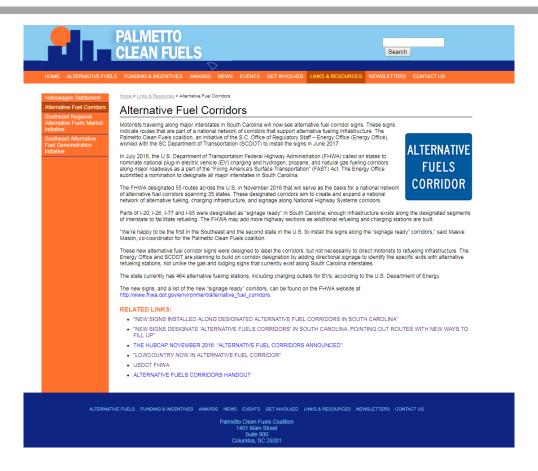
Actual Costs

- Total cost was \$2,092 for all signs and installation
- Less than original estimate
 - SCDOT covered the costs to install
 - Fabrication was completed by SC
 Department of Corrections- Prison Industries
 sign shop instead of SCDOT sign shop





Dedicated Web Content



PalmettoCleanFuels.org/AFVcorridors

Media







- New signs installed along designated alternative fuel corridors in South Carolina
 - July 21, 2017
 - ORS Energy Office/Palmetto Clean Fuels
 - "We're happy to be the first in the Southeast and the second state in the U.S. to install the signs along the "signage ready" corridors," said Maeve Mason, co-coordinator for the Palmetto Clean Fuels coalition.
 - http://www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov/Documents/News%20Archives/7-21-17%20New%20signs%20installed%20along%20designated%20%27alternative%20fuels%20corridors%27%20in%20South%20Carolin a FINAL.pdf
- Lowcountry now in Alternative Fuel Corridor
 - July 7, 2017
 - WCSC Live5News, Charleston, SC
 - Mason said Charleston is a prime place that EV, electric vehicle charging, and propane fueling facilities can
 continue to develop. Propane is used to fuel vehicles and also known as liquefied petroleum gas. Electric
 vehicles or EV are also becoming more popular, and allows you to plug your vehicle in to charge it.
 - http://www.live5news.com/story/35838008/lowcountry-now-in-alternative-fuel-corridor
- New signs designate 'alternative fuels corridors' in South Carolina, pointing out routes with new ways to fill up
 - Jul 10, 2017
 - The Post and Courier, Charleston, SC
 - The State Energy Office is looking at putting them in along highways to identify the specific exits with alternative refueling stations, not unlike the gas and lodging signs that dot South Carolina interstates now.
 - http://www.postandcourier.com/business/new-signs-designate-alternative-fuels-corridors-in-south-carolina-pointing/article 69386a84-65a3-11e7-be1c-c3b0c46b17c7.html

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Alternative Fuels Signage Update

March 7th, 2018



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PARTNERS

- Rhode Island Department of Transportation
- Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
- Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- Ocean State Clean Cities









BACKGROUND

Interstate 95 in Rhode Island

- Alternative Fuel Corridor designated for Electric Vehicles in 2016
- Corridor nomination submitted for Hydrogen and CNG in 2017





SIGNAGE PLANS

- Spring 2018- Install Alternative Fuel Corridor Signs at the I-95 North-South state lines (including EV sign)
- Plans to install HYD and CNG signs upon designation





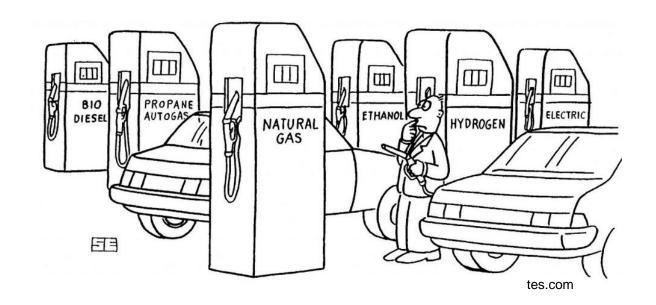






CONSIDERATIONS

- Public Education & Exposure
- Siting complications (500 ft. from other signs on 1-95)
- Wayfinding requirements (excessive for maintenance and unnecessary for EV drivers)
- Preferential treatment and long term impacts





Installation Plan I-95 South

Install D18-1 Alternative Fuels Corridor sign (36x36) and D9-1 Electric Vehicle service sign (30x30) on I-95 Southbound, 100 feet south of Mile Marker 42.4 (Broadway Bridge)





Installation Plan I-95 North

Install D18-1 Alternative Fuels Corridor sign (36x36) and D9-1 Electric Vehicle service sign (30x30) on I-95 northbound





Alternate Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Signage & Policies in California

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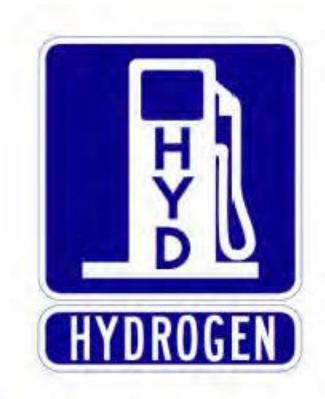


G66-21 (CA)*

* Note: Refer to TOPD 13-01 for use on Electric Vehicle Charging Station sign G66-21B(CA) http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/engineering/control-devices/policy/13-01.pdf



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G66-22G (CA) G66-22H (CA)



Aug 2011



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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer to: HOTO-1

Mr. Wayne Henley
Chief
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Division of Traffic Operations
Office of Signs, Markings and External
Support
P.O. Box 942873
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Dear Mr. Henley:

Thank you for your letter of August 5 requesting approval to use alternative Electric Vehicle Charging General Services symbol signs on all highways in California, including all local jurisdictions. Your request is made under the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2009 edition of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways* (MUTCD) and our Interim Approval Memorandum IA-13 dated April 1, 2011.

Your request is approved, subject to the terms and conditions of the referenced Interim Approval memorandum and to your agreement to comply with Item D1 (restoration of sites following issuance of a Final Rule) of Paragraph 18 of Section 1A.10 of the MUTCD. Please develop and periodically update a list of all locations where alternative Electric Vehicle Charging General Services symbol signs are installed in California. Your specific approval has been assigned the following number and title: "IA-13.3 – Alternative Electric Vehicle Charging General Services Symbol Sign – California." Please reference this number and title in any future correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in improving highway safety. If we can be of further assistance on this matter, please contact Mr. Kevin Sylvester at kevin.sylvester@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Mark R. Kehrli

Director, Office of Transportation

Operations



3/14/2013



* Subject to FHWA Interim Approval 13 (IA-13)

FAST

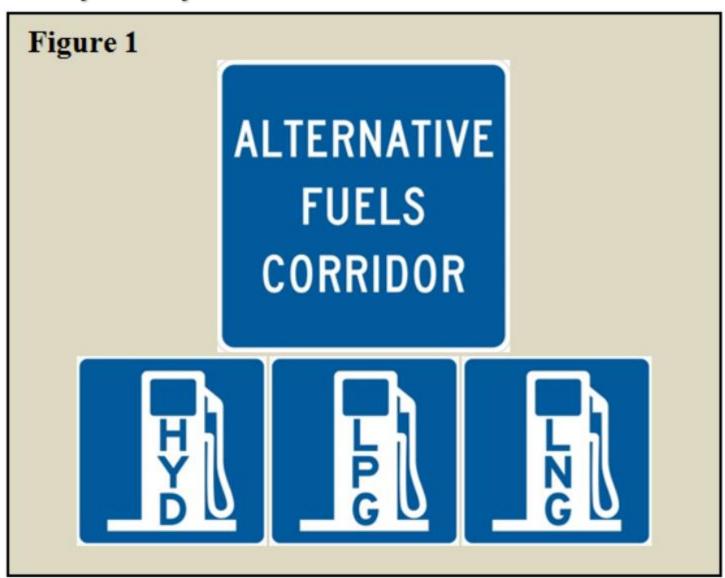
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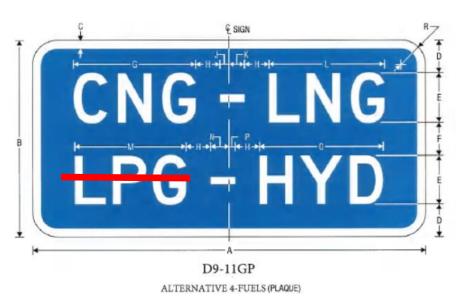
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12/21/2016





(in California)

CNG - LNG EV - HYD



Dec 2017 FHWA Pooled Fund Study

RESULTS

CONCLUSIONS (CONT.)

Alternative Fuels

Participants were more likely to be fully correct (i.e. understand what type of fuel is available) when viewing signs with the supplemental placards than when viewing signs without the supplemental placards. Participants had particular difficulty understanding alternatives 11 and 12. It is recommended that Alternative fuel signs should include the gas pump symbol and a supplemental placard indicating what type of alternative fuel is offered.

Table 5: Alternative Fuels Sign Alternatives

Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6
Ą Į	HYDROGEN LNG ETHANOL	BD	BIODIESEL		METHANOL
Alt. 7	Alt. 8	Alt. 9	Alt. 10	Alt. 11	Alt. 12
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Questions?





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LAST IN CORRIDOR (PLAQUE)

Alt Fuel Vehicles

Apps and Resources for Locating Fueling Infrastructure

AFV Pooled Fund Webinar Signage for AFVs

March 7, 2018

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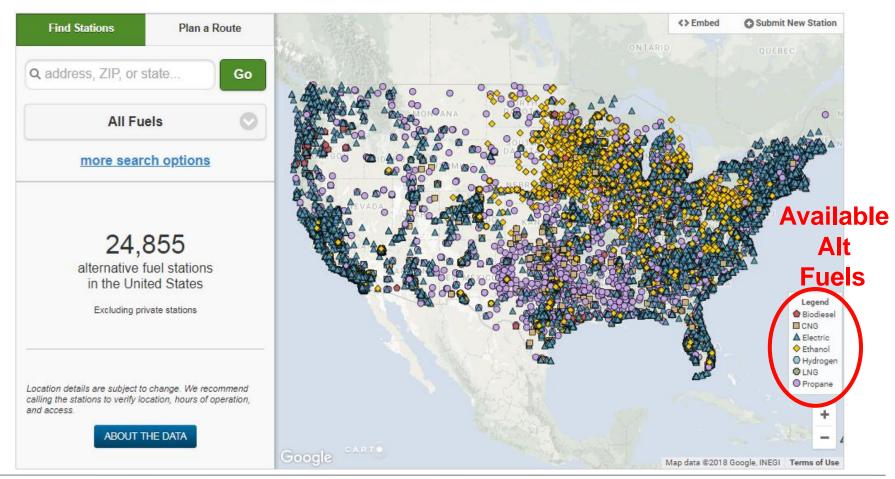
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US DOE Alt Fuels Data Center Locator

Website – mobile version and apps available

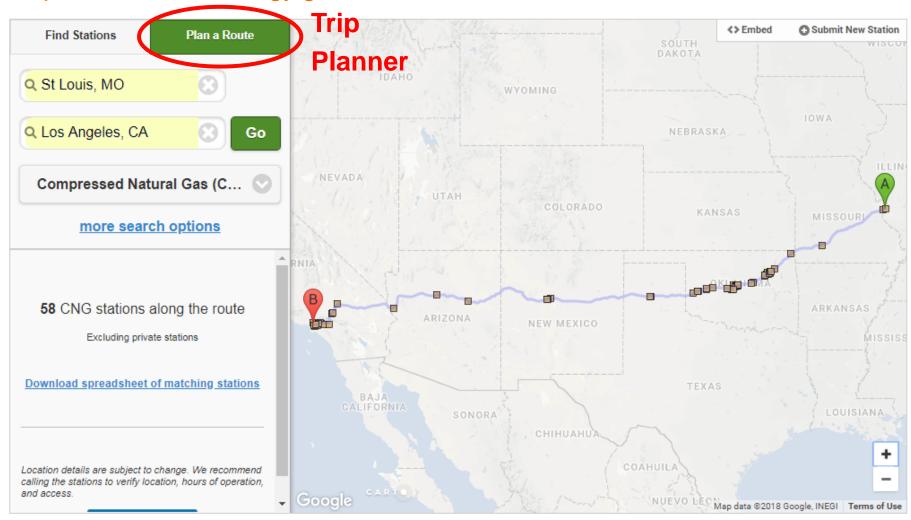
https://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations





AFDC Trip Planner

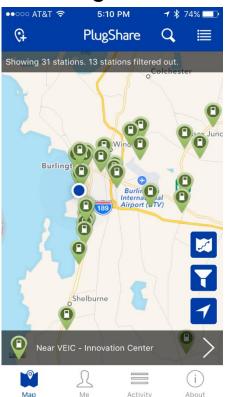
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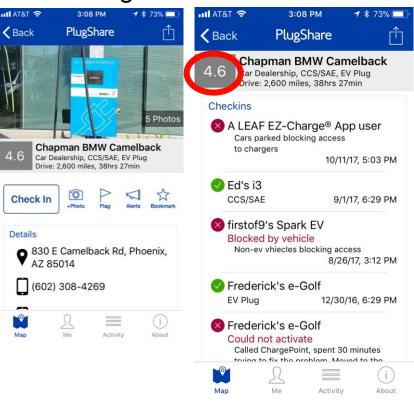


Electric Vehicle Websites / Apps

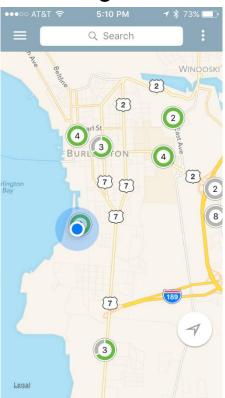
PlugShare



PlugShare "Check-in"



ChargePoint



https://www.plugshare.com/

https://na.chargepoint.com/charge_point



Automaker Systems

Kia App



Nissan LEAF In-vehicle Navigation System Driving Range Estimate



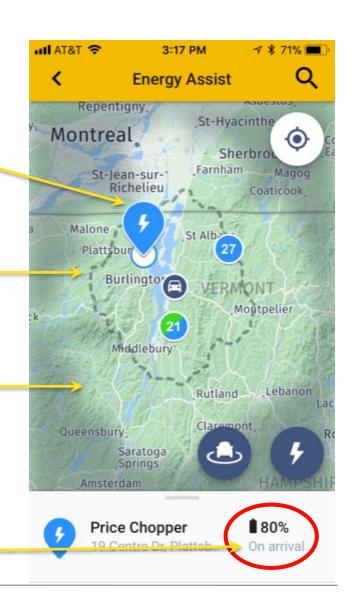
Chevrolet Bolt App

Destination

50% Range Estimate (roundtrip)

5% Range Estimate (one way)

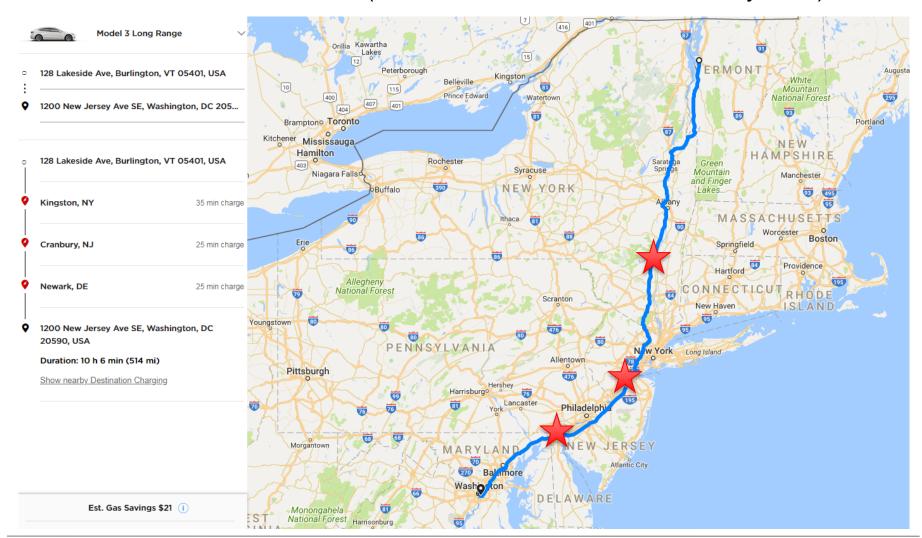
State of Charge at Destination





Tesla Trip Planner

https://www.tesla.com/trips (website is similar to in-vehicle system)





Alternative Fuels Pooled Fund Website



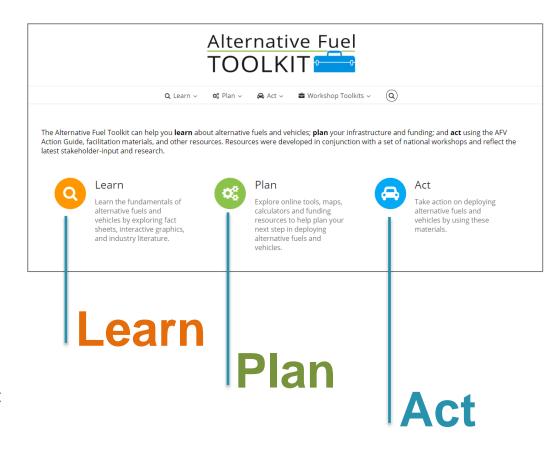


Website Overview:

- Accessible at http://altfueltoolkit.org/
- Tools such as interactive maps, a payback calculator, a planning guide, and more to help DOTs and MPOs accelerate alternative fuel vehicle deployment
- Five workshop toolkits each include a resource library, workshop summary report and presentations, and topicspecific materials such as fact sheets or case studies

Pooled Fund Overview:

- Participating State DOTs are CA, CT, NC, NY, OR, TX, VT, and WA
- ODOT is leading effort with FHWA as technical liaison
- Implemented five workshops to assist State DOTs and MPOs interested in accelerating the use of alternative fuels/vehicles and associated infrastructure



Resources

US Dept of Energy AFDC Station Locator

https://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations/

Alt Fuel Toolkit

http://altfueltoolkit.org

PlugShare

https://www.plugshare.com/

West Coast Electric Highway Signage Resources

http://www.westcoastgreenhighway.com/evsigns.htm

Washington State Anti-"ICEing" Legislation

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.08.185

