

# Our Path Forward: Sustaining Partnerships for Corridor Growth

- What can FHWA do?
  - Continue being available and open to Clean Cities, any questions etc.
  - Helpful to show which corridors are ready (NREL tool will help with that)
  - Could show what network would look like had applications for additional segments been received
  - Foster collaboration beyond annual application cycle
  - Helpful for states to have strategic planning support, i.e. state strategic planning
  - Evaluate the MUTCD to see if signage guidance facilitates its objectives (would be helpful if states provided feedback)
  - Show case study of NYMTC freight plan
  - Examples of P3s that were executed
  - Guidance documents down to funding options
  - Links to existing interstate alt fuel initiatives

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- Midwest states can develop an MOU similar to western states – ensure higher level people are being asked and engaged
- June 27 FHWA webinar on recent RFI released on National Economic Partnership (formerly megaregions) – letters of interest due **July 9**
- Designations planned to be annual
- EPA working to improve upon the MOVES data regarding alt fuels

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- What is your vision for system in the Midwest in 10 years?
  - Should be invisible – people should have confidence to know where fuels are available and assume they are available
  - Identify interim steps now for variety of ways future can unfold
  - Reconsideration of biofuels as part of alt fuel corridor program
  - Even non binding state goals sends out a signal and has value even in informal ways, though can be overturned by future administrations

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- What does promoting alt fuel technologies mean on the economy, jobs, etc.? How can we present the economic proposition for alt fuel corridors?
  - Tourism dollars – e.g. states without infrastructure cannot attract affluent EV owners
  - Creating industrial parks to provide manufacturing/materials
  - Need more data/case studies to show economic argument
  - Find areas for collaboration among groups that may typically compete
  - Can serve as competitive advantage for trucking companies, e.g. Ikea making requirement that percentage of delivery company fleets have to be electric
  - Argument of diversified portfolio, particularly in states with high reliance on petroleum industry
  - Tie renewable energy to job creation and electrification

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- What are you going to do further movement on alt fuel corridors?
  - FHWA – follow up on suggestions and drafting round 3 nominations
  - Continue staying engaged with developments
  - Work with our DOT to find out what FHWA division can do to help get corridors identified
  - Think globally, act locally. Educating coworkers and others in DOT to get the excited about corridors
  - Suggest to new clean city coordinator on contacts to connect with, continue finding funding opportunities
  - Reconvene I-80 working group

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  - Determine how to shape input into future convenings
  - Continue to work with clean cities, report out from this meeting and NREL tools
  - Talk to freight folks and integrate into other parts of our program
  - Continue to work with Tim, I-94, rekindle I-80
  - Have ChargePoint serve as a resource with available data so programs are fully informed by station usage
  - Implement VW plan and develop RFPs for highway corridors that will benefit from funding.
  - Incorporate corridors with regional planning process
  - Reach out to IN about I-70 and Ohio DOT about signage

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- What are you going to do further movement on alt fuel corridors?
  - Have conversations with state DOTs
  - Spread the word about signage and work on corridor mapping tool
  - Offer solutions that provide both vehicle and infrastructure
  - Built out alt fuel council, develop guidance documents
  - Think about signage and find synergies among different group efforts
  - Continue to be supportive of state DOT
  - Transition to become part of larger movement to alt fuels out in state in Ohio. Convene contacts from Ohio to get conversations going.

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  - Advance corridor program in South Dakota
  - Let market drive direction but can work on signage, keep an open mind, find solutions that work for everybody
  - Work with DOT with any technical assistance
  - Solicit interest in regular meetings for I-80 and I-94 coordination
  - Put corridors on agendas of traffic engineers
  - Remain open minded to expansion opportunities on corridors and influencing beyond the corridors
  - Try to tie initiatives together instead of working in isolation



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- What are you going to do further movement on alt fuel corridors?
  - Lead by example with state fleet
  - Take signing issues back to traffic engineers
  - Increase collaboration
  - Serve as a resource to connect with utility contacts
  - Work on updating maps/switch EV pending to EV ready
  - Getting designation finished, initiate collaboration with new contacts
  - Better understand what barriers ODOT is experiencing and how to overcome them
  - Take leadership role with different agencies and get everyone excited about further corridor designations
  - Grant out VW funds for infrastructure
  - Get north Dakota propane ready in the next designation
  - Challenge other midwestern states to have as many designations at IL
  - Make all interstates in IL EV ready
  - Continue educating legislatures so we're informing policy