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**New Mexico Receives First Alternative Fuel Corridors
Recognition Facilitated by EMNRD and NM Department of
Transportation**

*USDOT Federal Highway Administration identifies corridors for electric vehicle charging,
compressed natural gas, and liquid propane fueling*

Santa Fe, NM – The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration recently announced the first designation of alternative fuel corridors in New Mexico. The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), PNM, and Land of Enchantment Clean Cities Coalition submitted the application for consideration on behalf of the state. The designation allows New Mexico to actively participate in the national transition to alternative fuels across state borders, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Prior to this new designation, New Mexico was one of only four states without designated alternative fuel corridors, which are listed as electric vehicle (EV) charging, compressed natural gas, and liquid propane fueling stations. Now travelers will see areas of I-25, I-10, US-70, and US-285 listed as alternative fuel locations.

“The transportation sector is a major source of New Mexico’s greenhouse gas emissions, so facilitating electric vehicle travel is a key part of our climate strategy,” said EMNRD Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. “New Mexico is now part of this nation-wide initiative to help people find electric vehicle charging stations and alternative fuel locations across the state.”

“NMDOT appreciates the opportunity to work with our partners to better align New Mexico with adjacent states, and improve the traveling experience for people with alternative fuel vehicles traveling in and through New Mexico,” said NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Michael Sandoval. “We look forward to supporting the expansion of these corridor designations, to further decrease vehicle emissions while helping the traveling public move in and through New Mexico.”

Expanding electric vehicles is a key component of New Mexico’s climate strategy and providing a comprehensive list of charging stations across main corridors can further expand interest in EVs. A full list of alternative fuel corridors can be found on the [Federal Highway Administration’s website](#).

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