



Joint Office of  
**Energy and  
Transportation**

# **Building a Future Where Everyone Can Ride and Drive Electric**

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# Agenda

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- Joint Office **Overview and Priorities**
- **Alternative Fuel Corridors** Status
- **National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy**

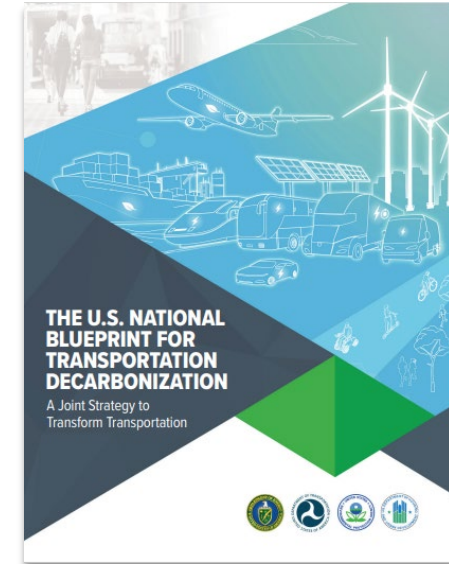


# U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization

## Goal:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the transportation sector by 2050 and ensure resilient and accessible mobility options for all Americans

## Partners:



# Background on Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

Established in the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law** to address areas of joint interest to the **Departments of Energy and Transportation**

**\$300M**

in FY22 funds to DOT  
with transfer authority to DOE

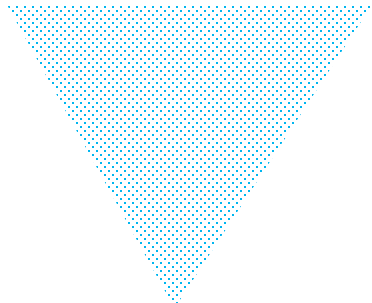
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major areas of emphasis

## Areas of emphasis (summarized)

- 1) technical assistance of vehicle charging
- 2) data sharing
- 3) performance of a national and regionalized study vehicle charging
- 4) training and certification programs
- 5) a program to promote renewable energy generation, storage, and grid integration
- 6) transmission pilots in the rights-of-way
- 7) research, strategies, and actions to mitigate the effects of climate change
- 8) development of a streamlined utility accommodations policy for transmission in the transportation right-of-way
- 9) any other issues that the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Energy identify as issues of joint interest

# Mission and Vision



## Mission

To accelerate an electrified transportation system that is affordable, convenient, equitable, reliable, and safe.

## Vision

A future where everyone can ride and drive electric.



# Alternative Fuel Corridor Status Update

# Alternative Fuel Corridors

View AFCs by Fuel Type



Electric Vehicle (AFC  
Rounds 1-7)

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Hydrogen (AFC Rounds 1-  
7)

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Liquefied Natural Gas  
(AFC Rounds 1-7)

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Liquefied Petroleum Gas  
(AFC Rounds 1-7)

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# Alternative Fuel Corridors | HEPGIS (arcgis.com)

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration HEPGIS

Hydrogen (AFC Rounds 1-7)

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ArcGIS Online

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**Details**

- Application**  
Web Mapping Application
- December 4, 2023**  
Date Updated
- December 4, 2023**  
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Hydrogen (AFC Rounds 1-7)

Find address or place  
Ⓐ Use current location

500 mi

Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, EPA, USFWS

**HY Alternative Fuel Corridors**

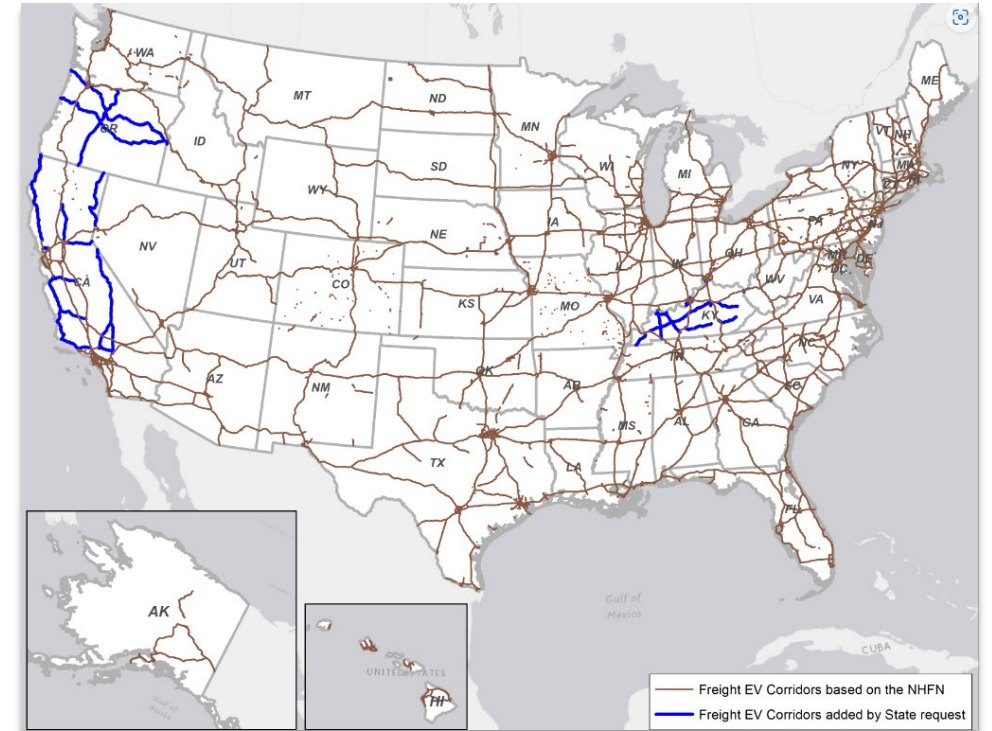
- HY-Corridor Ready
- - - HY-Corridor Pending
- No Designation



# FHWA EV Freight Corridor Designations

In alignment with the Joint Office's National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy, the **Federal Highway Administration announced the designation of [National EV Freight Corridors](#)** along the National Highway Freight Network and other key roadways.

The designations, which are required by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), are a critical part of the Biden-Harris Administration's strategy for **building out a convenient, reliable, and made-in-America national EV charging network that supports individual drivers and commercial needs**



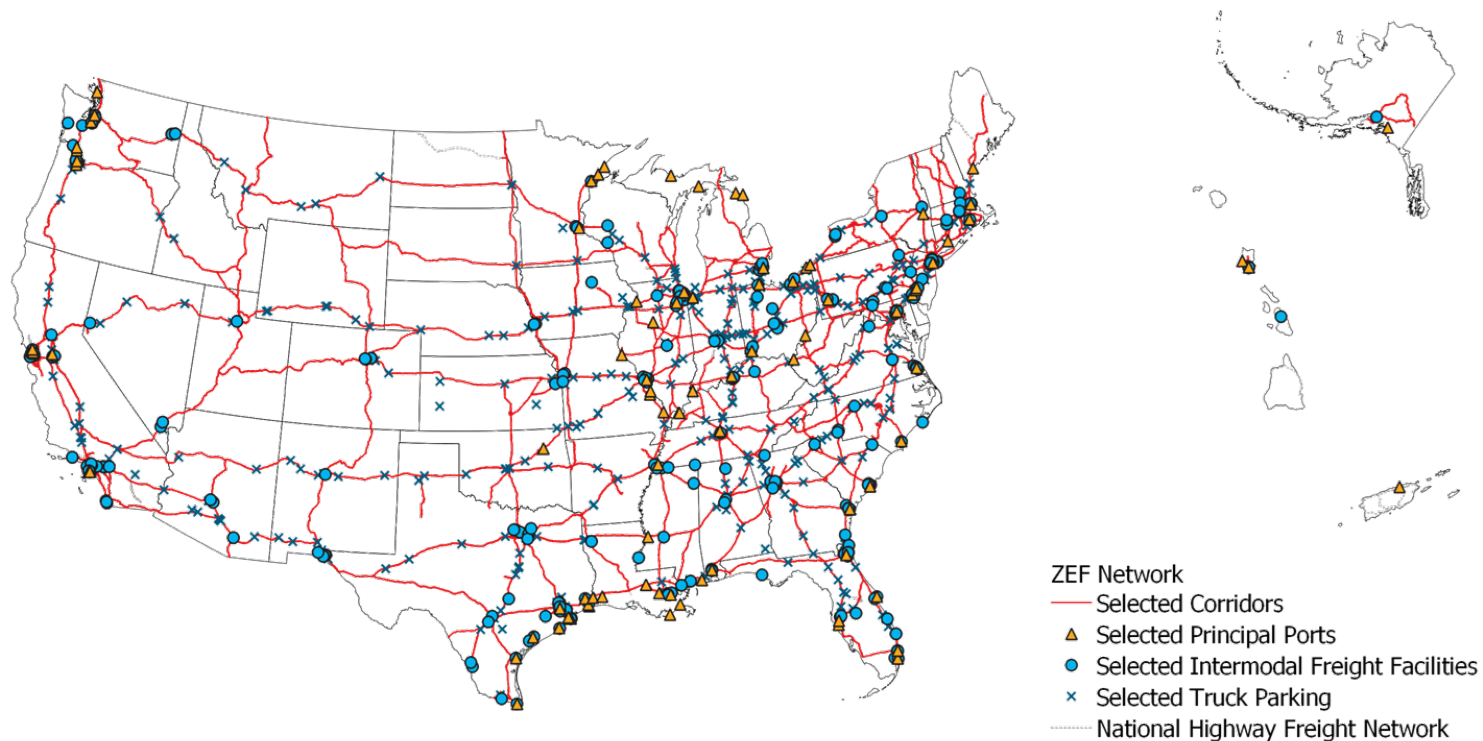
[Freight EV Corridors - Alternative Fuel Corridors - Environment - FHWA \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/alternative-fuel/ev-freight-corridors/)



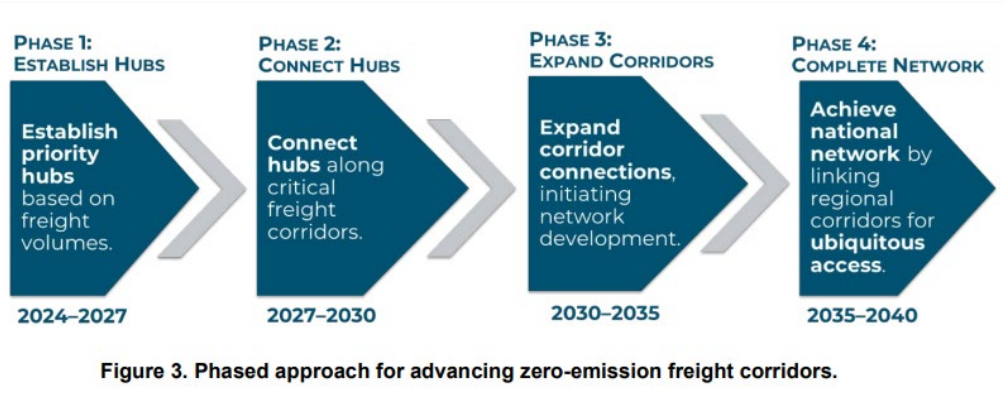
# National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy

# Goal

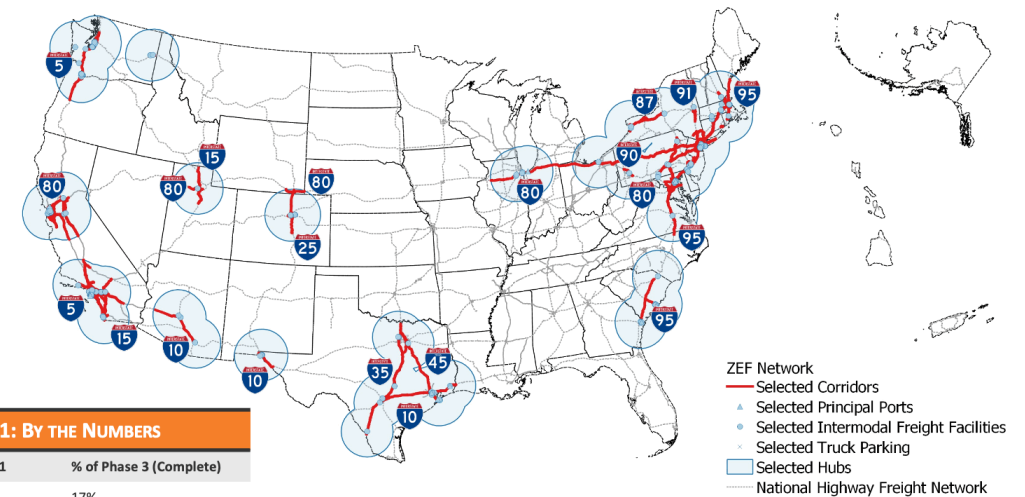
The *National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy* seeks to **align and accelerate cross-sector investments** in zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicle (ZE-MHDV) infrastructure and **clearly signal the need to bolster electric grid and hydrogen planning** to achieve a zero-emission freight network by **2040**.



# A Four-Phased Strategy for a National ZEF Network



## Phase 1: Establish Hubs and Launch Corridors 2024 – 2030



PHASE 1: BY THE NUMBERS		
Metric	Phase 1	% of Phase 3 (Complete)
Ports & Facilities	333	17%
Corridors	8,231 miles	17%

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Numerous strategies and solutions are required to tackle transportation emissions

	 <b>BATTERY/ELECTRIC</b>	 <b>HYDROGEN</b>	 <b>SUSTAINABLE LIQUID FUELS</b>
Light Duty Vehicles (49%)*		—	TBD
Medium, Short-Haul Heavy Trucks & Buses (~14%)			
Long-Haul Heavy Trucks (~7%)			
Off-road (10%)			
Rail (2%)			
Maritime (3%)		 †	
Aviation (11%)			
Pipelines (4%)		TBD	TBD
<b>Additional Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stationary battery use</li> <li>• Grid support (managed EV charging)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavy industries</li> <li>• Grid support</li> <li>• Feedstock for chemicals and fuels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decarbonize plastics/chemicals</li> <li>• Bio-products</li> </ul>
<b>RD&amp;D Priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National battery strategy</li> <li>• Charging infrastructure</li> <li>• Grid integration</li> <li>• Battery recycling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrolyzer costs</li> <li>• Fuel cell durability and cost</li> <li>• Clean hydrogen infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple cost-effective drop-in sustainable fuels</li> <li>• Reduce ethanol carbon intensity</li> <li>• Bioenergy scale-up</li> </ul>

\* All emissions shares are for 2019

† Includes hydrogen for ammonia and methanol

Figure 7. Summary of vehicle improvement strategies and technology solutions for different travel modes that are needed to reach a net-zero economy in 2050 (more details provided in Section 5).

# Deployment Factors to Identify Priority ZEF Corridors



1. Segments of the NHFN with highest freight volumes.



2. Highest percentage of ports by annual tonnage, all intermodal freight facilities, and key truck service & parking.



3. Areas that bear disproportionate environmental and air quality burden from MHDV emissions.



4. States with policies that enable zero-emission vehicle deployment.



5. Areas projected to demonstrate better total cost of ownership for ZE-MHDV compared to ICE.



6. “On-the-ground” planning through Department of Energy commercial zero-emission vehicle corridor planning grants.