



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming

Regional Electric Vehicle Plan for the West

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Memorandum) is made on this 4th day of October, 2017, by and between the States of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming (hereinafter referred to as the Signatory States).

WHEREAS, the Signatory States recognize that improved availability of regional electric vehicle infrastructure will increase access to our highways, promote tourism and recreation in our rural communities, and support our economies; and

WHEREAS regional collaboration is a key driver of expanding transportation options;

THEREFORE, it is the mutual intention of the Signatory States to establish a Regional Electric Vehicle Plan for the West (“REV West Plan”).

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide the framework for creating an Intermountain West Electric Vehicle (EV) Corridor that will make it possible to seamlessly drive an electric vehicle across the Signatory States’ major transportation corridors. The initial transportation corridors include the following interstates:

- Interstates 25, 70 and 76 in Colorado;
- Interstates 15, 84, 86, and 90 in Idaho;
- Interstates 15, 90 and 94 in Montana;
- Interstates 15 and 80 in Nevada;
- Interstates 10, 25 and 40 in New Mexico;
- Interstates 15, 70, 80 and 84 in Utah; and
- Interstates 25, 80 and 90 in Wyoming.

Upon signing this Memorandum, any future additional Signatory State may propose to include additional interstates within their boundaries.

Activities

The Signatory States intend to undertake the following actions under the Memorandum:

1. Create best practices and procedures that will enhance EV adoption by promoting EV consumer acceptance and awareness by addressing “range anxiety”; coordinating on EV charging station locations to avoid redundancy and to ensure stations are sited at a frequency and locations so as to optimize utilization and to minimize inconsistencies between charging infrastructure in each state; and leveraging economies of scale;
2. Create voluntary minimum standards for EV charging stations, including standards for administration, interoperability, operations, and management;
3. Identify and develop opportunities to incorporate EV charging station infrastructure into planning and development processes, such as building codes, metering policies, and renewable energy generation projects;
4. Encourage EV manufacturers to stock and market a wide variety of EVs within the Signatory States; and
5. Identify, respond to, and where possible collaborate on funding opportunities to support the development of the REV West Plan.

PROCESS

1. The Signatory States have formed a Coordination Group composed of senior leadership from each state.
2. The Coordination Group will meet on a quarterly basis and team members will provide regular updates and input.
3. The Coordination Group will create and maintain a supplemental document containing specifics pertaining to these actions, including resources for mapping locations.
4. The Coordination Group will complete a Report summarizing progress made against the activities above by April 1, 2018.

NONBINDING AGREEMENT. This Memorandum is only a statement of the parties’ mutual intentions and is not a legally binding agreement. This Memorandum does not create a contract or other legally enforceable commitments. It is mutually understood that any Signatory State may, at any time at its sole discretion, discontinue participation in this Memorandum or reject or deviate from any proposals developed by the Coordination Group.

NOW THEREFORE, as Governors of the Signatory States we express our mutual understanding and cooperative relationship as follows:

1. OVERALL COMMITMENT

The Signatory States agree to coordinate actions, and support the successful implementation of a robust EV charging station network within their respective state and connected between the states, by undertaking the actions outlined herein.

2. INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION WITHIN STATES

Where appropriate, the Signatory States will cooperate with their respective state agencies and departments to facilitate the successful commercialization of EVs and maximize use of EVs for private and public transportation.

3. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Where appropriate, the Signatory States will partner and cooperate with EV stakeholders, such as automobile manufacturers, electricity providers, EV charging infrastructure industry, corporate fleet owners, and financial institutions, to encourage EV market growth.

4. SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

- a. A Signatory State may terminate its participation in this Memorandum at any time and at its sole discretion through a written statement submitted to the other Signatory States.
- b. Other states committed to the conditions and activities described above may sign on to this Memorandum.
- c. This Memorandum may be amended through the collective agreement of the authorized representatives of the Signatory States.

[Signatures on following pages]

This Memorandum establishing the Intermountain West Electric Vehicle Corridor is hereby signed this 4th day of October 2017.

THE STATE OF COLORADO

By: 

John W. Hickenlooper, Jr.
Governor

This Memorandum establishing the Intermountain West Electric Vehicle Corridor is hereby signed this 4th day of October 2017.

THE STATE OF IDAHO

By: 

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor

This Memorandum establishing the Intermountain West Electric Vehicle Corridor is hereby signed this 4th day of October 2017.

THE STATE OF MONTANA

By: 

Steve Bullock
Governor

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THE STATE OF NEVADA

By: _____

Brian E. Sandoval
Governor

This Memorandum establishing the Intermountain West Electric Vehicle Corridor is hereby signed this 4th day of October 2017.


THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

By: 

Susana Martinez
Governor

This Memorandum establishing the Intermountain West Electric Vehicle Corridor is hereby signed this 4th day of October 2017.

THE STATE OF UTAH

By: 

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

This Memorandum establishing the Intermountain West Electric Vehicle Corridor is hereby signed this 4th day of October 2017.

THE STATE OF WYOMING

By: 

Matt Mead
Governor