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New Mexico Receives \$67.7 Million in Grants from Biden-Harris Administration for First of Its Kind Infrastructure in the Southwest

The New Mexico Department of Transportation will receive \$63.8 million to build two EV charging centers for medium and heavy-duty commercial electric vehicles

Last week during a press conference at the Roundhouse, the Biden-Harris Administration awarded \$67.7 Million to New Mexico for the purpose of deploying chargers in local communities and along major travel corridors while promoting American jobs and leadership in electric vehicle (EV) charging. This represents an investment in New Mexico of more than 10% of the total grant funding available.

These awards are three of 47 projects in 22 states and Puerto Rico selected to receive a total of \$623 million in funding to help build out an EV charging network under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program.

"I'm delighted to join in the announcement of nearly \$68 million in new electric vehicle charging infrastructure for New Mexico. In particular, the electrification of I-10 with 2 medium and heavy-weight vehicle stations will transform travel on this New Mexico highway," said **Governor Lujan Grisham**. "With local matches, these grants will result in over \$84 million in infrastructure development along I-10 and the communities of Lordsburg and Vado as well as smaller investments in Santa Fe County and the Town of Taos. I want to express my thanks to President Biden for making this game-changing work possible."

The Town of Taos, Santa Fe County, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation will install over forty EV chargers statewide and two EV charging centers for medium and heavy-duty commercial EVs traveling along I-10.

"The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is ecstatic to receive funding as well as establishing an important first step in improving the southwest infrastructure," said NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Ricky Serna. He continued, "This partnership and these charging stations are some of the first in the nation of their kind and will truly revolutionize electric vehicle connectivity routes not only in New Mexico, but the entire southwest region of the nation. Furthermore, the funding of projects in northern New Mexico demonstrates our state's continued commitment to connectivity statewide."

Project Selections Breakdown:

- The New Mexico Department of Transportation will receive \$63.8 million to build two EV charging centers for medium and heavy-duty commercial electric vehicles traveling along Interstate 10. Each center will have nine pull-through stalls and will serve as crucial links along the I-10 Electric Corridor, the nation's first network of high-powered charging centers for heavy-duty trucks from San Pedro ports in southern California to El Paso, Texas. TeraWatt Infrastructure, a company powering electrified fleets with the most reliable network of charging solutions was competitively selected by NMDOT to design, build, operate, and own the two I-10 electric corridor charging centers.
- The County of Santa Fe will receive \$3.3 million to build an EV charging network of 33 fast chargers and Level 2 charging stations at 13 sites encompassing underserved communities, multi-family affordable housing and county transportation hubs.
- The Town of Taos will receive \$500,000 to install the first six publicly available fast EV chargers in the parking lots of three community buildings. One of the selected locations is the Taos Visitor Center, which serves the Taos Pueblo, designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and a National Historic Landmark.

“The Federal Highway Administration is pleased to announce these grants in New Mexico which will bring EV charging to people and communities all across the nation,” said Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt. “These investments through the CFI Program will grow our national EV charging network, support President Biden’s goals of achieving net-zero emissions for the nation by 2050 and promote opportunity for all Americans to enjoy the benefits of widely accessible EV charging.”

The grants announced are made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s \$2.5 billion Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, a competitive funding program that includes construction of approximately 7,500 EV charging ports.

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