

MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Agenda #16e Reports MCOG Meeting 4/05/2021

STAFF REPORT

TITLE: Mendocino Express Corridor – California EV Charging Corridors Celebration

SUBMITTED BY: | Janet Orth, Deputy Director / CFO DATE: 3.29.2021

BACKGROUND:

In June of 2016, MCOG joined in a partnership with ChargePoint, Inc. on a proposal to the California Energy Commission (CEC), under solicitation #GFO-15-603, to install electric vehicle direct current fast-charging infrastructure (DCFC) on US-101 from north of Santa Rosa through Mendocino County to Leggett. \$875,000 was available for grants on this segment of the corridor.

In October 2016 the CEC announced its Notice of Proposed Awards, and project awards were made at the next regular CEC business meeting in December 2016. \$14 million was awarded statewide, with two grants for Corridor 4 through Mendocino County. Other grants were made from Garberville north through Humboldt County. Grants were made on 15 corridors in California.

April 15, 2021 marks a milestone in five years and more of planning and collaborative work toward this key segment of US-101 to be installed as part of a regional public network for Mendocino County. Our partner ChargePoint has put together a virtual ribbon cutting to celebrate completion of California EV Charging Corridors with the many stakeholders involved. I am honored to have the opportunity to represent MCOG and the region, and will be in good company among this lineup of speakers.

MCOG and Chargepoint's Mendocino Express Corridor now has installed stations in Laytonville, Ukiah, Cloverdale and Santa Rosa. The other awarded project went to Recargo, Inc., with sites in Leggett, Willits and Hopland. So between these two projects, we now have connectivity with our neighboring counties Sonoma and Humboldt (at Benbow and points north) on an electric vehicle clean transportation corridor. This is just the beginning of a transition to new infrastructure in the days and years to come.

I have attached an email flyer with link to register for the one-hour webinar event on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 10am, or click here: California EV Charging Corridors Celebration (chargepoint.com)

Please join us in this momentous occasion toward our shared goals for climate and transportation infrastructure.

ACTION REQUIRED: None, for information only.

ALTERNATIVES: Register and attend the online celebration live or register to watch a recording later.

RECOMMENDATION: None, this report is provided for information.

Enc:

- ChargePoint invitation to April 15, 2021 celebration
- MCOG Resolution No. M2016-12 of June 6, 2016

More information:

March 2017 press release

Janet Orth

From: Laura Parsons laura.parsons@chargepoint.com

Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 5:51 PM

To: Janet Orth

Subject: April 15 | Celebration of California EV charging corridors

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California EV Charging Corridors Celebration

Thursday, April 15, 2021 | 10am PT | 1pm ET

Live Webinar

Hello EV Enthusiast,

We invite you to join an online celebration for the completion of 65 electric vehicle charging sites enabling long-distance highway travel across California. Hear from Commissioner Patty Monahan of the California Energy Commission and other stakeholders on the significance of this milestone for the state's transportation electrification goals as well as the benefits EV charging brings to businesses, communities and drivers.

This deployment of 65 EV charging sites was funded primarily by the California Energy Commission, with complementary funding from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District. ChargePoint has led the installation and operation of the stations (including DC fast chargers and Level 2) in partnership with a variety of business, municipal and tribal site hosts.

Celebration Speakers:

- Commissioner Patty Monahan, California Energy Commission
- Tom Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Danielle Lincoln, General Manager of Renewables, Chevron
- Janet Orth, Deputy Director & CFO, Mendocino Council of Governments, the Regional Transportation Planning Agency
- Tim Hoone, Planning Director, Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Manager, Trillium – A Love's Company

Webinar: California EV Charging Corridors Celebration

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 Time: 10am PT | 1pm ET

Duration: 1 hour

Timing doesn't work? No problem. Register anyway, and we'll send you the recording to watch when you're able.

I look forward to seeing you at the webinar.

Thanks,

Dedrick Roper, Director of Public Private Partnerships, ChargePoint

Register Now



Patty Monahan Commissioner, California Energy Commission

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RESOLUTION No. M2016-12

SUPPORTING A GRANT PROPOSAL BY CHARGEPOINT, INC. WITH POTENTIAL PARTNERS REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY AND OTHERS TO INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE U.S. 101 CORRIDOR IN MENDOCINO COUNTY AND NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION SOLICITATION NO. GFO-15-603

WHEREAS,

- The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Mendocino County;
- MCOG has adopted the Mendocino County Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Regional Readiness Plan that identifies needed infrastructure and sites for plug-in electric vehicle charging, however does not have authority of its membership to implement such a plan;
- The California Energy Commission (CEC) has released its solicitation GFO-15-603 to fund development of DC fast charging infrastructure on state highways including north US-101;
- The Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) is currently operating an electric vehicle charging network in Humboldt County and is partnering with ChargePoint, Inc. to submit an application to GFO-15-603 for the US-101 corridor from the Oregon border to Garberville;
- Mendocino County and Humboldt County are contiguous and share similar geography and demography, MCOG and RCEA have collaborated on past projects, ChargePoint has offered to partner with MCOG on a proposal, and RCEA offers to extend their charging network ownership and operation into Mendocino County to the extent agreeable to this region;
- It is in the best interests of electric vehicle drivers to have consistent, predictable access to vehicle charging services where options are limited, and MCOG will act for public interest;
- ChargePoint shares MCOG's and RCEA's view, and is able to provide the required match funds of 25 percent in cash and in-kind services;
- A collaborative project with these partners would provide multiple benefits to the Mendocino County community such as meeting climate change resiliency goals and building local workforce capacity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT:

- 1. MCOG agrees to support and participate in a grant proposal with ChargePoint, Inc. as the lead applicant, with potential partners Redwood Coast Energy Authority, Schatz Energy Research Center and others, to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure on the U.S. 101 corridor in Mendocino County and northern Sonoma County in response to California Energy Commission Solicitation No. GFO-15-603.
- 2. The Council authorizes staff and the Executive Director to review and comment on appropriate documentation and to execute any documents necessary for the grant application.

ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION was moved by Director Hammerstrom, seconded by Director Carter, and approved on this 6th day of June, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

Directors Jackman (PAC), Hammerstrom, Scalmanini, Stranske, Koogle,

Carter (Alt.), Woodhouse, and Gjerde

NOES:

None

ABSTAINING:

None

ABSENT:

None

WHEREUPON, the Chairman declared the resolution adopted, AND SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: Phillip J. Dow, Executive Director

Dan Gjerde, Chair