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Electric Vehicle Fast Charger Installations Nearing Completion

Electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers are now several steps closer to opening for travel on Highway 101 throughout the North Coast region, thanks to a partnership of ChargePoint and Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) funded by a grant from the California Energy Commission and private matching funds.

The corridor segment through Mendocino County will have charging station sites in Leggett, Laytonville, and Ukiah. Two additional sites lie within Sonoma County, in Cloverdale and Santa Rosa. Interregional partners have secured another grant for stations in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Altogether, the new charging sites will expand the infrastructure network and extend the range of EV travelers, with more than \$2.7 million of public and private investment.

Culminating a more than two-year process, all Mendocino County sites, listed below, are at the permit stage and ready to build.

- Leggett: The Peg House, 69501 US-101
- Laytonville: The Larson Building (Boomers), 45020 N. Highway 101
- Ukiah: Burger King, 711 E. Perkins Street
- Cloverdale: 1139 S. Cloverdale Boulevard in the Furber Ranch Plaza
- Santa Rosa: A location on Hopper Road, one of two sites to be announced.

Completion is anticipated for all sites by year end. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for Ukiah.

“All of the hard work by ChargePoint and our partners is going to pay off in multiple ways, both economically and environmentally,” said Janet Orth, MCOG Deputy Director, staff leader of this regional agency advancing plans and projects for EV readiness. “This long-awaited

project fills in several of the identified plug-in EV charging sites in our feasibility and community planning. We're thrilled to see this coming together so that more of us can drive with electricity to reduce our carbon footprint."

Additional key project partners are Conti Electric, Cal Polytechnic State University College of Engineering, and Grant Farm.

Each site will initially include up to two 50-kilowatt DC Fast Charging Stations, providing an 80 percent charge in 20-30 minutes for most electric vehicles. Sites will also provide Level-2 ports to ensure EV charging for all vehicles and site applications. Each fast charger will be equipped with the two most common fast charging connectors, compatible with the vast majority of EVs. Tesla cars can use an adapter to access the new stations.

MCOG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, produced a Mendocino County Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Regional Readiness Plan in 2012, followed by a feasibility study in 2015, that engaged stakeholders and the general public in identifying locations for a potential countywide public network of electric vehicle charging stations. In 1996, MCOG began testing and demonstrating plug-in EVs in the rural environment, building on work in the community to advance renewable energy.

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Attachment:

Photo of similar ChargePoint installation in Humboldt County

More information: <https://www.chargepoint.com/about/news/chargepoint-opens-all-california-electric-travel-new-interregional-dc-fast-charge>

About the Mendocino Council of Governments: MCOG formed as a joint powers agreement in 1972, as mandated by state law, to disburse state and federal funds for transportation, to provide regional planning, and to serve as a regional forum. MCOG is overseen by a board consisting of two county supervisors, a countywide public appointee, and one council member from each of the four incorporated cities. More info: <https://mendocinocog.specialdistrict.org/>.