

Date: 2024-02-19

To: New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



From: I-40 TradePort Corridor Coalition

**Re: Letter of Support for the ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition;
EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07**

Greetings New Mexico Environment Department (NMED),

The I-40 TradePort Corridor, a US DOT designated Regional Infrastructure Accelerator, stands in support of the New Mexico Environment Department-led Multi-State Coalition for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant. This measure will facilitate the sustainable transport of goods from the Port of Los Angeles to Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and beyond while aiding in the activation of clean transportation infrastructure across the I-40 TradePort Corridor.

Much like air quality and emissions, transportation infrastructure is not limited by state boundaries. Support of multi-state coalitions elevates community and regional impacts and effects change on a national scale.

The I-40 TradePort Corridor, with the support of the Build America Bureau, will utilize plans developed under the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Through our partnerships with NMED, multi-state coalition members, and the US EPA, the I-40 TradePort will execute stage 1 of CPRG implementation through the execution of the I-40 TradePort Corridor clean energy strategy. Serving as a replicable model, the I-40 TradePort Corridor will mentor stage 2 coalition partners to assist with planning and implementation at additional sites along the corridor creating a systemic spine of clean logistics and distribution from the Ports of Los Angeles, through Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, eastward across I-40, and throughout the United States.

The I-40 TradePort Corridor will work with the New Mexico Environment Department at each stage of the implementation grant. Encouraging the model of private and public partnerships towards systems that integrate clean energy and efficiency for transportation and economic development.

In conclusion, the I-40 TradePort Corridor urges NMED to apply for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant opportunity to support this measure and requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to award the funds to support it.

Sincerely,

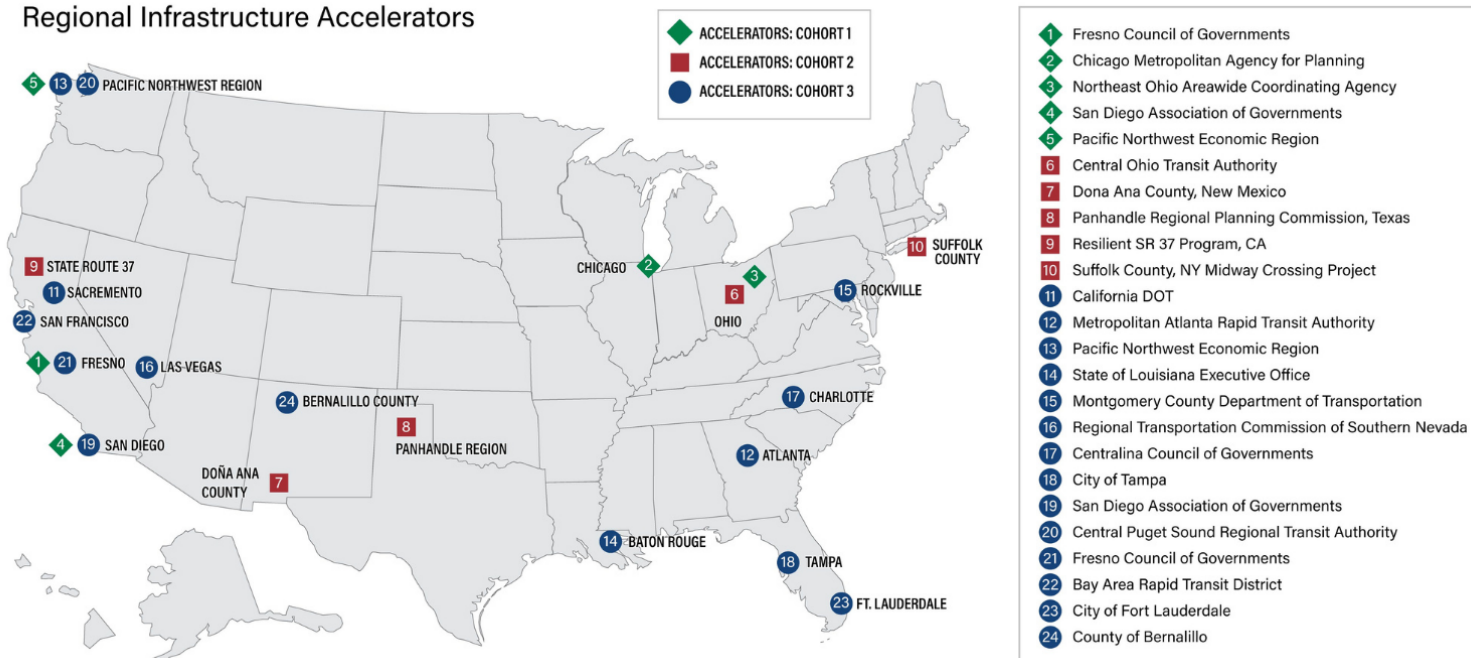


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I-40 TradePort Corridor Partners:

Bernalillo County, NM, Sandoval County, NM, Village of Los Lunas, NM, City of Winslow, AZ, Atlas Investments, AZ, City of Kingman, AZ, Kingman Development Partners, AZ, and GLDPartners.

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The I-40 TradePort RIA (I40TRIA) will create a multi-state delivery structure to implement the system of TradePort hubs at strategic locations along the 805-mile stretch of I-40 from the Port of Los Angeles to New Mexico. The I40TRIA will deliver the business plan for the I-40 TradePort Corridor's facilities and infrastructure, catalyze new infrastructure projects, attract private and institutional capital, coordinate innovative financing of infrastructure projects, and build a high performing and effective organization that will result in long-term job creation and other economic opportunities for I40TPC Partners.

Full list here: <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/buildamerica.dot.gov/files/2023-11/RIASummaries.pdf>

Award press release: <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-department-transportation-advances-americas-infrastructure-expanded-regional>