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Tammie Bostick, Executive Director of Utah Clean Cities, states, "The ChargeWest™@Scale project marks a significant stride in transforming transportation in the Intermountain West. By uniting eight states and concentrating on sustainable electric corridors, we are actively reducing carbon emissions along heavy-use roadways and promoting clean transportation solutions. This initiative benefits rural communities and enhances National Park scenic byways and All-American Roads."

Eight Intermountain West States Collaborate on ChargeWest™@Scale Project

Salt Lake City, Utah – Utah Clean Cities is excited to announce that the ChargeWest™@Scale: Revolutionizing Transportation in the Intermountain West project has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious 2023 Vehicle Technologies Office Program Wide Funding Opportunity. This significant \$1.5 million award will drive transportation transformation in the Intermountain West region, advancing the goals outlined in the U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization and the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to achieving a fully decarbonized and clean transportation future that benefits all.

The ChargeWest™@Scale project represents a groundbreaking collaboration between eight states in the Intermountain West region: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. With a shared vision, these states aim to enhance rural electric corridors along Scenic Byways and All-American Roads throughout the region. The primary objective of this ambitious initiative is to develop the ChargeWest™ Western Electric Highway Corridor Playbook and Alternative Fuel Roadmap.

Bonnie Trowbridge, Executive Director of Drive Clean Colorado, emphasizes the importance of the ChargeWest™@Scale project for Colorado: "With our four National Parks and extensive rural corridors, this initiative is vital for reducing emissions along routes to our parks, supporting local communities, and preserving our state's pristine landscapes for generations to come."

With the support of the Vehicle Technologies Office Program funding, this project will accelerate the deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure and promote alternative fuels, ultimately reducing carbon emissions and bolstering sustainable transportation solutions in the region.

Alicia Cox, Executive Director of Wyoming Yellowstone Teton Clean Cities and Communities, states: "ChargeWest™@Scale is transformative for Wyoming and Yellowstone Park. By advancing electric vehicle infrastructure and sustainability, we honor our commitment to preserving our state's beauty and Yellowstone Park's ecology. Cleaner transportation reduces emissions and protects our landscapes for future generations."

Together, the participating states are committed to leading the way toward a cleaner, more environmentally friendly future for transportation in the Intermountain West. The ChargeWest™@Scale project will drive innovation and foster economic growth and job creation while ensuring a greener and healthier tomorrow for all communities involved.

For more information about the ChargeWest™@Scale project and its impact on the Intermountain West region, please contact:

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About Utah Clean Cities:

Clean Cities advances the nation's environment, energy security, and economic prosperity through collaboration with communities by building partnerships with public and private stakeholders that create equitable deployment of clean transportation solutions for all.

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