

# Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment



CTC Commissioner Update

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# Today's update will present: **Clean Freight Corridors Assessment Update**



Six proposed priority  
freight corridors



Three potential scenarios for  
zero-emission truck demand  
and resulting estimated  
infrastructure need



# Six proposed priority freight corridors

# Potential priority freight corridors were identified by commodity flows, trip type, and likely vehicle used (by class and powertrain)



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NOT EXHAUSTIVE

**By layering multiple inputs on top of Federal and state traffic data, freight flows could be segmented by the following factors:**

## 1 Commodities<sup>1</sup>

- Agriculture & food
- Chemicals, rubber & plastic products
- Construction & wood materials
- Consumer goods
- Fossil Fuels
- Metals, metal products & hardware

## 3 Vehicle class<sup>3</sup>

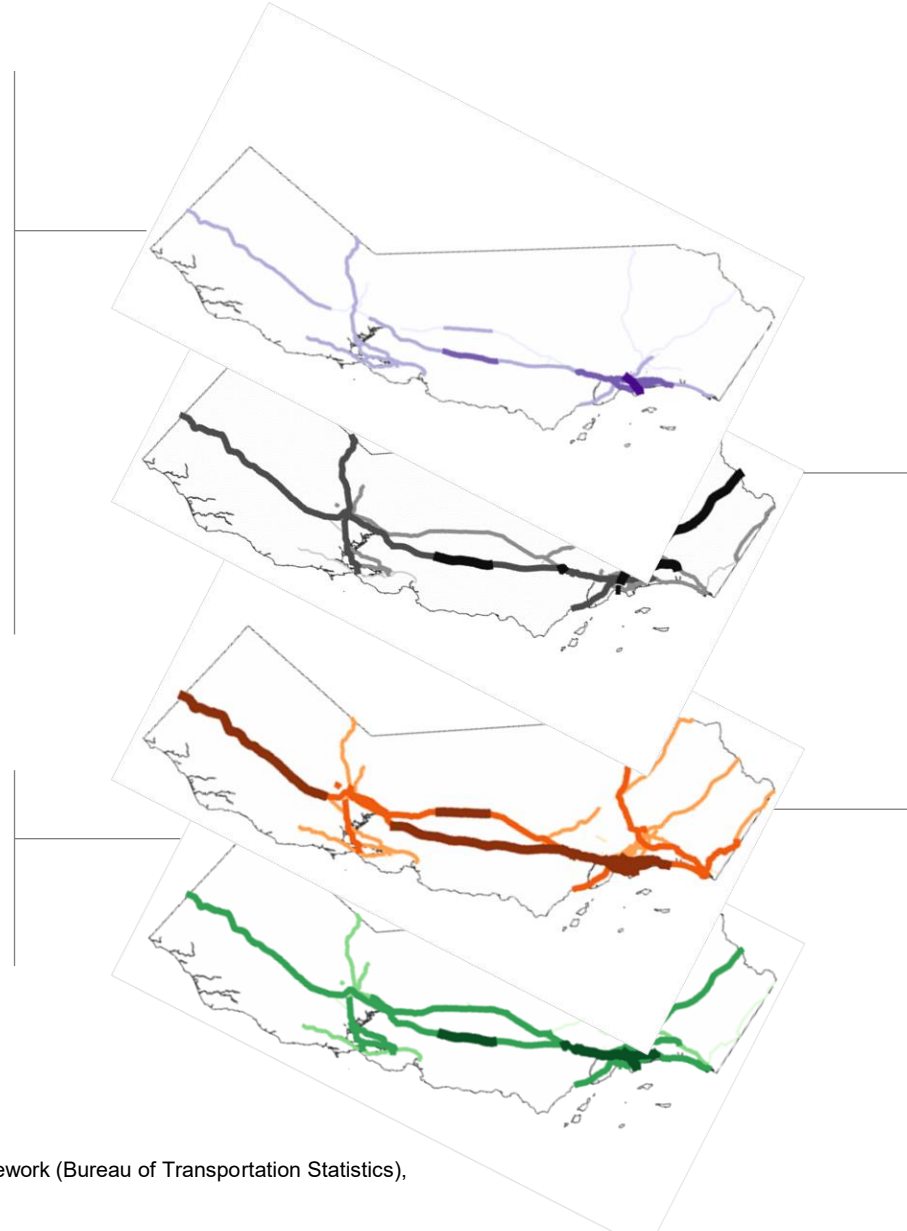
- Medium-duty trucks: Class 4-6
- Heavy-duty trucks: Class 7-8

## 2 Trip type<sup>2</sup>

- Urban
- Regional
- Long-haul

## 4 Projected powertrain mix<sup>4</sup>

- Combustion engine
- Battery electric vehicle
- Fuel cell electric vehicle



1. FAF counts of trips by commodity
2. National trip type percentages applied to FAF corridor traffic
3. FAF counts of heavy and medium duty trucks (MDT and HDT)
4. National powertrain percentages applied to FAF corridor traffic counts

Source: Highway Performance Monitoring System (Federal Highway Administration), Freight Analysis Framework (Bureau of Transportation Statistics), powertrain and vehicle class production and technology insights (2022)



# Proposed Top Six Freight Corridors

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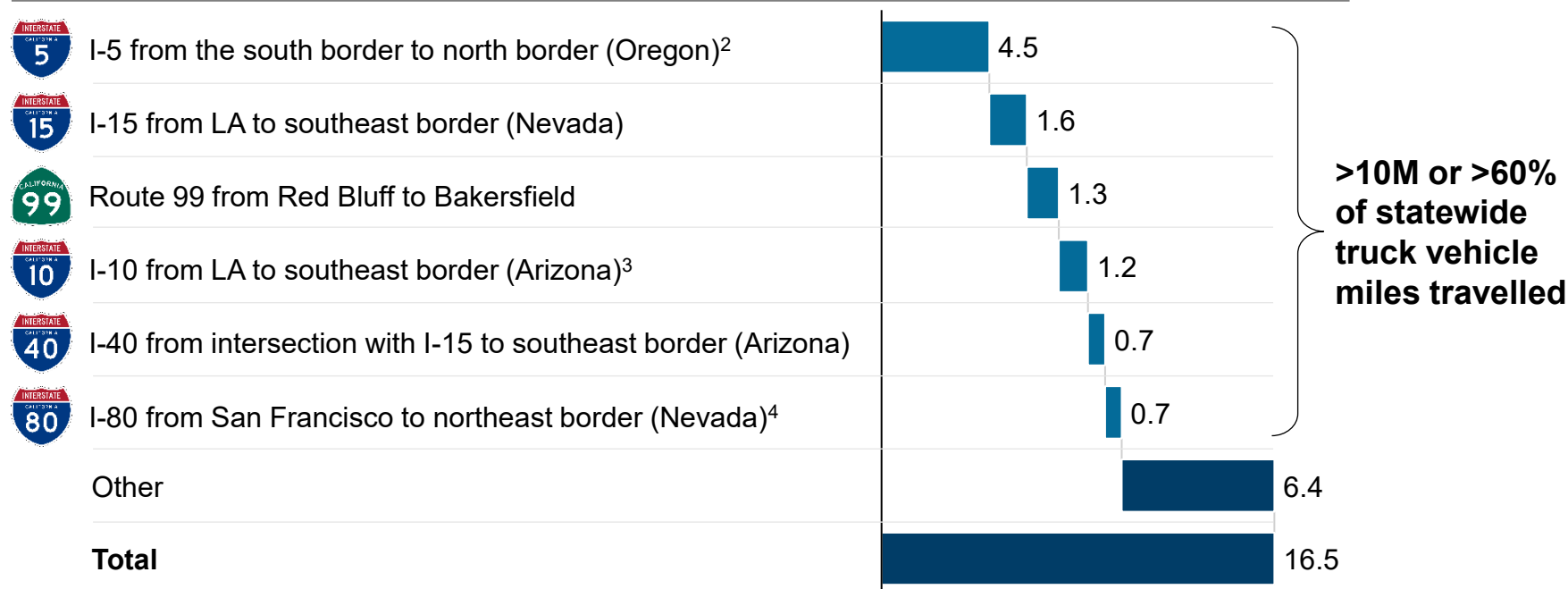
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## Priority corridors for consideration

Ordered by truck VMT<sup>1</sup> – 2022 projected

Daily truck VMT on high-volume FAF links by corridor  
Million miles



1. Vehicle miles travelled
2. The I-5 corridor includes the I-710 where it connects I-5 to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the segments of I-405 and Highway 1 that connects I-10 and I-710 near the San Pedro Bay Ports. This corridor also includes the local roads that connect the I-5 to the Port of San Diego and to the US/Mexico border
3. The I-10 corridor includes the short segment of SR-47 that connects I-10 to the Port of Los Angeles, and the segments of I-405 and Highway 1 that connects I-10 and I-710 near the San Pedro Bay Ports
4. The I-80 corridor includes the short segments of I-580 and I-880 that connect I-80 to the Port of Oakland

Source: Highway Performance Monitoring System (Federal Highway Administration), Freight Analysis Framework (Bureau of Transportation Statistics)

Further consideration of high truck vehicle volume but low truck VMT or <50 mile corridors may be necessary to complete charging and/or refueling infrastructure



# Top Six Corridors – Key Connecting Routes

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## PORT OF OAKLAND

The I-80 corridor includes the short segments of I-580 and I-880 that connect I-80 to the Port of Oakland



## SAN PEDRO BAY PORTS

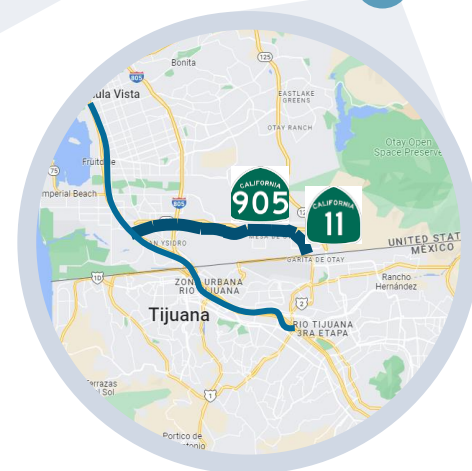
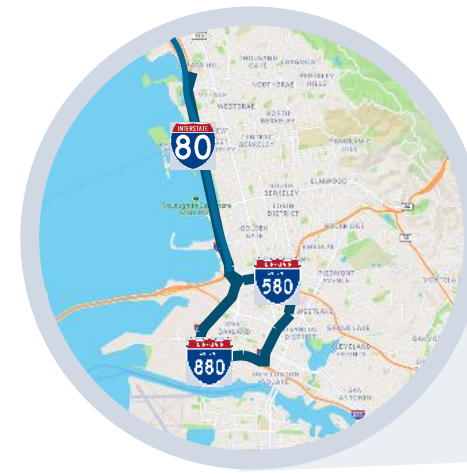
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## OTAY MESA

The I-5 corridor includes the short segments of SR-905 and SR-11 that connect I-5 to Otay Mesa and the US-Mexico border



Note: These ports are key freight origin and destination points. Thus, they have been included in the freight corridors to reflect the need for infrastructure in and around them

Source: CTC Working Group, analysis of Freight Analytics Framework (FAF 5)

# Zero emissions trucks could reduce annual tailpipe truck emissions along priority corridors by >50% by 2040<sup>2</sup>



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## CA annual GHG emissions<sup>3</sup>

Both direct and indirect, business as usual projected 2040

Medium and heavy-duty trucks

8-10%

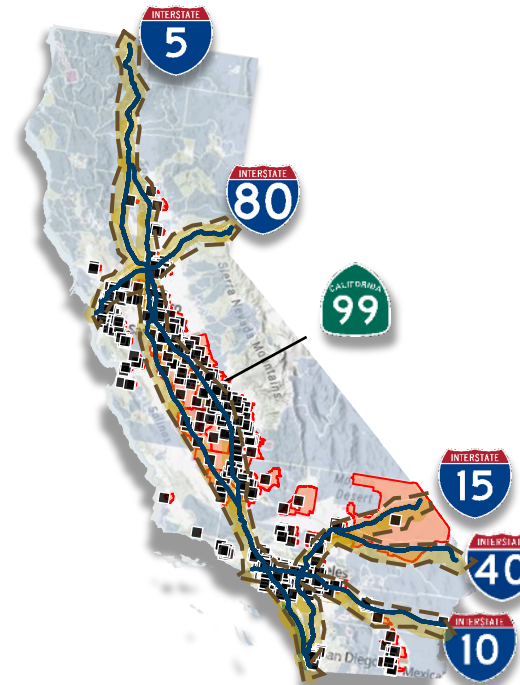
Industrial activity and electric power generation

36%

Other sources including other transportation and industry

54%

## Corridor tailpipe truck emissions with existing SB535 priority populations<sup>1,2</sup>



0 —————> 1 mile

■ SB 535 Disadvantaged communities by census tract

Illustrative near-road pollution decay radius<sup>4</sup>

Priority populations CES<sup>4</sup> 2022 (CalEnviroScreen<sup>4</sup>)

1. The Map Priority populations CES4 (CalEnviroScreen 4) 2022 shows disadvantaged community and low-income community designations. Disadvantaged communities are designated by the California Environmental Protection Agencies (CalEPA), Disadvantaged community designations per Senate Bill (SB) 535 (De León, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012). CalEPA identified the list of disadvantaged community census tracts and land areas available at CalEPA [Climate Investments to Benefit Disadvantaged Communities webpage](#)
2. Estimation of direct (tailpipe) emissions followed the following steps: (1) Forecast of VMT in 6 priority corridors (Source: Freight Analysis Framework / Federal Highway Administration, and Freight Booster), (2) Allocation of VMT 2024 and forecast by powertrain and truck type (Source: CARB – ACF Population), and (3) Multiply average emissions per powertrain and truck type by VMT (Source: Emission Rates 2024 (Running Exhaust Emissions) Statewide from EMFAC2017 Web Database )
3. California GHG emissions by sector found at CARB GHG Inventory 2022 Edition ([Link](#)) Please note: estimates from CARB do not include medium duty category so assumptions on range were applied. On the graph “Medium and heavy-duty trucks” include all on-road non-passenger transportation
4. Based on literature review of CARB Land Use Handbook ([Link](#)); Environmental Protection Agency reports ([Link](#)); OEHHA; UC Davis report; Health Effects Institute reports ([Link](#)); which found that almost all pollutants decay to background by 115-1500M from edge of road



**Three potential scenarios were created to gauge zero-emission truck demand and their estimated resulting infrastructure needs**

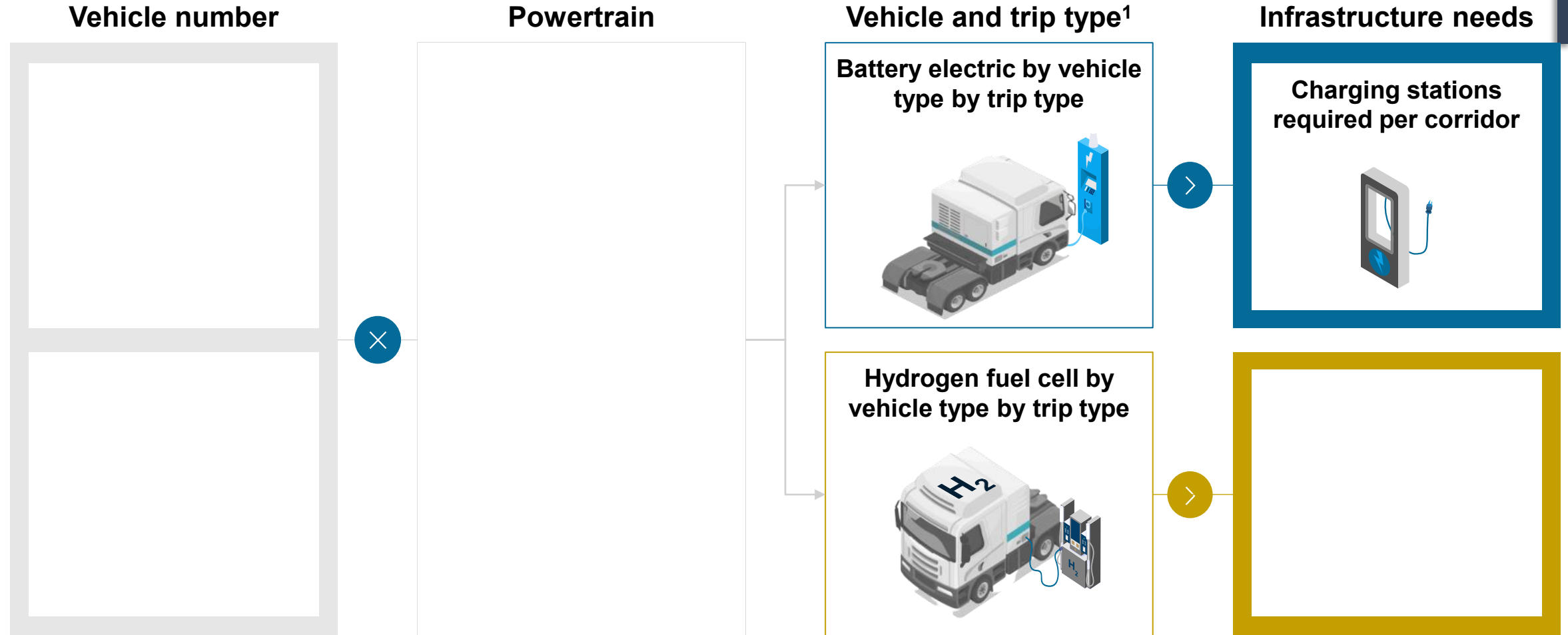


# Approach for estimating total energy required and infrastructure needs for priority corridors



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1. Vehicle types include Medium-duty trucks (Class 4-6), Heavy-duty trucks (Class 7-8); Trip types include: urban, regional, long-haul

# Battery Electric (BEV) and Hydrogen Fuel Cell (FCEV) Trucks are Typically Best Suited for Different Use Cases



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## Battery electric (BEV)



## Hydrogen fuel cell (FCEV)



**Vehicle class**  
**trip type**

Mostly medium duty (Class 4-6)

Mostly urban trips

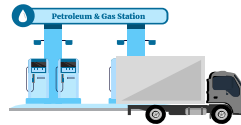
Mostly heavy duty (Class 7-8)

Mostly long haul and regional trips

**Infrastructure**  
**use case**



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Public

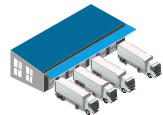


Private



Public

**Station**  
**typologies**



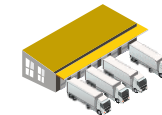
Fleet hub



Public Overnight



Public Fast On-Highways



Fleet hub



Public Fast On-Highways

Note: These represent what CTC expects to broadly happen in an uncertain future adoption based on the range of current technology. Thus, the use of scenarios to represent this uncertainty. There are some hydrogen fuel cell trucks in classes 4 through 6, as well as some battery electric trucks in classes 7 and 8

Source: CTC Working Group; Fleet manager interviews

# Scenarios are Based on 3 Possible Cost Outcomes & Technology Choices



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## Key assumptions behind the three scenarios



### Accelerated battery electric adoption

**Cost of ownership**

**Battery electric trucks become more cost effective over time** accelerating incorporation into commercial fleets

**Technology choice**

**BEV trucks and charging become viable for long haul trips**



### Balanced adoption

**Balanced adoption of zero-emissions technologies** over time

**No predominantly used technology across use cases;** BEV continues to be used mostly for medium duty short and regional trips, FCEV for heavy-duty and long haul



### Accelerated hydrogen fuel cell adoption

**Fuel cell trucks become more cost effective over time** accelerating incorporation into commercial fleets

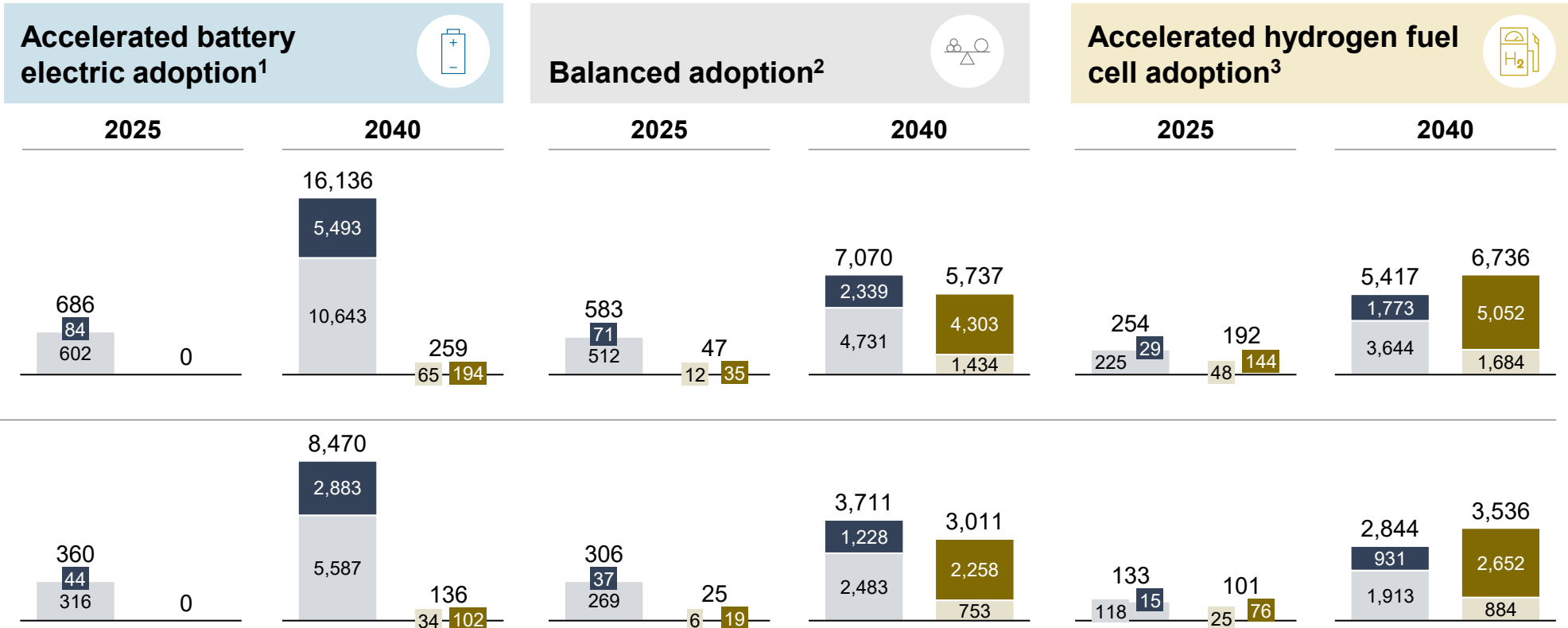
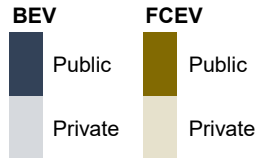
**FCEV trucks and refueling become a viable choice for short haul trips**

# 3 Scenarios of Zero-Emission Freight Infrastructure Needs



2025-2040

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1. CEC (California Energy Commission)  
 2. Balanced scenario includes I.H.S., ACT Research, American Trucking Association, Energy Information Administration, Alternative Fuels Data Center, Fleet manager surveys  
 3. Gualco  
 4. Other cross-cutting input assumptions include utilization, battery efficiencies, number of chargers per station, charging efficiencies, charging capacity factors, trip type, public vs. private etc.  
 Note: BEV – Battery electric vehicle; FCEV – Hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle; powertrain adoption curves applied to California Air Resources Board (CARB) vehicles number projections

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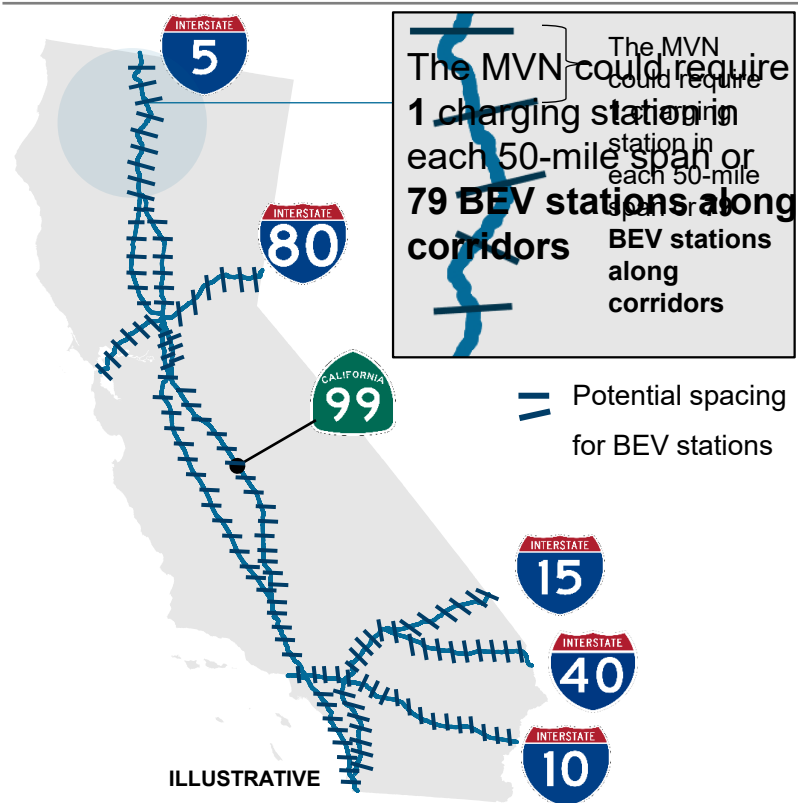




# There's Benefit to Focusing on a Minimum Viable Network First

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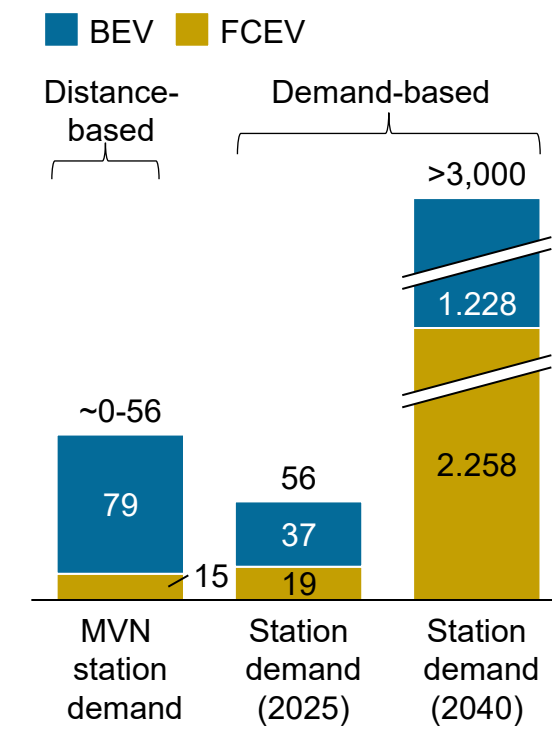
## BEV MVN<sup>1</sup>



## FCEV MVN<sup>2</sup>



The minimum viable network could be underutilized in the early years but in future years, public zero-emissions infrastructure demand could surpass the MVN<sup>3</sup>



1. BEV maximum spacing was calculated to ensure that a poor-performing BEV truck would pass an average of 1.5 charging stations over the course of the truck's practical range (60% of its theoretical maximum range)  
 2. FCEV maximum spacing was calculated to ensure that an FCEV truck with a conservative range [estimated as 400 miles based on published ranges for multiple fuel cell trucks: Nikola One (500 mi), Quatron QHM (435 mi), Volvo (621 mi)] would pass an average of 1.5 charging stations over the course of the truck's conservative range  
 3. All numbers in this charts reference the Balanced scenario of the three potential powertrain adoption scenarios

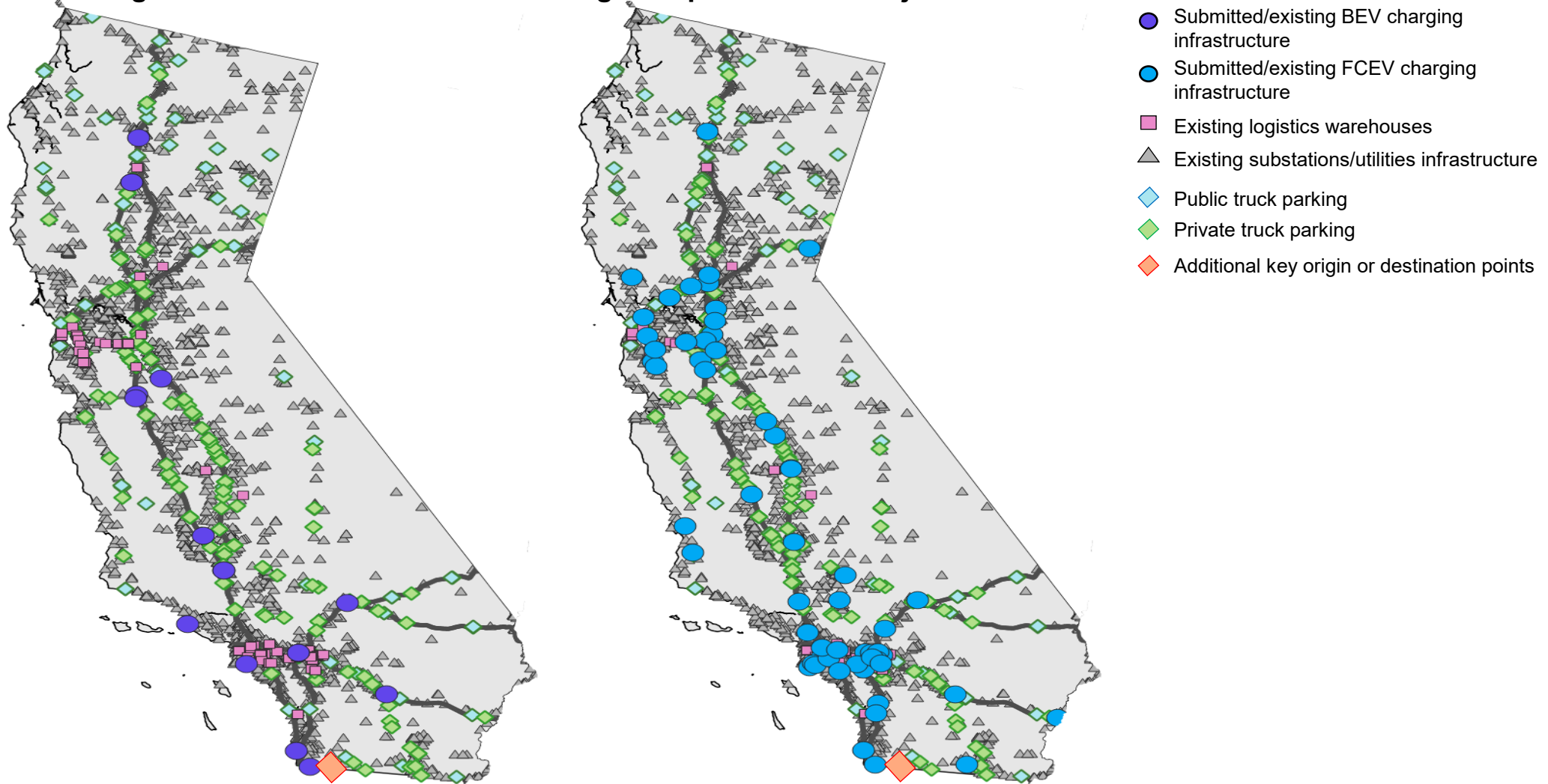
# CTC is considering key origin or destination points, existing infrastructure and submitted potential projects in this assessment



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## Maps of Existing Infrastructure and SB 671 Working Group Submitted Projects



Source: 79 BEV and FCEV potential infrastructure locations submitted to SB 671 working group, existing logistics warehouses submitted to CTC working group from private sector. Truck parking locations from CalTrans Truck Parking study, existing substations from the Homeland Infrastructure Foundation Level Database

CARB	California Air Resources Board
BEV	Battery Electric Vehicle
CTC	California Transportation Commission
FAF	Freight Analysis Framework
FCEV	Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GVW	Gross Vehicle Weight
HDT	Heavy-Duty Traffic
HPMS	Highway Performance Monitoring System
kWh	Kilowatt Hour
MDT	Medium-Duty Traffic
MVN	Minimum Viable Network
VMT	Vehicle Miles Travelled
GVW	Gross Vehicle Weight



# Glossary of Terms

# Thank You

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