

# **EVITA POWERED**

The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Transportation Alliance (EVITA) is leading the way to advocate for sustainable electric transportation infrastructure in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest. This effort is sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Energy Initiative (MCEI), an industry collaboration effort coordinated through the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC). Alliance members include Benton PUD, Franklin PUD, Benton REA, Richland Energy Services, City of Ellensburg Energy Services, and Kittitas PUD, in concert with Energy Northwest.

EVITA is preparing for accelerated consumer adoption of plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) and wants to help our member utility customers better understand the technology.

# CHARGING STATIONS IN ACTION

Statewide, transportation is a leading source of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. This growing concern coupled with fluctuating gas prices, advancements in battery technology and federal incentives have led to an increased interest in electric vehicles.

EVITA's strategy to reduce carbon emissions focuses on the widespread adoption of EVs and the growing need for support infrastructure in the Northwest.

Through education, partnerships and smart infrastructure, EVITA will help facilitate electric vehicle and clean energy adoption.

Washington state has an enviable mix of carbon-free electricity generating resources, including all the assets operated by Energy Northwest. The state struggles to



# **EVITA FILLS THE GAP**

"The Charging Gap" is the distance between charging stations on the highway. On the west side of Washington state, mainly along the Interstate 5 corridor, the gap is relatively small, with DC fast charging stations located every 40 to 60 miles. If travelling east towards the Tri-Cities area, the gap gets wider. EVITA is working to increase routes and likely opportunities for west-siders to make carbon-free trips to favorite Mid-Columbia tourist destinations such as wineries, golf courses, sporting events and performing arts venues.

# EVITA - LEADING THE WAY TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

reduce its carbon footprint in the transportation sector, which makes up 50 percent of the state's emissions.

The state's goal is to have 50,000 Plug-in Electric Vehicles -PEVs (to include battery electric vehicle s - BEVs - and Plugin Hybrid Electric Vehicles - PHEVs) on the road by 2020. Currently, there are approximately 30,000 PEVs registered in the state of Washington.

#### For more information on electric vehicles:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the Transportation Electrification Initiatives www.chargepointamerica.com and www.theevproject.com

#### **Electric Drive Washington**

www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/ electric-vehicles/

Washington State Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure www.wsdot.wa.gov/Funding/Partners/EVIB.htm

Plug-In America: Car technology, policy updates and industry stakeholder resources www.pluginamerica.org

U.S. Department of Energy - Alternative Fuels Data Center www.afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/electric.html

Search for a charging location www.plugshare.com



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#### **ON THE ROAD**



Washington state has a goal to have 50,000 PEVs on the road by 2020. By mid-2018, there are approximately 30,000 registered PEVs in Washington state.

### **ALLIANCE MEMBERS**

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For more information in joining the alliance, contact: EVITA@energy-northwest.com

# IN THE AIR

Increased usage of PEVs will reduce carbon emissions in the transportation sector

**CO**2

# **ON THE RISE**

Fluctuating gas prices advancements in battery technology, environmental concerns and federal incentives have all led to an increased interest in EVs.

The emergence of the electric vehicle has created an essential need for the development of a charging infrastructure at home, at work and in public places.







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