

Drive Forward Initiative

October 21, 2025

Executive Order N-27-25: California Continues Forward



Reaffirms commitment to deploying ZEVs



Update state purchasing requirements to prioritize manufacturers aligned with state emissions goals



Assess additional actions to advance ZEV adoption



Develop new regulations to reduce GHG, criteria, and toxic pollutants





ZEV Forward

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Discussion Pulse Points

Affordability

"solid commitment to incentives"

"work with local [funding] programs"

"maximize [funding] for those who need it most"

Infrastructure

"expand charging infrastructure in frontline communities"

"reliable charging stations along key freight corridors"

"make permitting easier"

ZEV Market

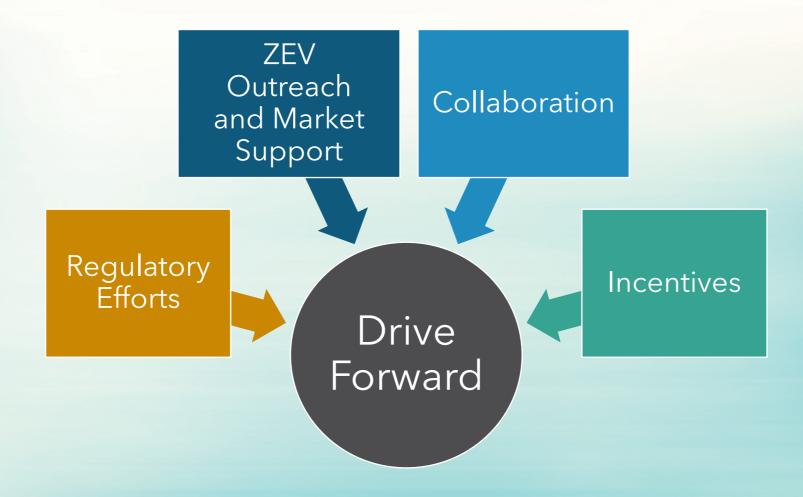
[ZEVs] "are rapidly picking up pace"

"consider the secondary market"

[support] "the coalition of the willing"



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Drive Forward: Timeline through Early 2026

Drive Forward: Light-Duty Vehicle Standards Workshop October 21, 2025

Kickoff for 2027 Rulemaking

Drive Forward: Heavy-Duty Vehicle Standards and Strategies Workshop Early December 2025

Drive Forward: Incentives WorkshopNovember 13, 2025

Continued Development on Vehicle Standards and Strategies

2026 and Beyond

 Q2 Light-Duty and Heavy-Duty Workshops





Drive Forward: Incentives Workshop November 13, 2025

Goal: Facilitate discussion on the next phase of incentives policies and funding needs

Topics will include:

- Status of current incentive programs
- Successes, challenges, and lessons learned
- Funding needs and strengthening collaboration

Participants can join the hybrid workshop:

- In person: CalEPA Headquarters, Sacramento
- Online: via Zoom

More information and the online registration link can be found in the workshop notice

https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/events/workshop-drive-forward-incentives





Drive Forward: Heavy-Duty Vehicle Standards and Strategies Workshop Early December 2025

Goal: Begin collaboration in developing regulatory strategies for achieving statewide emission reduction targets

Topics will include:

- Background on need for emissions reductions
- Manufacturer standards
- Fleet regulations
- Other strategies

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Encouraging Zero-Emission Technologies

Explore opportunities to connect voluntary programs to State and local government procurement and contract practices

Clean Fleet Connect

Drive Forward Leaders

California Clean Construction

Construction

Construction

Contract, Partnership, & Procurement Support



Drive Forward: Outreach and Community Engagement

- Expanding dialogue sessions that are used to shape programs
- Provide guidance to navigate regulatory efforts
- Support for rural and tribal communities
- Engaging communities on their terms
- Building trust and lasting partnerships



