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## **ANALYSIS OF THE HYDROGEN INFRASTRUCTURE** � **NEEDED TO ENABLE COMMERCIAL INTRODUCTION OF** � **HYDROGEN-FUELED VEHICLES**

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## **1. Introduction**

In 2002, President George W. Bush launched the Hydrogen Fuel Initiative, which envisions a future hydrogen economy for the United States. A hydrogen economy would increase U.S. energy security, environmental quality, energy efficiency, and economic competitiveness. Transitioning to a hydrogen economy, however, presents numerous technological, institutional, and economic barriers. These barriers apply not only to the development of fuel cell vehicles and stationary fuel cells, but also to the development of a hydrogen fueling infrastructure. The President asked the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to lead the efforts to overcome these barriers.

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) works closely with DOE to evaluate the current status and future potential of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies. NREL's capabilities include fuel cell and vehicle modeling and analysis, policy analysis, and technology validation expertise. Using these capabilities, NREL has contributed to identifying and addressing barriers to the hydrogen economy. One specific barrier discussed in DOE's Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Technologies Program Multi-Year Research, Development and Demonstration Plan is the development of a hydrogen fueling infrastructure [[1\]](#page-16-0). The goal of this study was to investigate the barriers to developing a hydrogen fueling infrastructure and identify and quantify potential solutions for overcoming the barriers.

As hydrogen-fueled vehicles are first introduced, they will be few in number. This makes building a large number of hydrogen fueling stations difficult, because stations likely will not be economically viable without an adequate number of vehicles to create demand for fuel. Conversely, without adequate fueling options, consumers will be reluctant to purchase hydrogen-fueled vehicles. This is commonly known as the "chicken and egg" problem: which comes first? More importantly, how do you bring both into existence simultaneously?

## **2. Objective**

This project was designed to address the "chicken and egg" problem by identifying a minimum infrastructure that could support the introduction of hydrogen-fueled vehicles. The objective was to determine the location and number of hydrogen stations nationwide that would make hydrogen fueling available at regular intervals along the most commonly traveled interstate roads, thus making interstate and cross-country travel possible. This approach to fueling

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station distribution is intended to lay the foundation for widespread commercial introduction of hydrogen-fueled vehicles and to provide a broad look at the scope of infrastructure necessary to bring this new technology to the marketplace.

## **3. Project Organization and Assumptions**

The project was organized as follows:

Phase I: Develop an Initial Hydrogen Fueling Station Network

- 1) Identify existing hydrogen production facilities and alternative fuel stations
- 2) Identify highway traffic volumes throughout the U.S. interstate system
- 3) Select specific north-south and east-west routes as a focus for the project
- 4) Incorporate existing hydrogen production facilities, hydrogen and natural gas fueling stations, traffic volume, and county population data  $\Box$
- 5) Place stations on the interstate network  $\Box$

Phase II: Analyze Infrastructure Design and Cost

- 6) Categorize stations by predicted vehicle and hydrogen throughput
- 7) Estimate total costs for construction of the network
- 8) Identify federal government partners to improve economics and facilitate construction of infrastructure  $\Box$
- 9) Identify longer-term hydrogen distribution potential  $\Box$

Numerous assumptions were made during the analysis. Following is a list of these basic assumptions, which are described in further detail in each task description:

- $\bullet$  The analysis focused on a transition period, the 2020/2030 timeframe, during which the purpose is to provide a "backbone" of hydrogen fueling stations to facilitate interstate travel for early adopters of hydrogen fuel cell technology.
- $\bullet$  Hydrogen-fueled vehicles were assumed to have a range of 300 miles (DOE 2008 technical objective).
- • $\Box$  Traffic volumes were assumed to be consistent from today through the 2020/2030 timeframe.
- $\bullet$  The focus was on light-duty vehicles driven by the general public.
- • $\Box$  Cost assumptions were for station construction and did not include  $\Box$ hydrogen fuel costs or acquisition costs for property.  $\Box$
- $\bullet$  Infrastructure was designed to tie into existing infrastructure where possible. If natural gas stations were nearby, the station design would include onsite reforming. Where a central production facility was nearby, a pipeline from that facility would supply the hydrogen.
- • $\Box$  Drivers were assumed to be willing to travel up to 3 miles from the  $\Box$ interstate exit to use a hydrogen fueling station.  $\Box$

## **4. Phase I: Develop an Initial Hydrogen Fueling Station Network**

Phase I (tasks 1–5) focused on identifying station locations that support interstate travel while taking advantage of local resources and being accessible to the largest number of people. Key resources, population densities, and traffic volumes were identified and spatially categorized using a geographic information system (GIS).

A GIS is a computer-based information system used to create, manipulate, and analyze geographic information. A GIS dataset consists of two elements: a graphic representation (map) and associated tabular information (data tables) for each graphic element. All information in a GIS is linked to a spatial reference used to store and access data, i.e., each point on a map can be queried to view its associated information. This combination of geographic and tabular forms enables analysis and characterization of different phenomena that occupy the same geographic space. Many government and planning organizations use GIS for transportation-related projects, such as determining existing and projected traffic and managing road maintenance.

#### **4.1. Identify existing hydrogen production facilities and alternative fuel stations**

Data on existing hydrogen production facilities were obtained from the Chemical Economics Handbook [\[2\]](#page-16-1). Facilities were divided into four categories:

- • $\Box$  Producers of liquid hydrogen
- Producers of gaseous hydrogen: hydrogen produced for resale to external customers
- • $\Box$  Producers of captive hydrogen: hydrogen produced for internal use
- • $\Box$  Producers of byproduct hydrogen: hydrogen recovered from a manufacturing process and sold to gaseous hydrogen producers, purified, and sold to external customers, or vented as waste.

The facilities were entered into the GIS at a city/state level. In some cases, exact street addresses could be identified, and those were used to make the locations more precise. A map of existing facilities nationwide was generated [\(Figure 1\)](#page-5-0).

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Figure 1. Hydrogen Facilities in the United States (Original Record 1997 contains 1997 data; Original Record, updated adds 1999 data; New Record adds 2001 data)

Data on compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), and hydrogen fueling stations were gathered from the Alternative Fuels Data Center [[3\]](#page-16-2), the California Hydrogen Highway Network Initiative [[4\]](#page-16-3), and the Online Fuel Cell Information Resource [[5\]](#page-16-4). These datasets were processed using the GIS, and a map of existing alternative fuel stations was generated [\(Figure 2\)](#page-5-1).

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Figure 2. Existing Alternative Fuel Stations

**4.2. Identify highway traffic volumes throughout the U.S. interstate system**  Several sources of data were evaluated, including individual state traffic data, Bureau of Transportation Statistics data, and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data. After careful review of the data for various interstate segments, it was determined that the most reliable data were from the FHWA [\[6\]](#page-16-5). In addition, these data are frequently used for

FHWA and DOT planning purposes and are the accepted source for such data nationwide.

The FHWA data were entered into the GIS, and a map of the annual average daily traffic (AADT) was generated ([Figure 3\)](#page-6-0). The traffic volume (vehicles per day) is measured for the highway segment, in both directions, representing an average 24-hour day in a year.

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Figure 3. Annual Average Daily Traffic, 2002

#### **4.3. Select specific north-south and east-west routes as a focus for the project**

Once the traffic volume data were entered and validated, the data were analyzed to determine where traffic flow was greatest along highways. A flow of 20,000 vehicles per day appeared suitable as a base for this analysis [\(Figure 4\)](#page-7-0). A flow above 25,000-30,000 vehicles only selected a small number of discontinuous interstate sections, and a flow of 10,000-15,000 vehicles did not adequately narrow the number of main traffic corridors selected.

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Figure 4. Interstate Traffic of More Than 20,000 Vehicles per Day

[Figure 4](#page-7-0) defines Interstates 5, 95, 75, and 65 as very well traveled throughout. This figure also defines three major regions based on AADT: east (heavy, mostly urban traffic), central west of the Mississippi River (light, mostly rural traffic), and Pacific west (heavy, urban traffic).

The need for infrastructure is based on a number of factors, including driving patterns or traffic flow (east-west and north-south), geographic coverage of all regions of the country, and continuity. Considering these factors, a proposed interstate network for the hydrogen infrastructure analysis was developed ([Figure](#page-7-1)  [5\)](#page-7-1). The network is meant to ensure a convenient route and fueling stations between major population centers (e.g., from Chicago to San Francisco). The routes in the central region were chosen for connectivity between the east and Pacific west regions and locally heavy interstate traffic.

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Figure 5. Proposed Interstate Routes for Hydrogen Infrastructure Analysis

**4.4. Incorporate existing hydrogen production facilities, hydrogen and natural gas fueling stations, traffic volume, and county population data**  Coordinating the hydrogen infrastructure with existing natural gas fueling sites is important because these locations have significant experience dealing with the permitting and logistic issues related to gaseous fuels. Additionally, these locations are likely to have several local fleets and customers accustomed to using gaseous fuels and may be likely early adopters of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. For the purpose of this analysis, only existing alternative fueling stations within 3 miles of interstates in the proposed network ([Figure 5\)](#page-7-1) were included. Other interstate and U.S. highways intersecting the proposed interstates are important to this analysis because of the additional traffic they bring to the intersecting point. This assumes that a fueling station located at an intersection would provide service to more people than a station not at an intersection.

Population data from the U.S. Census Bureau were incorporated. An assumption was made that the greater the population, the more potential customers for a hydrogen station, leading to greater hydrogen demand and a higher likelihood that the station could be economically self sustaining. [Figure 6](#page-8-0) shows a map with the selected interstates, existing alternative fueling stations within 3 miles of these interstates, hydrogen production facilities, and counties with population over 50,000 people highlighted in brown. This provides a national overview of the proposed infrastructure and the number of major metropolitan areas and resources it overlaps.

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Figure 6. Hydrogen Transition Analysis Base Map

### **4.5. Place stations on the interstate network**

Because of an assumed vehicle range of about 300 miles, station placement was set to a maximum of 100 miles between stations. This allows drivers on a crosscountry trip a level of comfort in the event that one of the stations on their route is closed. After a network was selected and traffic volumes and routes were

examined, several key north-south/east-west routes west of the Mississippi River were identified. In the east, the network was not as clearly defined. Overall there is a greater interstate volume in the east, and these routes do not display clear north-south/east-west patterns. This could indicate that the interstates are used extensively for short trips, such as daily commuting, rather than more linear crosscountry travel. For this reason, the station placement in the east, and in urban areas with traffic volumes greater than 20,000 vehicles per day, was selected to be approximately 50 miles to accommodate more drivers on these short trips.

Considering all the factors collected, stations were placed along the selected interstate routes. This was done somewhat subjectively: each station site was manually selected based on proximity to existing infrastructure (hydrogen infrastructure, natural gas fueling stations, and intersection with other roads), daily traffic, and local population. Therefore, stations are not exactly 50 miles apart in the east region or 100 miles apart in the rural central and Pacific west regions. Rather, stations were placed to ensure that they were not further than 50 or 100 miles apart, respectively, and to attempt to minimize cost and maximize potential use and coverage. [Table 1](#page-9-0) summarizes the proposed stations by interstate. [Figure 7](#page-10-0) shows proposed station locations.

<b>Interstate</b>	<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Sites Near</b>	<b>New Stations</b>
		of	<b>Natural</b>	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Needed*
		Stations*	Gas	Stations*	<b>Production</b>	
			Stations*		Facilities*	
5	1,381	20	10	0	$\overline{2}$	8
10	2,460	29	1	$\overline{2}$	5	21
15	1,434	17	5	0	$\overline{\mathbf{3}}$	9
20	1,539	18	1	0	$\overline{\mathbf{c}}$	15
25	1,063	13	3	0	1	9
35	1,568	18	4	$\mathbf 0$	$\overline{c}$	12 <sup>°</sup>
40	2,555	28	5	$\mathbf{0}$	$\pmb{0}$	23
64	938	$\overline{7}$	$\mathsf 0$	0	$\overline{2}$	5
65	887	11	1	0	1	9
70	2,153	23	3	0	0	20
75	1,786	19	6	0	1	12 <sub>2</sub>
79	343	5	$\overline{3}$	0	1	1
80	2,900	33	6	0	4	23
81	855	9	$\mathsf 0$	0	0	9
89	191	$\mathbf{3}$	1	0	$\mathsf 0$	$\overline{2}$
90	3,021	35	7	0	$\overline{2}$	26
94	1,585	16	6	0	$\pmb{0}$	10
95	1,920	30	13	$\pmb{0}$	1	16
<b>Total Mileage</b>	28,580					
<b>Total Stations</b>		284	58	$\mathbf{2}$	22	202

<span id="page-9-0"></span>Table 1. Summary of Proposed Hydrogen Stations Along Major Interstates

\*Stations intersected by multiple interstates are counted multiple times; e.g., a station intersected by two interstates is counted twice. Therefore, totaling the number of stations shown in the rows for each interstate gives a larger number than the number of stations in the total stations row. The total stations row shows the correct number of total stations.

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Figure 7. Proposed Hydrogen Fueling Stations Along Major Interstates

## **5. Phase II: Analyze Infrastructure Design and Cost**

Phase II (tasks 6–9) focused on assigning design specifications to the proposed initial hydrogen stations and identifying costs associated with the stations. Strategies that may facilitate the transition to hydrogen-based transportation were also identified.

## **5.1. Categorize stations by predicted vehicle and hydrogen throughput**

Once a reasonable set of backbone station locations was identified, potential future use could be estimated. The vehicle penetration rates for the scenario used in this analysis, called the "Go Your Own Way (GYOW)" scenario, are shown in [Table 2.](#page-10-1) The GYOW scenario was created to support the *Joint DOE/NRCan Study of North American Transportation Energy Futures* [[7\]](#page-16-6). This scenario models the rate of penetration of fuel cell vehicles under conditions of a fast pace of innovation and a high level of environmental responsiveness in the market. The model predicts that hydrogen fuel cell vehicles would be introduced in 2018 and represent 50% of the vehicles on the road by 2050.

Year	Light-Duty Fuel Cell Vehicle <b>Stock (Millions)</b>	<b>Total Light-Duty</b> <b>Vehicle Stock</b> (Millions)	
2020		274	1.1%
2030	59	306	19.4%
2040	140	328	42.8%
2050	175	353	49.5%

<span id="page-10-1"></span>Table 2. Estimates of Vehicle Penetration (Go Your Own Way Scenario)

Once the number of hydrogen vehicles on the road was estimated it could be used to predict the total hydrogen demand for each station. The following assumptions were made with regard to estimating hydrogen demand:

- 1.  $\Box$ Ninety-one percent of all vehicle-miles traveled are done so in passenger vehicles. The figures for AADT represent all vehicle types passing through a certain stretch of interstate. To determine the number of fuel cell vehicles passing through the same stretch, the percentage of AADT that are vehicles that potentially could be fuel cell vehicles (passenger vehicles) must first be estimated [\[8\]](#page-16-7).
- 2.  $\Box$  Fifty percent of all passenger vehicles in 2020 and 35% of all passenger vehicles in 2030 that pass a hydrogen station will use that station. Because there are fewer stations in 2020, drivers have fewer station options and therefore use the stations they pass at a higher rate than in 2030 or further into the future, as the number of stations begins to increase.
- 3.  $\Box$  Each vehicle fill-up is 5 kg of hydrogen.

#### **5.2. Estimate total costs for construction of the network**

Once the hydrogen demand at each station was established based on predicted 2020 vehicle penetration, station configurations were selected for each station. The station configurations and costs were taken from a University of California-Davis (UC-Davis) study [\[9\]](#page-16-8). [Table 3](#page-11-0) shows these station types. [Table 4](#page-12-0) shows the decision matrix for each station configuration based on its predicted use or hydrogen demand. When stations required more hydrogen production than the station design selected, a whole number multiplier was put on the UC-Davis cost estimate, e.g., when a mobile refueler capable of 10 kg/day was selected at a site that needed 25 kg/day, the cost of three 10-kg/day stations was used as long as this cost was less than the cost of the next larger station that would satisfy the 25 kg/day need. To improve these cost estimates, future work could include more detailed cost estimates for stations. Using this methodology, the overall infrastructure cost is approximately \$837 million, based on 2020 demand for hydrogen.

<b>Station Type</b>	<b>Cost per Station</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>
Steam Methane Reformer, 100 kg/day	\$1,052,921	<b>SMR100</b>
Steam Methane Reformer, 1,000 kg/day	\$5,078,145	SMR1000
Electrolyzer, grid, 30 kg/day	\$555.863	EL30G
Electrolyzer, grid, 100 kg/day	\$945.703	<b>EL100G</b>
Electrolyzer, renewable, 30 kg/day	\$667,402	ER30R
Mobile Refueler, 10 kg/day	\$248.897	MR <sub>10</sub>
Delivered Liquid Hydrogen, 1,000 kg/day	\$2,617,395	DLH21000
Pipeline Station, 100 kg/day	\$578,678	<b>PIPE</b>

<span id="page-11-0"></span>Table 3. Standard Station Configurations and their Construction Costs

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<b>Existing Infrastructure</b>	Hydrogen Volume (kg/day)	<b>Station Type</b>				
<b>CNG</b>	$30$	<b>MR10</b>				
<b>LNG</b>	$30$	<b>MR10</b>				
<b>Hydrogen Facility</b>	$30$	<b>PIPE</b>				
Hydrogen	$30$	No Change				
None	$30$	<b>EL30G</b>				
<b>CNG</b>	30-100	<b>SMR100</b>				
<b>LNG</b>	30-100	<b>SMR100</b>				
<b>Hydrogen Facility</b>	30-100	<b>PIPE</b>				
Hydrogen	30-100	No Change				
None	30-100	<b>EL100G</b>				
<b>CNG</b>	100-1,000	SMR1000				
<b>LNG</b>	100-1,000	SMR1000				
Hydrogen Facility	100-1,000	<b>PIPE</b>				
Hydrogen	$100-1,000$	No Change				
None	100-1,000	DLH21000				
<b>CNG</b>	>1,000	SMR1000				
LNG	>1,000	SMR1000				
<b>Hydrogen Facility</b>	>1,000	<b>PIPE</b>				
Hydrogen	>1,000	No Change				
None	>1,000	DLH21000				

<span id="page-12-0"></span>Table 4. Assumptions for Assigning Station Configuration Based on Existing Infrastructure and Hydrogen Demand

#### **5.3. Identify federal government partners to improve economics and facilitate construction of infrastructure**

Because of high costs of infrastructure, especially during the transition period during which technologies are new and volumes are low, there is incentive to look for innovative ways to reduce costs and increase infrastructure use. One possible way is to focus on locating infrastructure at existing federal facilities. An Executive Order could encourage the concept of co-generation at federal facilities; i.e., these facilities could generate hydrogen onsite and use it in stationary fuel cells as a power source. Facilities also could be designed to permit vehicle fueling for local federal fleets and the general public.

Data on federal property were obtained from the Federal Energy Management Program and mapped in relation to the proposed network of stations. About 80% of the proposed hydrogen fueling stations have at least one civilian federal facility within 10 miles ([Figure 8\)](#page-13-0).

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Figure 8. Civilian Federal Facilities within 10 Miles of a Proposed Hydrogen Fueling Station

This shows that, given the right incentives, federal facilities could provide a good starting point for a transitional hydrogen infrastructure because they offer broad geographic coverage. In particular, federal agencies that have been proactive with the introduction of other alternative fuels into their fleets may have an interest in pursuing hydrogen for not only their fleet, but also for co-generation and public fueling. [Figure 9](#page-13-1) shows U.S. Postal Service (USPS) facilities. The USPS is a good candidate for the co-generation option in the near term because it operates its own fleet, which could use hydrogen, and is dispersed widely across the country.

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Figure 9. Proposed Hydrogen Fueling Stations in Relation to U.S. Postal Service Facilities

#### **5.4. Identify longer-term hydrogen distribution potential**

Although the analysis shown in this report is primarily a transition analysis, using GIS to show multiple characteristics graphically also is applicable to evaluating longer-term, full-scale hydrogen infrastructure. One possible way to support a broader infrastructure, after the technology is mature and upwards of 75% of the vehicle stock is hydrogen fueled, is to use existing gasoline and diesel depots for centralized hydrogen production, storage, and distribution. These would be excellent candidates because, as the transition from petroleum to hydrogen occurs, the petroleum facilities will become underutilized, making them available for the construction of hydrogen facilities. The locations of individual petroleum depots were acquired from MAPSearch, a PennWell Company. A gasoline terminal stores and transfers petroleum products (gasoline and distillate) received from the pipeline or rail cars and distributes them to regional markets via tank truck.

Assuming these depots could distribute hydrogen to stations up to 30 miles away, fairly broad coverage could be attained from this strategy. [Figure 10](#page-14-0) shows a map of the U.S. coverage within 30 miles of existing gasoline/diesel depots, with the proposed infrastructure superimposed. This shows that about 60% of the proposed facilities could be supplied with hydrogen from a centralized facility in the long term.

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Figure 10. Areas Within 30 Miles of a Petroleum Depot and Proposed Hydrogen Fueling Stations

### **6. Results and Conclusions**

Overall, 284 stations were identified that could make up a potential transitional national hydrogen fueling infrastructure backbone, with a total construction cost of \$837 million if constructed to meet the needs of 2020. This is based on the aggressive assumptions of a 50% fuel cell vehicle stock by 2050, and approximately 1% in 2020 and 20% in 2030. Section 9 shows the complete list of station locations selected.

The construction cost of \$837 million is an initial cost for the early hydrogen network. Because the infrastructure is based on anticipated station use, many of the stations could be economically self sustaining in the near term (2020–2030). This depends on how evenly the fuel cell vehicles are distributed geographically. Most likely, they would be concentrated in key urban areas, making those stations economically viable, whereas rural stations that do not serve as many vehicles may need additional financial support until sufficient vehicles are operating in their region.

One way to help the economic viability of stations is to incorporate co-generation. In particular, using co-generation (hydrogen for fuel cell vehicles and powerproducing stationary fuel cells) at federal facilities could reduce the federal government's overall fossil fuel consumption and environmental impacts while helping facilitate interstate travel in fuel cell vehicles for the driving public.

## **7. Future Work**

Below are suggestions for potential future work that would build on this project:

**Incorporate DOE analysis:** Incorporate DOE's H2A forecourt and delivery cost analysis to improve infrastructure analysis and design and ensure consistency with DOE hydrogen program assumptions.

**Expand current station network:** Identify key metropolitan areas based on a series of factors (e.g., Clean Cities participation and success, population demographics, locally available energy resources, and completed and ongoing metropolitan area infrastructure analysis) that will expand the network beyond the limited interstate focus to have a broader reach of consumers.

**Identify co-generation options for federal facilities:** Identify which specific federal facilities would be good candidates for the installation of co-generation so that hydrogen can be used in stationary fuel cells while providing a vehicle fueling location. Specify the co-generation equipment, costs, and potential impacts on the transition. Focus on key federal facilities/agencies that have been proactive with the use of alternative fuels or energy efficiency in the past.

**Improve estimates for utilization rates at each station:** Identify the number of vehicles visiting each station and their hydrogen demand based on vehicle penetration estimates (using the VISION model), population demographics, traffic data, and experience from conventional fuel stations. Predict hydrogen demand at each station for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and for hydrogen-natural gas blends in natural gas vehicles.

**Tailor stations based on location and available local resources:** Tailor several types of stations to the needs and resources of specific station locations. These stations could be designed based on factors including predicted use and available resources (e.g., renewable energy sources, natural gas pipelines, and centralized hydrogen production facilities).

**Estimate station costs and perform break-even analysis:** For each station, identify the construction and operating costs. Use estimates of use and hydrogen fuel costs from DOE's H2A effort to predict when stations will become self sustaining and to evaluate the impacts of hydrogen-natural gas blends as a transition strategy to reduce break-even time.

#### **Evaluate situations for which government financial assistance would be most**

**beneficial:** Analyze various scenarios and identify key partners and projects that would make the best use of funding for aiding in the transition to hydrogen, such as funding key refueling stations in partnership with the USPS, or selecting primary and secondary metropolitan areas and/or routes that have the greatest impacts on transition.

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Location	<b>State</b>	Interstate	<b>Existing Infrastructure</b>	<b>AADT</b>	<b>Utilization 2020</b>	Demand 2020	<b>Station Type</b>	Cost
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>WY</b>	90.25	None	4,884	24	119	DLH21000	\$2.677.362
Moorcroft	<b>WY</b>	90	None	5,317	26	129	DLH21000	\$2,677,362
Cassa	<b>WY</b>	25	None	6.340	31	154	DLH21000	\$2,677,362
Lyman	<b>WY</b>	80	None	11,427	56	278	DLH21000	\$2,677,362
Elk Mountain	<b>WY</b>	80	None	11,520	56	280	DLH21000	\$2,677,362
<b>Table Rock</b>	<b>WY</b>	80	None	11,838	58	288	DLH21000	\$2,677,362
Casper	<b>WY</b>	25	<b>Natural Gas</b>	10,849	53	264	SMR1000	\$5,137,202
Cheyenne	<b>WY</b>	80, 25	<b>Hydrogen Facility</b>	13,918	68	338	<b>PIPE</b>	\$583,141
Lewisbura	<b>WV</b>	64	None	13.455	65	327	DLH21000	\$2.677.362
Clarksburg	<b>WV</b>	79	<b>Natural Gas</b>	29.789	145	724	SMR1000	\$5,137,202
Charleston	<b>WV</b>	64,79	<b>Hydrogen Facility</b>	54.101	263	1,315	<b>PIPE</b>	\$583.141
French Island	WI	90	None	22.313	108	542	DLH21000	\$2,677,362
Northfield	WI	94	None	23,044	112	560	DLH21000	\$2,677,362
Portage	WI	90.94	None	31.641	154	769	DLH21000	\$2,677,362

**9. Station Details** 











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