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## **Consider Hydrogen light duty fueling infrastructure**

I am a light duty FCEV driver, and I can tell you, it's very hard to have affordable and reliable fuel for this vehicle.

It wasn't so long ago when battery EVs went through their own growing pain. They came in the late 90's and early 2000's, and almost went away completely. I thought they were gone for good, until the Teslas came along in the 2010's. Now EV's are everywhere and they seem to be getting all the attention when it comes to public funding and consumer interest.

But Hydrogen technology has proven to be a great alternative (and in many, many ways more environmentally beneficial). These vehicles were marketed and sold with the understanding that they were here to stay, and that fueling them would get easier and less expensive. But this is far from the case. While adoption has grown there have been little to no new fueling stations available, and fuel costs have gone up substantially. Hydrogen fuel costs a great deal more than the most expensive supreme or diesel fuel. YouTubers have noted that "only rich or stupid people would drive these cars". Please consider medium and light duty fuel cell vehicles (and their fueling infrastructure) as part of your 2026-2027 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program.