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# Is it safe to generate solar power on the roadside



## Overview

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But wait is generating solar power on the roadside actually safe?

Let's explore this sunny (and slightly spicy) topic. With urban spaces getting crowded, governments and companies are eyeing underutilized roadside areas for solar farms. This concept, known as roadside solar or highway solar farming, transforms unused public land into productive energy-generating assets. According to research from the Ray C. Anderson Foundation, if all suitable highway right-of-way areas in the continental United States were used for solar, it could generate enough electricity to power the entire country. Travelers are able to generate their own electricity, and the advantages are obvious: cooling the fridge in the scorching desert and powering cameras to take photographs in the mountains. Solar roadways: What are they?

Most roads in the U.S. are paved with asphalt, which is a fossil fuel-based material. The Netherlands' "SolaRoad" pilot, for example, generated 100 kilowatts of power per acre. Renewable energy development along our roadsides has the potential to help states reduce their energy costs, reduce their land maintenance costs, increase resilience and local energy security, create new revenue streams, and meet broader renewable energy and greenhouse gas emission targets.

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### **Solar Along Nation's Highways Can Avoid NIMBY ...**

Solar along highway rights-of-way can avoid culture wars and NIMBY concerns while taking advantage of unused public spaces.

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### **Empty roadside land could be producing solar energy , Grist**

All told, the Ray estimates there are more than 52,000 acres of empty roadside land in the continental United States that could be generating solar power: in the medians, beside the



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### **Turning Roadside into Solar Farms (2026) , 8MSolar**

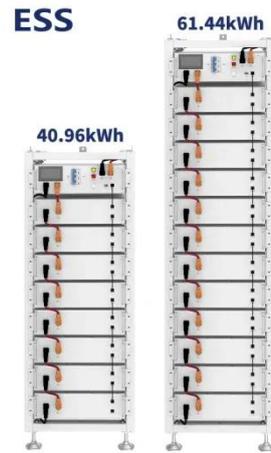
The Ray C. Anderson Foundation estimates that using just 30% of suitable highway right-of-way areas for solar could generate as much power as 45,000 acres of dedicated solar farms, ...



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### **Using parking lots and highways for solar power**

When the necessary data is available, this helpful tool shows top sites and priority areas for solar development within any state, and can produce 3D models of real roadside parcels that ...



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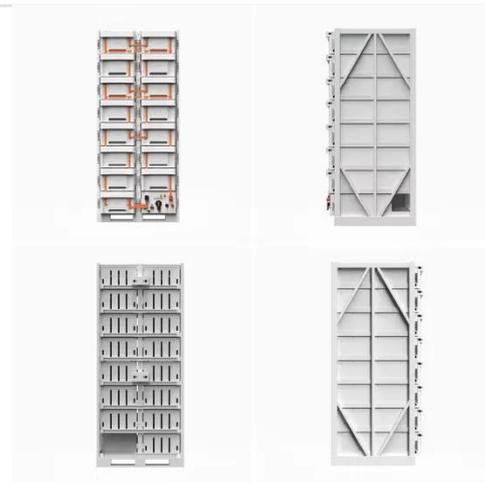


### California may build solar panels alongside highways

California has over 15,000 miles of state highways with lots of empty roadside land. Other states have already started to deploy roadside renewable energy sites.

### Why putting solar panels beside highways is a no-brainer

California could generate enough electricity to power 270,000 homes by putting solar panels in the empty land next to highway interchanges in just 3 Southern California counties, ...



### Is Driving with Solar Panels Safe and Roadworthy?

If your car's solar panels are installed properly, comply with regulations, and are well maintained, you can travel with confidence. Proper planning will ensure

you have reliable power on ...



## Solar roadways: What you need to know

Can roads outfitted with solar cells provide enough reliable power? Learn about solar roadways and how feasible they actually might be.



## How about solar energy on the roadside? , NenPower

Utilizing solar energy in this context not only provides a renewable power source for street lighting, traffic signals, and charging stations but also contributes to lowering greenhouse gas ...

## Is It Safe to Generate Solar Power on the Roadside? Let's Break It Down

Picture this: you're driving down a highway lined with sleek solar panels glinting in the sunlight. They're not just

beautifying the roadside--they're powering streetlights, charging EVs, and feeding clean ...



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