



# South Carolina Electric Transportation Network July Newsletter

## In the News

Post & Courier: US Energy Sec tours West Columbia EV charger plant

"The factory tour was part of a multi-state road trip by the secretary highlighting the impacts of the Biden administration's marquee clean energy legislation, which along with the federal infrastructure package that followed has spurred investment across the country," writes Jessica Holdman of the Post & Courier.

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Consumer Reports: Electric Vehicles Save Consumers Money

"Consumer Reports created a fact sheet with the latest analysis of how owning an electric vehicle (EV) will save the typical driver \$6,000 to \$12,000 over the life of the vehicle, compared to owning a comparable gas-powered vehicle. With new federal tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act, consumers can save as much as \$1,100 in the first year of ownership."

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CRBJ: Details emerge on state's first \$625M mass transit system in Charleston

"South Carolina's first mass transit system is expected to come online in 2029 with construction beginning in 2026. It will comprise 22 miles of a mostly dedicated median lane for modern, electric buses to move passengers between the Exchange Park in Ladson, North Charleston and onto the Charleston peninsula ending at the Line/Hagood station near the medical district, with the majority of the route avoiding car traffic completely and getting first priority at traffic lights. It will be among the longest rapid transportation systems in the nation," writes Jenny Peterson of the Charleston Regional Business Journal.

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Greenville Business News: BMW breaks ground on \$700M Woodruff plant

"The BMW Group took a crucial step toward building electric vehicles as the company broke ground on Tuesday for a new high-voltage battery assembly plant in Woodruff – its second plant in the Upstate. BMW Plant Woodruff will produce sixth-generation batteries to supply fully electric BMW X Models at Plant Spartanburg," writes Krys Merryman of GSA Business Report.

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## Resources

### EVolve Grant Program

Santee Cooper's EVolve Grant Program is here to help you take charge of your electric vehicle project. The EVolve Grant Program allows eligible commercial customers to apply for up to \$25,000 in grant funding to help you get started on your EV journey. A competitive scoring process will help Santee Cooper choose the top projects to receive funding.

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### SC Energy Office Mini-Grant Program

The Energy Office of the Office of Regulatory Staff (Energy Office) has begun taking applications for mini-grants beginning June 28, 2023. The US Department of Energy provides the Energy Office with funds to support high-impact competitive demonstration projects in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation. Eligible applicants include: state agencies, local governments, public colleges/universities/technical colleges, K-12 public schools, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. The maximum grant award amount is \$10,000. Applications will be due by close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on August 4, 2023, and projects which receive an award must be completed by May 17, 2024

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### No Meeting in July

Due to summer travel and probable low turnout, we will not have a monthly meeting in July. We will reconvene in August for our monthly call at 11am on Thursday, August 17th where Nina Stagers will share some of SC Department of Employment and Workforce's findings from SCDEW's EV workforce study.

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## Miss our last meeting?

June 15, 2023: [WATCH IT HERE](#)

## Questions?

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