



# South Carolina Electric Transportation Network October Newsletter

## In the News

### **SC Public Radio: Getting a \$7500 tax credit for an electric car will soon get a lot easier**

“Starting in January, EV car shoppers won't have to wait until tax season to pocket the incentive, worth up to \$7,500. Instead, the credit will be available as cash in hand on the day of purchase – and it'll be available regardless of the size of a customer's tax bill,” reports Camila Domonoske of NPR’s Business Desk.

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### **The Post and Courier: SC’s Charleston-based freight hauler hops on the EV Train**

“The S.C. Commerce Department’s short-haul carrier [Palmetto Railways] was recently awarded a \$4.17 million federal grant to buy two conventional fossil-fuel-driven locomotives and convert them to battery power in a first for the state-run rail system. The funding also will offset the cost of installing a charging system,” reports The Post and Courier’s John McDermott.

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### **CBS News: EV battery manufacturing energizes southern communities in “Battery Belt”**

“Over the past three years, more than \$90 billion in battery investments have been announced nationwide, resulting in an estimated 70,000 manufacturing jobs. The growth is concentrated in about eight states: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, forming what is now known as the ‘Battery Belt,’” writes Ben Tracy, CBS News senior national and environmental correspondent.

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### **The Post and Courier: SC wants to make it easy to build electric vehicles here. Buying one is another story.**

“Rivian and other EV makers like Tesla, Lucid and Polestar sell directly to consumers online or at showrooms, but a decades-old South Carolina law requires manufacturers to sell through dealerships.... It’s an awkward juxtaposition for a state selling itself as an EV manufacturing hub and illustrates a clash between South Carolina politicians’ libertarian impulses and desire to protect a deep-rooted industry,” writes Alexander Thompson for The Post and Courier.

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## **Events**

October 19

11:00 AM

Featured speakers: Tim Suggs from Santee Cooper, Westy Westmoreland from Dominion Energy, Cory Gordon from Duke Energy, Shane Baker of York Electric Co-op, and Mike McCauley from Watershed Consulting Group

SC Electric Transportation Network Monthly Call

October 19

2:00 PM

Electrification Coalition webinar: State of the EVSE Market & Projections

October 25 - October 26

Virtual and in-person (Washington, DC)

National E-Mobility Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Conference 2023

October 26

Columbia, SC

Sustain SC's 2nd Annual Sustainability Symposium

October 27 - October 28

Florence, SC

2023 Creating a Climate for Change Conference

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## **Questions?**

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