



# SC Electric Transportation Network

## IN THE NEWS

### Post & Courier: EVs and batteries propel SC's industrial recruitment to record \$10.27B in '22

"A focus on electric vehicles and the batteries that power them helped the S.C. Department of Commerce recruit 120 new businesses and expansions representing investments topping \$10.27 billion in 2022 – a record year for economic development in the state," writes the Post & Courier's David Wren.

### Post & Courier: SC battery recycler Redwood Materials raising money, making deals amid EV building boom

"Battery recycler Redwood Materials, which last month announced a state record for its planned investment in a Berkeley County factory, is raising \$200 million through a debt offering amid the biggest electric vehicle-related building boom in U.S. history," reports David Wren.

### Post & Courier: EV charging firm picks Greenville for its first East Coast office

"An EV charging 'network' opened its first East Coast office Dec. 15 in Greenville, continuing a trend of robust EV investment in the Upstate and across SC. ChargePoint, which is headquartered in California, sells charging stations and accompanying software for public, private, and commercial spaces," writes Spencer Donovan of Post & Courier-Greenville.

### Axios: Electric school buses are practically free now

"Federal and state governments are practically giving away electric school buses, and if your local district doesn't have its hand up yet, it should. The math is a no-brainer," writes Axios's Joann Muller.

### Washington Post: Postal Service will electrify trucks by 2026

"Postal officials' plans call for buying 60,000 'Next Generation Delivery Vehicles' from defense contractor Oshkosh, of which 45,000 will be electric," writes Jacob Bogage.

## EVENTS

**January 19**  
**SC Electric Transportation Network Meeting**  
**11:00 - 12:00**

**January 24**  
**Webinar: Resiliency and Electric School Buses**  
**2:00 - 3:00**

**February 14-16**  
**South Carolina Auto Summit**  
Registration is open now!

Last month, the Electrification Coalition released the Local Government Playbook, a report containing recommendations for how counties, cities, and towns can support electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and leverage federal investments.

**VIEW THE PLAYBOOK**

The Local Infrastructure Hub and the National League of Cities (NLC) are launching five new bootcamps aimed at helping small and mid-sized cities with populations up to 150K develop competitive funding applications for federal grants available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

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Eddie Cogdill, Existing Industry Manager at SC Department of Commerce, will share about Commerce's role under the Governor's EV Executive Order and his work as the new EV point person at Commerce. The SC Energy Office will present on the SC Electric Vehicle Stakeholder Initiative Report. Tige Howie, State Fleet Manager at the South Carolina Department of Administration, will share EV updates from the State Fleet.

## QUESTIONS?

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