



# SC Electric Transportation Network

## IN THE NEWS

GSA Business Report: BMW's \$26B impact on South Carolina economy still growing

"The annual economic impact of the Spartanburg plant totals approximately \$26.7 billion, which reflects all goods and services produced in the state both directly and indirectly. In addition to that, the plant supports nearly 43,000 jobs across the state," writes GSA Business Reports' Krys Merryman.

Reuters: Albemarle to build \$1.3 billion lithium plant in South Carolina

"Albemarle Corp said on Wednesday it had chosen Chester County, South Carolina, as the location for a \$1.3 billion lithium processing plant it hopes will cement its status as a cornerstone of the rapidly growing U.S. electric vehicle industry," writes Sourasis Bose of Reuters.

GSA Business Report: South Carolina DOE orders 160 Proterra-powered electric school buses

"The S.C. Department of Education will buy 160 Thomas electric school buses, powered by Proterra, for school districts across the state over the next year, under a new procurement finalized this month between the Department of Education and Thomas Built Buses dealer Interstate Transportation," writes Ross Norton of GSA Business Report. The 160-bus order for S.C. schools is the single largest order of electric school buses funded entirely by the EPA's new Clean School Bus Program, according to a news release.

Fortune: South Carolina wants \$1.3 billion to invest in EV plant

"Scout Motors Inc. and South Carolina officials announced plans to start building new Scout vehicles, powered this time by electricity, for the first time since 1980. They hope to hire 4,000 workers for its \$2 billion plant," writes Jeffrey Collins of Fortune.

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The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy will share their report on updated year-end EV market data for the Southeast and for South Carolina. We will also have a presentation on the \$700 million Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, applications for which are due May 30.

## EVENTS

**April 20**

11:00am - 12:00pm

SC Electric Transportation Network Monthly Call

**April 22**

9:00am - 1:00pm

Drive Electric Earth Day Soda City Market on Main Street Columbia, SC

**May 15-17**

Forth Roadmap Conference Portland, OR

**May 16-17**

South Carolina's Growing Battery Supply Chain Symposium Greenville, SC

## FOURTH MOBILITY

Forth Mobility can help communities that are interested in pursuing Charging and Fueling Infrastructure(CFI) Discretionary Grant Program funding in various ways. Forth presented their plans to offer support on our very first Network call.

Communities that are interested in help with pursuing these funds can submit their information here.

**QUESTIONS?**

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