



# South Carolina Electric Transportation Network November Newsletter

## In the News

### **Financial Times: Can America's south-east unseat Detroit as "Motown" of the EV age?**

"The battle for America's automotive future is now under way in places like a cotton farm in the small South Carolina town of Florence, where, every day, yellow and red excavators are digging up enough dirt and stone to bury an entire football field under 5ft of earth," reports Amanda Chu and Claire Bushey of the Financial Times.

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### **SC Commerce: SC Nexus Receives Federal Designation as a Regional Technology and Innovation Hub for Advanced Energy**

"The Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy (SC Nexus) received the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration's designation as one of 31 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs," reports the SC Department of Commerce.

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### **Recycling Today: Redwood Materials Launches Pricing Tool for EV Batteries**

"Redwood Materials, a Carson City, Nevada-based battery materials recycler, has launched a tool designed for automotive dismantlers to value and sell recovered electric vehicle (EV) battery packs directly back to Redwood," writes Chris Voloschuk of Recycling Today.

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### **Capital B News: An Electric Car Journey Through the South**

"The Southeast corridor of the U.S. — the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida — is the country's largest producer of electric vehicles. Roughly 40% of the nation's electronic vehicle assembly investments, totaling \$60 billion, and manufacturing jobs are found here," writes Adam Mahoney of Capital B News.

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### **The Korea Herald: South Carolina joins race to lure Korean battery makers**

"Amid intensifying competition among US states to attract Korean battery makers' job-creating production bases, South Carolina and its largest metropolitan region, Charleston, have put their hats in the ring to seek possible business opportunities riding high on the boom in vehicles fueled by the new energy source," reports Byun Hye-jin of The Korea Herald.

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## **Climate Power: The Inflation Reduction Act is turbocharging South Carolina's economy, positioning it as an EV manufacturing powerhouse**

“South Carolina ranks 5th in the nation for new clean energy projects, with 23 new clean energy projects announced or advanced since the IRA passed,” per the Climate Power report.

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## **NLC: Using the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Invest in Energy Infrastructure, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

“The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) provides funding to states and municipalities through both formula awards and competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Energy. EECBG can be used for a wide variety of projects ranging from electric vehicle (EV) charging to LED lighting, renewable energy installations and building envelope retrofits,” reports Kelly Aves with the National League of Cities.

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## **Reuters: More automakers plug into Tesla's EV charging network**

“More automakers signed up to access Tesla's electric-vehicle charging infrastructure across the United States, taking the Elon Musk-led company's superchargers closer to becoming the industry standard,” reports Reuters.

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## **The Wall Street Journal: Thinking of Buying an Electric Car? The Tax Credits and Benefits to Know**

“If you're considering buying an electric vehicle, you'll have to answer one big question: Where will you charge it? Plus, how often?,” writes Perri Ormont Blumberg of The Wall Street Journal.

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## **Bloomberg: The EV Revolution Isn't Only Arriving on Four Wheels**

“Cars make up only half the electric mobility picture. There are around 1.3 billion passenger cars on the road at the moment, the vast majority of which still need to be electrified,” writes Akshat Rathi, Christine Driscoll, and Oscar Boyd of Bloomberg.

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## **Events**

November 16

11:00 AM

Featured speakers: Susie Shannon, President and CEO of SC Council on Competitiveness, Amy Sartain, Director of Logistics Industry Initiatives at SC Council on Competitiveness, and Morgan Crapps, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations at Redwood Materials.

[SC Electric Transportation Network Monthly Call](#)

November 29  
Drive Electric Webinar  
2:00 PM

[Success Stories from 14 States Building Drive Electric Initiatives](#)

November 29 - December 1  
Camp Gravatt in Aiken, SC  
[SC Conservation Leaders Summit](#)

December 1  
SCDOT Headquarters in Columbia, SC  
[SCDOT Interagency Working Group Meeting](#)

December 3- December 6  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
[5th National RTAP Conference: Navigating the Tides of Change with Rural and Tribal Transit](#)

December 14  
Electrification Coalition Webinar  
2:00 PM  
[A Charged Unit: Addressing EV Charging in Multi-Family Dwellings](#)

## **Funding Opportunities**

Applications due Nov. 13, 2023

[Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability And Accessibility Accelerator Grant](#)

Challenge closes Jan. 23, 2024  
[My Electric Ride: An EV Transportation Video Challenge](#)

### **Miss our last meeting?**

October 19, 2023: [WATCH IT HERE](#)

### **Questions?**

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