



# SC Electric Transportation Network

## IN THE NEWS

### Electric vehicle investments help transform SC's once-ancient school bus fleet

By State Superintendent Molly Spearman

"Now, thanks to the bipartisan federal infrastructure law, South Carolina's school bus fleet is poised to become the most modern in the country. The state Department of Education will receive more than \$58 million under the EPA's Clean School Bus Program rebates to replace the remaining aged buses with lower- to zero-emissions models."

### Schools scramble to prepare for \$1B in federal money for electric buses

"The department's \$58 million award – the third-largest of any state from the Environmental Protection Agency's initial round of rebates authorized by last year's infrastructure law – will cover the costs of 148 electric buses and associated charging equipment, or about 4 percent of the buses in the state-operated school bus fleet."

### Electric Vehicles Require Real Progress—Not Lip Service—on Equity

"The Southeast is on the verge of opening new lanes of success in the EV revolution—think Volkswagen in Tennessee, Rivian and Hyundai in Georgia, Mercedes in Alabama, Ford in Kentucky, BMW in South Carolina, and Tesla in Texas. These investments and the jobs they will bring to the Black Belt are a welcome benefit of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)."

### IIJA: Year One Reflections on Significant Electric Transportation Opportunities For the Southeast

"Last month, the EPA announced the school districts that were awarded one of the inaugural Clean School Bus Program (CSBP) rebates. The Clean School Bus Program will provide \$5 billion over the next five years to replace existing polluting buses with cleaner, healthier, zero- and low-emission school buses... In total, Southern states were awarded \$163,215,000 and South Carolina and Georgia were the third and sixth, respectively, highest awarded states in the country."

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## JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Speakers on our December 15th Network call include E4 Carolinians on South Carolinas Plan for Alternative Fuel Vehicles During Times of Storms and ABB E-Mobility on their expansion to produce DC fast chargers in the Midlands of South Carolina.

## EVENTS

December 5

[Webinar: Hydrogen Hub 101](#)

3:00 - 4:00

December 6

[Webinar: 2022 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard](#)

12:00 - 1:00

December 15

[SC Electric Transportation Network Meeting](#)

11:00 - 12:00

February 14-16

[South Carolina Auto Summit](#)

Registration is open now!

## HIGHLIGHT FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Keith Wilson of Rivian announced that the company is donating charging infrastructure to nearly 30 state parks across South Carolina.

## QUESTIONS?

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