



South Carolina Electric Transportation Network September Newsletter

In the News

SC Public Radio: Mixed News from SC Electric Vehicle Projects, and More

"Swedish automaker Polestar has begun production of its electric SUV in a partnership arrangement with Volvo, using Volvo's Camp Hall facility. The Polestar factory will produce cars for customers in the US and Europe, employing 2,000 people," according to Jason Thomas, executive editor of SCBizNews.

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Talking EVs: 3 Hot Topics Right Now

"Electric cars, trucks, and buses are cool - not just because of their innovative technology, smooth ride, and lower operating costs, but because they reduce transportation climate pollution by 78% compared to gas vehicles based on the nation's mix of electricity generation resources," writes Stan Cross, the Electric Transportation Director of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

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School Transportation News: Making Every Dollar Count - How South Carolina Is Saving Money While Meeting Sustainability Goals

"South Carolinians take the preservation of the state's environment seriously, and over the last few years we have been able to leverage grant funding to increase and provide alternative options for our school bus fleet without burdening taxpayers with additional costs," explained Mike Bullman, director of transportation for the South Carolina Department of Education.

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Scout Motors to Unveil Concept for Electric SUV to be Built in Blythewood

"The long wait on what the next generation Scout Motors SUV will look like is nearing an end," writes Jason Thomas (SC Biz News) for the Columbia Regional Business Report.

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Forbes: Study Shows Major Price Drop on Used Electric Vehicles

"The price drops have been especially pronounced on the used-car side of the lot, where pre-owned EVs are now selling for 11.4% less than internal combustion models," according to Jim Gorzelany, a Senior Contributor at Forbes.

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Myrtle Beach, SC: U.S. Transportation Dept. Awards South Carolina \$33M in Grants to Make Local Roads Safer

“The U.S. Transportation Department’s SS4A program gives local and tribal governments the resources to plan and implement the safety improvements that will make the most difference in their communities,” said U.S. Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg. “They know what is best, and this program leverages that local expertise to save lives.”

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Events

September 17, 2:00 p.m.

Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Webinar

[Engaging Utilities: Public Power Utilities Deploying EV Charging](#)

September 19, 11:00 a.m.

[SC Electric Transportation Network Monthly Call](#)

September 23-24

Detroit, MI

[EV Charging Infrastructure National Conference](#)

September 24-26

Detroit, MI

[2024 Forth Roadmap Conference](#)

September 25, 1:00 p.m.

US EPA Clean School Bus Initiative

[Electrification Process including a Step-by-Step Guide for New Adopters](#)

September 26, 12:00 p.m.

Conservation Voters of South Carolina

[Connection. Collaboration. Conservation. The Power of Coordinated Coalitions](#)

September 27 - October 6

[National Drive Electric Week](#)

September 28, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Columbia, SC

Drive Electric Columbia's Ride & Drive at Soda City Market on Main Street

October 2, 2:00 p.m.

Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN)

[Whole Building Design Guide EV Training on EV Charging Implementation](#)

October 10, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Brunswick, GA
Electrification Coalition's [Electric Highways and Harbors Event](#)

October 14, 2:00 p.m.
Electrification Coalition
[Funding the Future: Green Financing Solutions for EV Charging Stations](#)

October 15
Austin, TX
[EV Summit USA](#)

October 15, 1:00 p.m.
Forth Mobility
[Transforming School Transportation with Electric School Buses](#)

October 17, 1:00 p.m.
Electrification Coalition
[Looking Ahead: State of the EVSE Market & Projections](#)

November 20 - 22
Nashville, TN
Southern Efficient Energy Alliance
[2024 Southeast Energy Summit](#)

Opportunities

[DOT Reconnecting Communities](#) - The Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program focuses on reconnecting previously divided communities and improving access in disadvantaged communities to address local transportation challenges. Up to \$607 million is available for planning, capital construction, and technical assistance.

The NOFO is open now! **The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on September 30, 2024.** Potential applicants who are interested in pursuing a reconnecting type project but are not prepared to submit funding requests within 90 days can submit a request for technical assistance through the [Reconnecting Communities Institute](#). Many reconnecting projects are also eligible for funding under formula programs or eligible discretionary grant programs. More information can be found on DOT's [Discretionary Grants Dashboard](#).

[IRA Community Change Grants Program](#) - The Environmental Protection Agency has announced \$2 billion in funds for environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until **November 21, 2024**.

Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grant - The Federal Highway Administration announced \$2 billion available to fund low carbon materials that create less pollution by reducing the levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions, including concrete (and cement), glass, asphalt mix, and steel. In FHWA's Low Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM) Program \$1.2 Billion is available to State Departments of Transportation (including District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) through a Request for Applications (RFA) to fund activities and projects that advance the use of low carbon materials and products. **Applications due November 25, 2024.**

To learn more, register for the [September 25, 2:00 p.m. webinar](#)
[NOFO for non-state DOTs](#)

Miss our last meeting?

August 15, 2024: [Watch it here](#)

Questions?

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