



South Carolina Electric Transportation Network April Newsletter

In the News

The State: Electric vehicle battery plant to spend \$1.5B more, add jobs to South Carolina facility

"A company that is building electric vehicle batteries for BMW is pouring an additional \$1.5 billion into its planned Florence County operations. AESC announced Tuesday that it will expand its planned Florence County operations and bring an additional 1,080 jobs to the facility," according to Joseph Bustos of The State.

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News From The States: EV industry expected to employ upwards of 10,000 South Carolinians

"At least 10,600 South Carolinians are expected to go to work at new, high-paying jobs in the electric vehicle industry over the next decade," reports Jessica Holdman of News From The States.

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Spectrum Local News: New electric vehicle service center aims to meet growing demand in the Carolinas

"With more drivers pulling the plug on gas-powered cars, the need for technicians qualified to fix electric vehicles is increasing as well. Meineke Car Care Center recently opened its first-ever Meineke EV in Indian Land, South Carolina," writes Nick Bufo of Spectrum Local News.

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Aiken Standard: Electric vehicle manufacturing business coming to Aiken

"A business that manufactures electric vehicles will be rolling into Aiken. During Aiken County Council's meeting Tuesday, the panel unanimously approved the third and final readings of two ordinances that provide tax incentives to the Columbia Vehicle Group Inc. and Nordic Equity LLC," according to Dede Biles of the Aiken Standard.

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Candid: EV charging infrastructure can spark employment boom

"Something extraordinary happened last year. More than \$600 million was provided to communities across the United States to build more public chargers for electric vehicles and make charger networks available everywhere," writes The Virginian-Pilot with Candid.

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Events

April 18
11:00 AM

Update from SCDOT and HDR on SC's NEVI Plan and engagement opportunities, new member Green Cars For Kids, and Drive Electric Columbia's Earth Day event
SC Electric Transportation Network Monthly Call

April 18
1:00 PM

USDN Inflation Reduction Act Elective Pay Webinar

April 18
2:00 PM

Electrification Coalition's Medium-and-Heavy Duty Electrification and Partnerships Webinar

April 20
9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Soda City Market- Hampton and Main St.
Columbia, SC
Drive Electric Earth Day Ride & Drive

April 23
3:00 PM

SSDN and River Network Unlocking Resources: Leveraging Federal Funding through Non Profit-Municipality Collaboration Webinar

May 14-15
USC Alumni Center
Columbia, SC

2024 SC Battery Symposium

May 16
1:30 PM

The Hangar @ Runway Cafe
Greenville, SC

Moving More Upstate Mobility Summit

Opportunities

The SCEO submitted its SC Electric Vehicle (EV) Stakeholder Report in September 2022, which included initial recommendations from SC's EV stakeholders. South Carolina Code of Laws §58-27-270(D) (2021 Act 46) further requires the SCEO to continue its EV stakeholder initiatives and report recommendations to the legislature every two years thereafter.

Please complete the survey linked below to help the SCEO gather more information about the challenges, opportunities, and ongoing efforts related to transportation electrification in South Carolina since September 2022.

[2024 SC Electric Vehicle Stakeholder Initiative Survey](#)

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.

[IRA Community Change Grants Program](#)

Representative Brandon Newton and a large group of bipartisan co-sponsors introduced House Bill H.3824, which expands the SC's Alternative Fuels Tax Credit to apply to electric vehicle charging stations. The credit currently applies to vehicles fueled by natural gas, propane, and other sources; but does not apply to electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This bill makes electric vehicle chargers eligible for existing tax credits and can help grow SC's EV charging network.

Expanding this credit will incentivize the installation of EV charging stations and provide electric vehicles the same incentives already available to higher emission fuels like natural gas and propane.

That's a win-win for South Carolina—more infrastructure for our electric vehicles, cleaner air, and more economic development opportunities.

Reach out to evan@cvsc.org for additional ways to get involved

[Support the Alternative Fuels Tax Credit](#)

Diesel emissions make up a significant portion of the mobile source air pollution in South Carolina. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administers four components of the DERA grants through its National Clean Diesel Campaign.

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March 21, 2024: [Watch it here](#)

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