



South Carolina Electric Transportation Network May Newsletter

In the News

7 News: SCDOT to build EV charging stations along interstates as part of \$70 million program

"SCDOT presented its SC + EV initiative during an open house meeting in Greenville County on Wednesday. The initiative is part of the White House's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program," according to Chloe Salsameda of 7 News.

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The State: An electric vehicle manufacturer to open facility in SC, plans to bring in 180 jobs

"Columbia Vehicle Group plans to make a \$12 million investment and bring in 180 jobs with the upcoming facility, according to a news release from S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster's office. The company will purchase a 155,000-square-foot facility at 2063 University Parkway in Aiken," reports Chris Trainor of The State.

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Cola Daily: Scout Motors opens Columbia Connection Center in BullStreet District

"The Columbia office will serve as a space for the community to come and inquire about employment and supplier opportunities, learn more about the history of the original Scout vehicles, and learn more about the progress of construction work at the company's Production Center in Blythewood," writes Amanda Cooper with Cola Daily.

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South Carolina Public Radio: Detroit debuts 'road of the future' with wireless electric vehicle charging

"A vehicle will be connected to a smart road. Essentially the road has a wireless inductive charging coil inside of it and the vehicle is communicating with the actual coils underneath the road to receive their charge," according to South Carolina Public Radio.

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The Post and Courier: Charleston and other SC cities can breathe easier than places out West

"Charleston, Florence and other cities in South Carolina have some of the cleanest air in the country, according to a new report that normally scolds cities and counties for pollution that can worsen health," writes Tom Corwin with The Post and Courier.

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Events

May 14-15

USC Alumni Center

Columbia, SC

[2024 SC Battery Symposium](#)

May 14

1:00 PM

[Forth Webinar: Bridging the Gap: Rural EV Charging Programs](#)

May 16

11:00 AM

Featuring a Federal Funding Update, Carolina Conditions' EV Fleet, and Solar United National's Workforce Development Program

[SC Electric Transportation Network Monthly Call](#)

May 16

1:30 PM

The Hangar @ Runway Cafe

Greenville, SC

[Moving More Upstate Mobility Summit](#)

June 5

9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Georgia Tech Exhibition Hall and Virtual

Atlanta, GA

[Southeast Electric Transportation Regional Initiative June 2024 Meeting](#)

June 11

1:00 PM

[Forth Webinar: Addressing the Challenges of Charging at Multi-Family Housing](#)

June 20

11:00 AM

[SC Electric Transportation Network Call](#)

Opportunities

The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, through the Department of Energy, has made available \$54M in federal funding for:

- Investments at the local level that address key barriers to expanding access to electrified mobility options for individuals without home charging.
- Accelerating the transition to electrified fleets.
- Maturing the implementation of managed charging systems to mitigate impacts and optimize usage of the grid.

Concept Papers due **May 20, 2024**. Full Applications due **July 16, 2024**.

[Communities Taking Charge Accelerator](#)

EPA has announced two separate [Notices of Funding Opportunities](#) to disburse \$3 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act - the *Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition* AND the *Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition*. The two NOFOs will be used to fund approximately \$2.8 billion in zero-emission technology deployment at ports, as well as approximately \$150 million for climate and air quality planning. Both NOFOs are open now, until the application deadline at 11:59 PM on **May 28, 2024**.

[IRA Clean Ports Program](#)

The Energy Office finalized a Request for Proposals (RFP) for its Electric Vehicle (EV) Awareness Campaign. The solicitation is available through **June 25, 2024**, on the [South Carolina Procurement Services website](#). The Energy Office seeks assistance in developing an EV Awareness Campaign for South Carolina. This public information campaign was recommended in the [2022 SC EV Stakeholder Initiative Report](#) to provide South Carolinians with helpful resources and to aid in EV adoption.

[SC Electric Vehicle Awareness Campaign Request for Proposals Posted](#)

The Inflation Reduction Act invests \$1 billion to replace existing non-zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, support zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, and train and develop workers. EPA is providing two separate sub-program competitions under this single Notice of Funding Opportunity:

- **The School Bus Sub-Program** for applicants replacing school buses.
- **The Vocational Vehicles Sub-Program** for applicants replacing non-school bus Class 6 and 7 vehicles - including box trucks, refuse haulers, dump trucks, street sweepers, delivery trucks, bucket trucks, and utility trucks.

The NOFO is open now! The application deadline is 11:59PM (ET) on **July 25, 2024**.

[Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant 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.**

[IRA Community Change Grants Program](#)

In April, SC Electric Transportation Network members had the opportunity to visit the brand-new Scout Motors Columbia Connection Center in the BullStreet District. This is a space for the community to learn about Scout's history, future plans in South Carolina, and how to get involved. The Columbia Connection Center is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 2pm or by appointment.

[Scout Motors Columbia Connection Center](#)

Photo of the Month



We had a great time checking out Scout Motors new Columbia Connection Center

Miss our last meeting?

April 18, 2024: [Watch it here](#)

Questions?

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