



South Carolina Electric Transportation Network February Newsletter

In the News

The Post & Courier: Battery recycler Redwood Materials breaks ground on SC site

“Redwood Materials broke ground Jan. 23 on its \$3.5 billion battery recycling site in Berkeley County with the aim of starting to reclaim materials needed to power electric vehicles before the end of the year,” according to David Wren of The Post and Courier.

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Bloomberg News: The US Installed More Than 1,000 EV Charging Stations Since Summer

“US drivers welcomed almost 1,100 new public, fast-charging stations in the second half of 2023, a 16% increase, according to a *Bloomberg Green* analysis of federal data,” reports Kyle Stock of Bloomberg News.

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Upstate Business Journal: Tesla to open logistics center in Fountain Inn

“Tesla, a leading global manufacturer of electric vehicles, is opening a vehicle parts distribution center in Fountain Inn’s Fox Hill Business Park in southern Greenville County. The Greenville Area Development Corporation announced the deal Jan. 18. Tesla plans to occupy all 251,100 square feet of Fox Hill’s Building 3. It will be the company’s first facility in South Carolina,” writes Jay King of the Upstate Business Journal.

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Aiken Standard: Aiken event focuses on transportation equality

“Having equitable transportation is not only a key to success, but can also solve quality of life issues such as access to health care, food and employment. On the first day of Black History Month, members of the community addressed their concerns with transportation in Aiken and the CSRA on Thursday, Feb. 1. The event was held in honor of Rosa Parks and Transit Equity Day,” according to Bianca Moorman of the Aiken Standard.

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Business Magazine Greenville: EV Trend Puts Midlands on Cutting Edge

“With Scout Motors’ \$2 billion investment in a plant in Blythewood, just north of Columbia, the Midlands of South Carolina is poised on the cutting edge of a transformative automotive cluster as American drivers turn to electric vehicles,” reports C. Grant Jackson of the Greenville Business Magazine.

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Live 5 News: Lt. Gov. tours Volvo as plant gets ready to produce only electric vehicles

“Big changes are coming to the Volvo manufacturing plant in Ridgeville. The automaker says just six years from now, the Swedish carmaker will go fully electric. Starting in 2030, the company will kick gas-powered engines to the curb and only manufacture electric vehicles,” writes Ann McGill of Live 5 News.

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CoStar News: Developer HHHunt Plans Electric Vehicle Chargers at Apartment Complexes Across Six States

“EnviroSpark will install charging stations at 24 of HHHunt's existing apartment buildings in Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, according to a statement. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. EnviroSpark will begin installations in February and install its Level 2 charging equipment, the second-fastest type of EV chargers, according to a spokesperson for EnviroSpark,” reports Andy Peters of CoStar News

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Events

February 13-15

Greenville, SC

[2024 SC Automotive Summit](#)

February 15

2:00-3:00 pm

[Electrification Coalition Charging Infrastructure Webinar Series: EV Readiness Policies & Building Codes](#)

February 22 (date change!)

11:00 AM

[SC Electric Transportation Network Monthly Call](#)

February 26

Orlando, FL

[GridTECH Connect Forum Southeast](#)

March 7

3:00-4:00 pm

[Forth Mobility Webinar - Southeast Region: Get EVAL Certified!](#)

March 12-14

Savannah, GA

[Electrification 2024 International Conference and Exposition](#)

March 12-13

Washington, D.C.

[SAFE Summit 2024](#)

Funding 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](#)

Applications accepted on a rolling basis - deadline to apply is Nov. 21, 2024

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.

[IRA Community Change Grants Program](#)

Miss our last meeting?

January 18, 2023: [Watch it here](#)

Questions?

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