



South Carolina Electric Transportation Network November Newsletter

In the News

Electric vehicle battery-related company plans to build \$1B plant in Orangeburg

"An Indian company that supplies electric vehicle battery materials plans to open a \$1 billion plant in Orangeburg, employing 124 people. Birla Carbon announced Tuesday it will build a 435,000-square-foot plant at the Tri-County Industrial Site producing synthetic graphite and supplying battery materials for the electric vehicle, battery and defense industries," writes Jessica Holdman of the SC Daily Gazette.

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Think electric vehicles are slowing down in the Southeast? New report shows otherwise

"The fifth annual "Transportation Electrification in the Southeast" report shows that with support from federal Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law programs, private sector electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing investments, jobs, EV sales, and charger deployments expanded despite state-level policy setbacks," writes Stan Cross of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

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Despite setbacks, S.C. still 'bullish' on electric vehicles, batteries

"South Carolina remains bullish on the industry and [its] role in our economy – and creating opportunities for all South Carolinians," S.C. Commerce Department spokesman Alex Clark told the *Charleston City Paper*. "Many of our large, announced projects are already under construction and starting to make their mark on local communities [and] the local economy."

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Post and Courier: Here's a look at Scout's newly revealed EVs to be built in SC

"Two years in the making, the day has finally come to share the next generation of Scout vehicles with the world," Scott Keogh, president and CEO of Scout Motors, said in a written statement. "The original core idea – rugged, versatile vehicles capable of off-road adventure and family duty – is more relevant than ever."

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Biden-Harris Administration announces \$1,325,000 of Clean Ports investments in South Carolina as part of Investing in America agenda

“The South Carolina State Ports Authority has been selected to receive a Climate and Air Quality Planning Grant for an anticipated \$1,325,000 for the Port of Charleston. The funds are expected to be used to update an emissions inventory and analyze emissions reductions strategies including state-wide hydrogen equipment/fueling feasibility. Workforce needs will also be considered as part of the feasibility analysis. Additionally, the proposal calls for the establishment of a community port advisory committee,” according to the EPA’s News Release.

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Events

November 18, 1pm

Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

[The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s 2024 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) Rebate Program Frequently Asked Questions Overview](#)

November 20, 3pm

Forth Mobility

[Electric Vehicle Adoption Leadership \(EVAL\) Information Session](#)

November 20 - 22

Nashville, TN

Southern Efficient Energy Alliance

[2024 Southeast Energy Summit](#)

December 3-4

San Francisco, CA

Global Transmission Report

[Electric Trucking US Conference](#)

December 17, 1pm

Forth Mobility

[Year-End Review and Outlook for Transportation Electrification](#)

Opportunities

[Clean School Bus Program Rebates](#): The EPA has announced the opening of the 2024 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebate Program application period! This is the third rebate funding opportunity through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's multi-year CSB Program. Under the 2024 CSB Rebate Program, the EPA anticipates awarding up to \$965 million in rebate funding. To allow for more transformative projects, the EPA has increased the maximum number of buses funded per application from 25 to 50 school buses. Eligible applicants can apply to receive funding for the purchase of zero-emission (ZE) and/or clean school buses, and the purchase and installation of ZE charging infrastructure; selected applicants may also use their awarded rebate funds for workforce training, consulting costs for bus deployments, and bus warranty costs. **The deadline is January 9th, 2025.**

[DOT RAISE Project Assistance Grants](#): The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs. **The deadline is January 30, 2025.**

[DOT PROTECT Program](#): The purpose of the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program is to provide grants on a competitive basis for projects that seek to strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, heat waves, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through either planning or resilience improvements. **Applications are due by February 24, 2025.**

[IRA Clean Energy Storytelling Program](#): The U.S. Department of the Treasury launched the IRA Clean Energy Storytelling Program and is inviting you -- workers, businesses, tax-exempt organizations, and other eligible taxpayers -- to share your stories about how the Inflation Reduction Act's (IRA) clean energy tax incentives are lowering energy costs for families, bringing back and strengthening American manufacturing, and creating good-paying jobs across the country. The program's goal is to educate more Americans about the benefits and impacts of the IRA by using some of the best examples around: stories from people and organizations who are pursuing and benefiting from these incentives. The link to the program can be found here: www.treasury.gov/ira-storytelling. Participation is entirely voluntary, and we may use the information you provide about your organization, your project or investment, and the relevant tax incentive in reports or media, on Treasury's public website, in public events, or in other communications. Importantly: The only information that would be used in future communications or events by Treasury or other federal agencies as part of the Clean Energy Storytelling Program is the information you voluntarily choose to submit through the Clean Energy Storytelling Program.

Miss our last meeting?
October 17, 2024: [Watch it here](#)

Questions?
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