



# South Carolina Electric Transportation Network February Newsletter

## In the News

### **Trump's executive order puts SC's \$70M EV charging program in limbo**

"One of the dozens of executive orders President Donald Trump signed on his first day in office Monday paused the disbursement of federal funds the previous Biden administration had earmarked for the chargers under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, better known as NEVI. The initiative was established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021," writes David Wren.

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### **Commercial truck maker to invest \$280M in Greenville factory for global electric car demand**

"Isuzu Motors Limited announced it will invest \$280 million to open a new factory in Greenville County in anticipation of the growing demand for electric commercial vehicles in the North American market. The Japanese truck maker expects to produce up to 50,000 vehicles each year by 2030, with the plant starting operations in 2027. It expects to hire more than 700 employees to build N-Series Gas, N-Series Electric and F-Series Diesel trucks," reports Spencer Donovan of the Post and Courier.

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### **Scout Motors wants to sell vehicles direct to SC customers. A clash with dealers has efforts on ice.**

When automaker Scout Motors' assembly plant in Blythewood is fully operational, some 200,000 electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles are expected to roll off the manufacturing line annually. But if a state law remains in place, South Carolinians will have to travel outside the state to buy them – even after the state spent \$1.3 billion in taxpayer dollars to lure in the company," writes Jessica Holdman of the South Carolina Daily Gazette. "That's because Scout Motors plans to sell the vehicles it makes directly – a sales model similar to Tesla – rather than going through a network of dealerships. South Carolina does not allow direct sales.

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## **What tariffs and roll backs on electric vehicle incentives could mean for BMW in South Carolina**

“Among the flurry of Trump’s executive orders when he returned to the White House were moves that rolled back incentives implemented by former President Joe Biden to encourage EV production and sales.

Trump revoked Biden’s nonbinding goal for EVs to comprise half of new cars sold by 2030. He also paused billions in funding set to go to EV charging stations. Another incentive that could come under fire is a federal tax credit for new EV purchases, although that’s still in effect. For now, the rollbacks aren’t impacting BMW Manufacturing’s billion-dollar EV plans in the Upstate,” writes Max White of the Post and Courier.

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## **Solar United National empowers historically disadvantaged communities to see a bright, clean energy future**

“In Charleston, South Carolina, renewable energy developer Solar United National empowers communities through clean energy projects and workforce training, providing underprivileged communities with solar industry skills, economic opportunities, and disaster resiliency hubs,” writes Serena Golden of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

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## **Events**

February 20, 11am

[SC Electric Transportation Network Call](#)

February 26, 12:30pm

RMI

[Webinar - Eliminating the Need for Mining EV Battery Minerals by 2050](#)

February 25-27, 2025

South Carolina Automotive Council

Greenville, SC

[14th Annual SC Automotive Summit](#)

March 13, 2025

Electrification Coalition

[Capitalizing on Green Investments: Taking Advantage of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund \(GGRF\)](#)

March 25, 1pm

Forth Mobility

[Utility-driven Programs Expanding EV Access for Low and Medium-Income Households](#)

March 25-26, 2025

Las Vegas, Nevada

[EV Charging Summit](#)

April 1 - 2, 2025  
Columbia, SC  
[2025 South Carolina Transportation Forum](#)

April 16 - 17, 2025  
Atlanta, Georgia  
[Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Technology Expo](#)

April 3, 9am  
SETRI  
[Southeast Electric Transportation Regional Initiative \(SETRI\) April 2025 Meeting](#)

April 29 - May 1, 2025  
Charleston, SC  
[SC Competes '25 Summit](#)

## **Opportunities**

[Region 4 Thriving Communities Grant Making Program](#): Applications are now open for all Cultivating Healthy Environments grants. Eligible applicants include Local Governments, Community-based Nonprofits, Tribal Governments, and Indigenous Organizations seeking to address local environmental and health priorities. To get started, read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) to guide you through what's needed and how to apply.

The [EV Driver annual survey](#) can be completed by non-EV drivers who are considering BEV and PHEVs for their next vehicles.

Duke Energy offers [credits for EV charger installation](#). The program will provide a one-time credit up to \$1,236 per charger to help cover the costs of preparing your home for an electric vehicle charger. You may apply for one rebate per EV registered to your address. Acceptable upgrades include new electric plug-in outlets for a garage, electrical wiring improvements and other required electrical upgrades to support Level 2 or higher EV chargers. Your credit may vary depending on qualifying costs and if your Duke Energy Service requires upgrades.

Miss our last meeting?  
December 19, 2024: [Watch it here](#)

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