

ITEP'S TRIBAL CLEAN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to ITEP's New Tribal Clean Transportation Program's Monthly Newsletter with information about Tribal clean transportation projects, funding sources, news stories/analysis, policy updates, and upcoming event/conferences. If this landed in your email inbox, you have been added to ITEP's TCTP listserv! If you wish to discontinue this, feel free to send an unsubscribe request to ryan.tsingine@nau.edu.

ITEP's NEW Tribal Clean Transportation Program

In early 2023, The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) developed and introduced a new initiative called the Tribal Clean Transportation Program (TCTP). The goal of the new program is to help Tribal communities navigate and lead this important transition happening across the nation. One of the program's initial activities was to host a series of listening sessions through a collaboration with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). Read this **Native Science Report article** that featured the TCTP!



*Blue Bird delivered its first electric school bus to Chinle Unified School District in Arizona.
Photo provided by Chinle Unified School District.*

TRIBAL CLEAN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM HOSTS WHITE HOUSE WEBINAR AND TRIBAL LISTENING SESSIONS

In February, 2023, ITEP hosted 4 Tribal listening sessions in partnership with the U.S. Nation Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). You can download and view the listening sessions by visiting the **TCTP website here** as well as past webinars the transportation team hosted.

NATIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) INITIATIVE FOR TRIBAL NATIONS

The U.S. government is releasing a National Electric Vehicle (EV) Initiative for Tribal Nations, which will ensure Tribes and Native communities are included in the EV future of the country and that the buildout of a national EV network includes Tribal lands and economies.

- [Click here to read more.](#)
- [Click here for Webinar Slides and Recording](#)



Flier for National Electric Vehicle Initiative for Tribal Nation Hosted by the Tribal Clean Transportation Team.

TRIBES DRIVING CLEAN TRANSPORTATION



Photo: Rajah Bose for Crosscut

Congratulations to the **Umpqua Indian Development Corporation** for receiving a \$241,500 technical assistance grant from the State of Oregon to fund a Heavy-Duty Transport Charging Planning Project.

Red Lake, Standing Rock Prepare for Electric Vehicle Corridor – Two Midwest tribes are getting a \$6.5 million boost from the U.S. Department of Energy to launch electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure on their tribal lands.

Cowlitz Tribe receives \$150,000 to ‘decarbonize’ vehicle fleet – The Cowlitz Indian Tribe is one of four Washington entities set to receive funds from the state’s Clean Energy Fund.



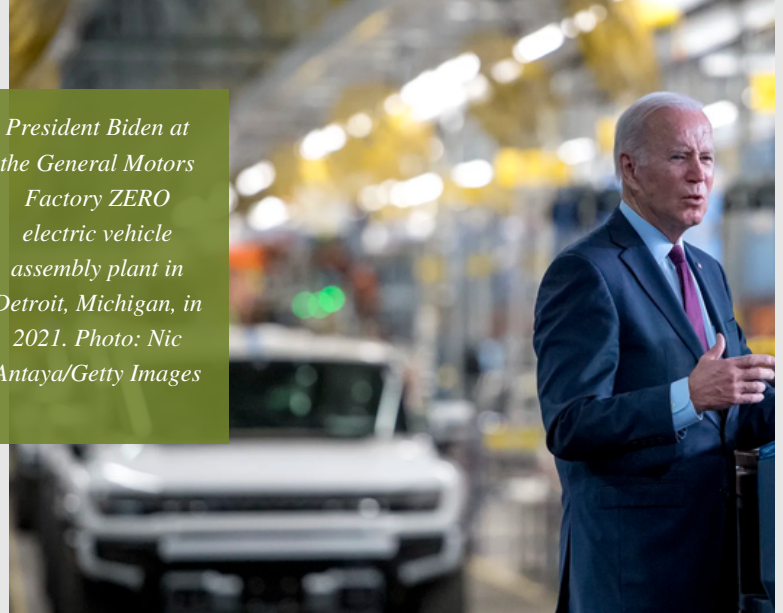
CLEAN TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Stiff EPA emission limits to boost US electric vehicle sales

– The Biden administration is proposing stiff new automobile pollution limits that would require up to two-thirds of new vehicles sold in the U.S. to be electric by 2032, a nearly tenfold increase over current electric vehicle sales.

WHITE HOUSE GUIDEBOOK: This guidebook provides an overview of the clean energy, climate mitigation and resilience, agriculture, and conservation-related tax incentives and investment programs in President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, including who is eligible to apply for funding and for what activities

President Biden at the General Motors Factory ZERO electric vehicle assembly plant in Detroit, Michigan, in 2021. Photo: Nic Antaya/Getty Images



POLICY UPDATES

Biden-Harris Administration Proposes Strongest-Ever Pollution Standards for Cars and Trucks to Accelerate Transition to a Clean-Transportation Future:

- Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles – Phase 3

Given the potential interest by Tribal governments, the Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) we will be offering virtual information sessions on the proposed rule through upcoming regularly scheduled calls hosted by the National Tribal Air Association. If your Tribe has questions about the proposed rule, or would like to engage in individualized government-to-government consultation with EPA, please contact Jessie Mroz at (202)-564-1094 or email at Mroz.Jessica@epa.gov.



POLICY UPDATES

Vehicle Emissions California Waivers and Authorizations

The Clean Air Act allows California to seek a waiver of the preemption which prohibits states from enacting emission standards for new motor vehicles. EPA must grant a waiver, however, before California's rules may be enforced. When California files a waiver request, EPA publishes a notice for public hearing and written comment in the Federal Register.

- [Read More Here](#) about the Federal Register notices that EPA has issued in response to California waiver and authorization requests.

UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES



Join the national conversation on how Tribes are implementing the Clean Air Act in partnership with the U.S. EPA to improve air quality in our communities!

- [Click Here to Register](#)
- [Click Here to Learn More](#)

The Green Transportation Summit & Expo (GTSE) is the West Coast's premier fleet modernization and sustainable transportation event. GTSE offers attendees an inside look at the latest in fleet technologies and innovation and provides informative sessions featuring a who's who of national and regional transportation leaders.

- [Click Here to Register](#) using CODE: DERA-TRIBES
- [Click Here to Learn More](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES

FORTH Roadmap invites participants to connect, engage and learn with leaders in industry, communities, and government agencies.

Forth's annual Roadmap Conference is the leading electric, smart, and shared mobility conference in the United States. The Roadmap Conference is the best place to meet partners and establish new connections with industry professionals, government officials, and public organizations.



- [Click Here To Register](#)
- [Click Here to Learn More](#)



Tribal Leaders, please join us for this historic gathering which will bring together leaders from Tribal and Federal government to catalyze more meaningful and effective dialogue about clean energy siting, interconnection and other critical considerations affecting a just transition.

- To maintain the privacy of our tribal governments, the Summit is not open to the general public. The event is open to tribal leadership from federally and state recognized tribes.
- Up to two tribal leaders may attend at no cost, with travel stipends available for tribes with financial constraints. Tribal leaders may designate up to three additional tribal leaders/members or individuals from supporting organizations to attend for a fee.
- Please see your invitation email for detailed **registration information** and instructions.



UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES

EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Listening Sessions

SUMMARY: EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) will be hosting four public listening sessions on **April 14, April 17, and April 18, and April 20**. At each listening session, EPA will pose questions for feedback. These sessions follow on from the 2022 listening sessions and Request For Information (RFI) and are meant to provide an additional opportunity for input on the CPRG implementation phase after stakeholders have had time to review the CPRG planning grant guidance that was released in March. Note, no new information will be presented by EPA during these sessions. Rather than discussed on these sessions, questions for EPA about the planning phase of the program should be directed to CPRG@epa.gov.

- Registration is required and we will post the slides and a recording on this website after the listening sessions are complete. Spanish translation services will be offered.

WEBINAR SERIES FOR CPRG:

1. Engaging with Communities on CPRG Benefits (identical sessions offered at 2 different times)
 - ***Friday, April 14, 1:00-2:30 PM ET***
 - ***Monday, April 17, 6:00-7:30 PM ET***
2. Maximizing Opportunities for GHG Reductions Through CPRG (identical sessions offered at 2 different times)
 - ***Tuesday, April 18, 3:00-4:40 PM ET***
 - ***Thursday, April 20, 6:00-7:30 PM ET***

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR WEBINARS [CLICK HERE](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

U.S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT PROGRAM

- **DATES:** APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5:00 PM EDT ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **HOW TO APPLY:** [CLICK HERE](#)
- **WEBINAR SERIES FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITY:** WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1:00-2:30 P.M. (EDT), THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1:30-3:00 P.M. (EDT), AND TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1:30-3:00 P.M. (EDT).
- [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR WEBINAR'S](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

U.S DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) FOR CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT ON TRIBAL LANDS

- **DATES:** FULL APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5:00 PM ET ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023
- **CLICK HERE FOR NOI**
- **CLICK HERE HERE TO REGISTER FOR WEBINAR ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITY** : THU, APR 27, 2023 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MST)
- **CONTACT:** TRIBALGRANTS@HQ.DOE.GOV – QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS FOA
EXCHANGEHELP@HQ.DOE.GOV – PROBLEMS WITH IE-EXCHANGE

NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY (NREL): TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; \$50M "ENERGY TO COMMUNITIES" (C2C) PROGRAM

- **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**
- **CONTACT:** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE C2C PROGRAM, PLEASE EMAIL C2C@NREL.GOV.

IF THIS LANDED IN YOUR EMAIL INBOX, YOU HAVE BEEN ADDED TO ITEP'S TCTP LISTSERV! IF YOU WISH TO DISCONTINUE THIS, FEEL FREE TO SEND AN UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST TO RYAN.TSINGINE@NAU.EDU.

