



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 Listening Session Summary Report Now Available!

In February 2023, The Tribal Clean Transportation Program (TCTP) team in collaboration with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) hosted four listening sessions on February 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, 2023. The first goal of the TCTP, engagement, started by listening to Tribes to gain a better understanding of Tribal needs to best determine how best to support Tribes as they explore the path to a successful clean transportation transition. From these listening sessions valuable quantitative and qualitative information was obtained and published in a summary report to guide the new TCTP initiative. The report is available for download on TCTP's website by visiting the following this [TCTP link](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tribalcleantransportation/).



ITEP's TCTP Team Present Report at the 2023 National Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)!

The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) is an annual event hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals that focuses on air quality in Indian Country. This year the TCTP team presented on ITEP's *NEW TCTP* initiative and showcased the listening session summary report to fellow airheads and Tribal government representatives.



TCTP Manger, Andy Bessler, presents at the NTFAQ the needs and challenges of Tribes transitioning to clean transportation

TRIBES DRIVING CLEAN TRANSPORTATION



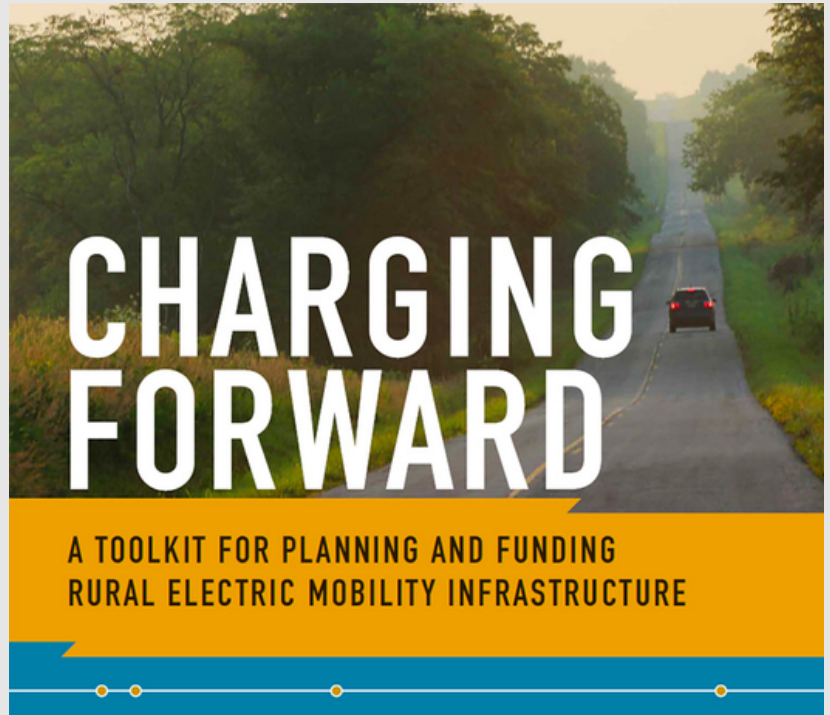
A Yurok transportation driver delivers lunch to a Yurok elder.(Contributed/Teresa Mitchell)

Congratulations to the **Yurok Tribe** for opening a fixed route from Weitchpec to Orleans and Willow Creek. This means passengers will be able to regularly connect to the Humboldt transit system from Willow Creek, eventually reaching Weaverville, Redding, Arcata or the Eureka area. **[Read More Here.](#)**



CLEAN TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Updated Rural EV Infrastructure Toolkit, Available Now! The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) released an update to the Rural Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Toolkit, titled **Charging Forward: A Toolkit for Planning and Funding Rural Electric Mobility Infrastructure**. This much-anticipated update includes new information from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act along with greater focus on Tribal communities and expanded content on electric transit, micro-mobility, and accessible design. **[Read More Here.](#)**



Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$4 Billion Through the Investing in America Agenda for Clean Port Upgrades and Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles to Improve Air Quality and Protect Public Health! The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the initial steps in the development of programs that will invest \$4 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act in our nation's port infrastructure while reducing air pollution and advancing President Biden's commitment to environmental justice. EPA is now seeking public input to inform the development of two new programs. The Clean Ports Program will invest \$3 billion in technologies to reduce harmful air and climate pollutants at U.S. ports and create a zero-emission shipping future. The Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program will invest an additional \$1 billion to reduce vehicle emissions and better protect the health of the people living and working near ports, schools, and other truck routes. **[Read More Here.](#)**

DOT Launches New Tools to Strengthen Communities Through Equitable Transportation Investments! Today, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) released the **Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer** and accompanying **Story Map** to support the agency's implementation of the Justice40 initiative. **The Justice40 initiative**, created by the Biden-Harris Administration through **Executive Order 14008 Tackling the Climate Crises at Home and Abroad**, is a key component in USDOT's efforts to confront and address decades of underinvestment in transportation. **[Read More Here.](#)**



POLICY UPDATES

Proposed Rule: Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles

On April 12, 2023, EPA announced new, more ambitious proposed standards to further reduce harmful air pollutant emissions from light-duty and medium-duty vehicles starting with model year 2027. The proposal builds upon EPA's final standards for federal greenhouse gas emissions standards for passenger cars and light trucks for model years 2023 through 2026 and leverages advances in clean car technology to unlock benefits to Americans ranging from reducing climate pollution, to improving public health, to saving drivers money through reduced fuel and maintenance costs. The proposed standards would phase in over model years 2027 through 2032. [**Read More Here.**](#)

- [**Proposed Rule: Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles \(pdf\)**](#) (4.9 MB, published May 5, 2023)
- To view documents supporting this proposed rulemaking as well as comments submitted, please visit [**regulations.gov**](https://www.regulations.gov) and access the rule under **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0829**.

Proposed Rule: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles – Phase 3

On April 12, 2023, EPA announced a proposal for more stringent standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from heavy-duty (HD) vehicles beginning in model year (MY) 2027. The new standards would be applicable to HD vocational vehicles (such as delivery trucks, refuse haulers, public utility trucks, transit, shuttle, school buses, etc.) and tractors (such as day cabs and sleeper cabs on tractor-trailer trucks). [**Read More Here.**](#)

- [**Proposed Rule: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles - Phase 3 \(pdf\)**](#) (4.0 MB, published April 27, 2023).
- To view documents supporting this proposed rule making as well as comments submitted, please visit [**regulations.gov**](https://www.regulations.gov) and access the rule under **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0985**.
- Written comments on the proposal may be submitted to the docket for this rule through **June 16, 2023**.



UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES

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 FREE](#) using CODE: **DERA-TRIBES**
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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.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formal Grants Amended to Better Support Tribal Entities! The Grid Deployment Office (GDO) today released an amendment to the **Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants**, a \$2.3 billion program supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law designed to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. This amendment increases formula grant allocations for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to better account for the probability of disruptive events on Tribal lands. To encourage participation, GDO also extended the Tribal application deadline to **August 31, 2023**.

This evolving resource page is managed by the Justice40 Accelerator and is intended to unlock resources for environmental and climate justice organizations serving Black and historically disinvested communities to accelerate their brilliant community-led solutions. Here, we offer a steady flow of public Justice40-related funding opportunities, data, and resources and will update it over time. This is especially crucial given the historic, once-in-a-generation level of funding (of the \$2+ trillion, it is estimated that \$500B is tied to 470 **Justice40 covered programs** across 19 federal agencies) that will be flowing over the next decade from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

The U.S. EPA Clean School Bus Program's 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity IS NOW OPEN!

Approximately \$400 million in competitive grant funding is now available under the Clean School Bus (CSB) **Grants Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**. The program is soliciting applications nationwide for a grant competition to fund the replacement of existing school buses with clean and zero-emission (ZE) school buses. Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and tribally controlled schools are eligible that are responsible for: Providing school bus service to one or more Bureau-funded schools, or responsible for the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses; nonprofit school transportation association; and eligible contractors;

All application packages need to be submitted electronically to EPA through Grants.gov no later than Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. (ET) to be considered for funding.

The **Joint Office of Energy and Transportation** provides technical assistance to school districts interested in electrifying their fleet via a partnership with the EPA. Interested stakeholders can contact the office to ask questions regarding the planning and deployment of clean school buses in their communities; potential applicants are encouraged to **contact the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation** for support in working with their utility companies early in the application process.

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