



Spring is winding down and in the South, it already feels like summer is here! It's been a busy time of year with many Drive Electric Earth Day and Hands Across the Sand events all over the Southeast! Thanks to all the EV drivers who came out to share their experiences with the growing number of Americans who are interested in going electric! Here is Skye who drove electric for the first time at the Pensacola Drive Electric Earth Day event!



We hope our newsletter is helpful - please help us keep it going by [chipping in \\$5 or \\$10](#). If you would like to receive our weekly updates on EVs, click here to register.

We also invite you to 'LIKE' Electrify the South on Facebook [@ElectrifytheSouth](#), Twitter [@Electrify\\_South](#), and Instagram [@ElectrifyTheSouth](#) to stay up to date on the latest EV news stories.

Charging forward,

Dory



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## UPDATES



## HIGHLIGHTS



### Hands Across the Sand 2019

On Saturday, May 18, forty-nine coastal communities in the Southeast hosted [Hands Across The Sand](#) events to advocate for clean energy instead of offshore drilling. Coastal residents drew a line in the sand opposing offshore drilling because it threatens our coastal environments and economies and should be phased out, not expanded. Clean energy and electric vehicles are expanding and will help make offshore drilling a relic of the past. To learn more about how electric vehicles can replace offshore drilling, see our [fact sheet here](#).

### EV Road Trip

One misconception about driving electric is that it's not practical for a long road trip. We shattered this myth and wrote a blog about it. The 1,350-mile fully electric road trip in a Tesla Model 3 started in Tampa, Florida and went up to Knoxville, Tennessee, and back. We documented the experience to offer a glimpse into what a road trip with an EV entails. [Check out this blog](#) and [video recap](#) of our electric road trip adventure.

## EVENTS

### Protect Our Coast, Drive Electric

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and partners have launched a new initiative to engage local governments around Florida that have taken action to protect their coasts from the threats of offshore drilling. The ask is that they take the next step by advancing policies that will proactively accelerate the transition to clean electric vehicles. By supporting electric transportation options, coastal municipalities and counties will help their communities preserve and protect their coastal identity, reduce oil demand, mitigate climate change pollution, improve public health and save money. To learn more about the initiative, [click here](#).



Climate Mayors launched the Electric Vehicle (EV) Purchasing Collaborative

### [Protect Our Coast, Drive Electric Webinar](#)

Thursday, June 6

Noon -1 PM ET

Join this webinar to learn more about the new *Protect Our Coast, Drive Electric* campaign and how you, as an individual or organization, can help promote electric vehicle policies in the communities you are involved with. If you can't make the webinar and would like to be involved please contact [Dory Larsen](#) to get connected.

### [Forth Roadmap 12 Conference](#)

June 18-19, 2019

Portland, OR

The Roadmap Conference is the nation's largest and most advanced annual conference on electric and smart mobility. Held each summer in the Pacific Northwest, Roadmap includes nearly 100 national and international speakers, dozens of exhibits, regional smart mobility tours, and high-energy interactive sessions. Expect to make connections with a diverse mix of key leaders in the industry, government, and utilities.

### [The 2019 Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference & Expo](#)

August 7-8

Durham, North Carolina

(Collaborative) to make public fleet electrification more simple and affordable. With the leadership and support of more than 70 cities and counties, 1,400 EVs have been committed for procurement in public fleets by the end of 2020. At the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting this June, Climate Mayors will make a major announcement to highlight these leaders, and ask other municipalities to “step up” near-term commitments for procuring public fleet EVs. Join an upcoming webinar to learn more about the Collaborative, how to get included in the announcement, and to hear from leading public fleets transitioning to EVs. View the [list of upcoming webinars](#) (same presentation offered multiple times) and please contact [Natalia Swalnick](#) for more information.

## RESOURCES

Bloomberg New Energy Finance has released their 2019 Electric Vehicle Outlook. The Electric Vehicle Outlook is an annual long-term forecast of how electrification and shared mobility will impact road transport from now to 2040. This year's report projects that by 2040, 57% of passenger vehicle sales will be electric, up from last year's report.

The 2019 Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference & Expo showcases the latest and greatest in advanced vehicles, fuels, and technologies — including data-driven solutions. This conference is a source of on-the-ground experience for increasing fleet efficiency and sustainability while reducing emissions and costs.

Join them on August 7-8, 2019 in Durham, North Carolina. Come and learn from your peers and experts. Or, join them and share your expertise — opportunities to sponsor, exhibit, and display vehicles are still available.

Register and learn more at [www.sustainablefleetexpo.com](http://www.sustainablefleetexpo.com).

Contact Allison Carr ([akcarr@ncsu.edu](mailto:akcarr@ncsu.edu)) at the NC Clean Energy Technology Center for additional information.

## **DRIVING ON SUNSHINE ROADSHOW**

Coming Soon! Check back next month for details!

They've also added forecasts for the commercial vehicle market. To read the report summary, [click here](#).





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