

New Mobility Deployments and Thoughts on Infrastructure

Greetings!

I am excited to talk about a new round of real-world mobility deployments we are initiating in support of Michigan's Office of Future Mobility and Electrification's Michigan Mobility Funding Platform. Earlier this month, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced \$444K in grant funding from the platform to [GoMUVE](#), [Airspace Link, Inc](#), [KUHMUTE](#), [Michigan Flyer](#), and [GreenRoute](#) to deploy their mobility solutions in Flint, East Lansing, Detroit, SE Michigan, and Washtenaw County. We are excited to initiate these deployments and support our mobility goals in Michigan. Stay tuned for updates on these pilots moving forward. Check out the [Michigan Mobility Funding Platform](#) for more information on the program how to apply.



Jim Saber
President & CEO

As we move into fall, we are hopeful the change in seasons will provide better weather and a chance for people to recover from the latest rounds of severe weather. The NextEnergy team continues to work with our partners to develop strategies and plans for cities and communities to address the impacts of these storms and climate change within their infrastructure. Please look for blog posts from our team on infrastructure in the upcoming weeks and check out some of my thoughts on infrastructure investments within our homes and buildings.

As always, please stay tuned for updates on our work and activities via our website, social media platforms, and as always please feel free to connect with our team.

- Jim

Viewpoints



To Realize Tomorrow's Clean Energy, We Must Invest in Infrastructure Today

By: Jim Saber, CEO, NextEnergy

Over the last few months, many of us have experienced what has seemed like a never-ending series of 100-year and 500-year weather events, which has shown us how important infrastructure is to both our lives and economy. The U.S. Senate recently passed a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, with billions of dollars for public transit, roads and bridges, water, high-speed internet, clean energy, and electric vehicles.

As the leader of a company focused on accelerating the path to clean energy and mobility, I can't deny that the thought of billions of dollars being invested in clean energy and electric vehicles is exciting. While roads, electrical and thermal grids, water and sewer systems, and high-speed communications systems are expensive to construct, operate, and maintain, they are necessary to support our economy and worthy of significant investment.

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What We're Reading

We've asked the NextEnergy team to share the industry-related news, stories and information that have grabbed their attention this month. We hope you find it useful! [For more recommendations, you can explore past editions on our website.](#)



Eric McDonald, Director, Testing and Infrastructure Development

What he's reading: [How to Fix America](#)

Media: Bloomberg CityLab

What makes it interesting: Here are 12 infrastructure projects across The US which could bring us into the 21st century.

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News & Events

Governor Whitmer Announces Grants to Accelerate Mobility and EV Investments in the Michigan



More than \$444,000 in grant funding awarded to test mobility and EV solutions in Flint, East Lansing, Detroit and Southeast Michigan and Washtenaw County.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer was joined by state, local and university officials at Kettering University's GM Mobility Research Center in Flint on September 15, 2021 to announce the first round of [Michigan Mobility Funding Platform](#) grants.

For the full announcement and press release:

[Read more](#)

IoT World Conference 2021

Dates: November 3-4, 2021

IoT World showcases organizations leading the way in IoT adoption, enabling them to propel into a new world of business quicker, with more accurate data, ensuring their business can

thrive through new technology adoptions. [Learn more.](#)

Next-Gen Smart Grid Virtual Summit

Dates: December 9, 2021

This online conference that takes a deep-dive look into key opportunities and challenges facing energy providers in today's changing grid environment. Specific focus is on recent advances in smart grid technology and the latest implementation business models for ensuring grid resiliency, reliability and services flexibility. [Learn more.](#)

Funding Opportunities

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Michigan Mobility Funding Platform

The Michigan Mobility Funding Platform provides grants to mobility and electrification companies looking to deploy their technology solutions in Michigan. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Catalyst Communities: EGLE's Energy Efficiency Programs and Funding

Dates: October 6, 2021

Hear from EGLE's Energy Services staff about energy efficiency initiatives happening in communities throughout Michigan. Plus, learn about EGLE's current energy efficiency programs and funding opportunities that could help support energy waste reduction projects in your community. [Learn more.](#)

FY21 Advanced Manufacturing Office Multi-Topic FOA

Dates: November 5, 2021

To drive manufacturing innovation, spur job creation, and enhance manufacturing competitiveness, the Advanced Manufacturing Office (AMO) supports applied research, development, and demonstration in crosscutting, platform technologies to decarbonize the industrial sector and promote the development and growth of a resilient manufacturing sector for multiple emerging clean energy fields. [Learn more.](#)

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