

Moving to a Cleaner and Smarter Future

Greetings,

Summer is finally here and the NextEnergy team has kicked off the summer with new programs and demonstrations!

I am happy to share with you the public launch of MiNextCities!

NextEnergy is working with the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy, 3 great cities, and Public Sector Consultants to develop a guide for planning for carbon neutrality, leveraging new technologies, and creating new policies which will improve the quality of life for people who live, work, and visit our communities.

For more information on this initiative, please reach out to [Kate Bell](#), our MiNextCities program manager, and you can stay up to date on our progress at www.minextcities.org.

Please check out [Lauren Mattar's blog](#) about smarter and cleaner solutions that are also accessible.

Earlier this month, [Airspace Link](#) demonstrated their technology within [the Michigan Mobility Funding Platform](#). In partnership with Beaumont Health Spectrum Health and Mission Go, Airspace Link conducted test deliveries using a drone to transport medical packages. This drone delivery project is one of the first in the state and a critical step in the process of helping Michigan become a leader in the drone space.

Please stay tuned for new program, team, and partnership announcements as we move into the summer. As always, feel free to reach out to the NextEnergy team to learn more about our work and programs to accelerate cleaner, smarter, and more accessible communities and cities.

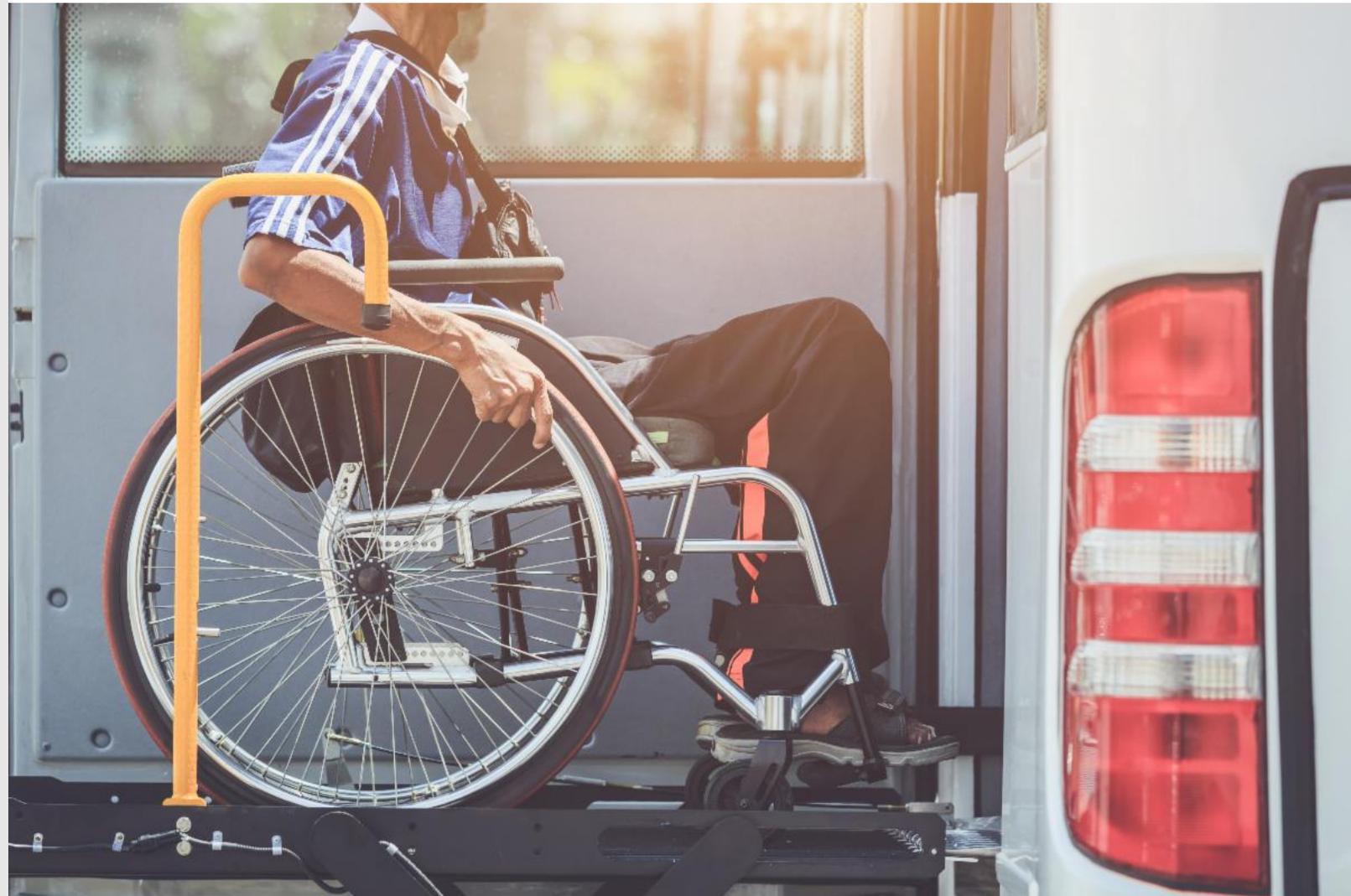
Thanks,

- Jim



Jim Saber
President & CEO

Viewpoints



Highlighting Accessible Mobility Solutions

By: Lauren Mattar, Technical Program Manager

As the world moves to smarter and cleaner solutions, our organization works to create solutions that are accessible. Accessibility is a key focus area for the Michigan Mobility Funding Platform (MMFP), a priority evidenced by the multiple grant winners that have projects focused on accessible mobility solutions.

Launched by the Office of Future Mobility and Electrification (OFME), in partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the

Michigan Mobility Funding Platform provides grants to mobility and electrification organizations looking to deploy solutions in the state of Michigan. NextEnergy is a proud partner of the

Michigan Mobility Funding Platform and shares in the excitement around these accessible mobility projects.

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.](#)



Latonya Binford, Senior Accountant

What she's reading: [Global Smart Cities Market Size, Share & Trends Analysis Report 2022-2030: Focus on Smart Utilities, Governance, Building, Transportation](#)

Media: Business Wire

What makes it interesting: The global smart cities market size is expected to reach USD 6,965.02 billion by 2030, registering a CAGR of 24.2%. The market is currently witnessing high investment for smart security, smart metering for water and utilities, smart mobility, and integrated traffic management systems.

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News & Events

Airspace Link Enables First Real-World Medical Package Delivery Operations In Michigan



DETROIT, June 27, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- [Airspace Link](#), a leading provider of digital drone safety infrastructure services, announced today the completion of a successful 10-day flight operation showcasing a real-world drone transportation program for the movement of critical medical items; the first of its kind in Southeast Michigan.

Armed with a [Michigan Mobility Funding Grant](#) from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Office of Future Mobility and Electrification, Airspace Link brought together drone operator [MissionGO](#), Beaumont Health, and metropolitan Detroit community leaders to

operator MissionEO, Beaumont Health, and metropolitan Detroit community leaders to execute Michigan's first real-world package delivery operations via UAS (Uncrewed Aircraft System or "drone")

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Funding Opportunities

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[EGLE recycling grant opportunities for 2022](#)

A total of \$15 million is currently available for recycling grant projects in fiscal year 2022. These grants, enabled by the Renew Michigan Fund, are important mechanism for achieving EGLE's priorities of equitable and inclusive support to all Michigan communities and businesses, and the grants support Governor Gretchen Whitmer's climate change priorities through measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

[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.](#)

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