

Funding for Real World Mobility Deployments

Greetings!

I hope all is well and you are enjoying the autumn weather as we head into the holiday season. I'm very excited to share an update on the Michigan Mobility Funding Platform. On November 3rd, [our team participated in a webinar](#) with Michigan's Office of Future Mobility and Electrification and NewLab. This info session provided tips and best practices for submitting an application to the [Michigan Mobility Funding Platform](#). Participants were also able to connect with other companies and Michigan partners to explore collaborations.



Jim Saber
President & CEO

The MMFP is a great funding opportunity that provides grants to mobility and electrification companies looking to deploy their technology solutions in the state of Michigan. Check out the [blog below where NextEnergy's Tim Slusser, interviews Charlie Tyson of OFME](#) about the MMFP. To learn more about this program and how you can participate, contact us. The current round of applications closes on December 31st, 2021.

I'm also excited to announce that we're looking for another team member to join us in our mobility work. NextEnergy is currently recruiting a Technical Program Manager, Mobility. Interested candidates can check out the job [here](#).

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





The MMFP - More Than Just A Funding Platform

By: Tim Slusser, Director-Smart Mobility Initiatives
NextEnergy & Charlie Tyson, Technology Activation Manager
Office of Future Mobility and Electrification

This month, NextEnergy's Tim Slusser sat down with Charlie Tyson of the Office of Future Mobility and Electrification to discuss the Michigan Mobility Funding Platform and how it can help companies establish themselves in the state. [Read more.](#)



Seeking A Better Grade

By: Eric McDonald, Director, Testing & Infrastructure Development,
NextEnergy

The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE's) 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure gives the nation a C- for its roads, bridges, railways, schools, dams, water and sewer systems, and energy systems.¹ The most recent state-level report card from 2018 gave Michigan's infrastructure a D+.² The ASCE report card defines a C as "mediocre, requires attention," and a D as "poor, at risk."³ No B's (defined as "good, adequate for now") were awarded to any category within either the national or state report card. All our infrastructure was rated at a C or lower. Trying to outlast the problem will only increase the cost for future generations to fix the compounding deterioration. [Read more.](#)

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.](#)



Kate Bell, Program Manager, Smart Cities

What she's reading: [The Build Back Better Act wants you to buy an electric car. An electric bike? Not so much.](#)

Media: Fast Company

What makes it interesting: This article highlights tensions that arise among clean mobility supporters when it comes to structuring incentives to increase adoption of electric-powered transit options. While electric vehicles would reduce transportation-related emissions, reliance on cars carries additional negative impacts such as congestion and pedestrian fatalities which could be mitigated by prioritizing alternative transit modes (including e-bikes). The Build Back Better plan's focus on subsidizing EVs without providing similar considerations for e-bikes or scooters demonstrates that a cultural shift towards a robust multi-modal transportation system has yet to dawn.

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News & Events

NextEnergy is Hiring!

We're looking for a [Technical Program Manager, Mobility](#) to join NextEnergy.

In this exciting role, you will support NextEnergy's mobility practice through the execution of programs designed to accelerate smart, clean, accessible solutions for communities and cities under the leadership of the Director, Technology Development.

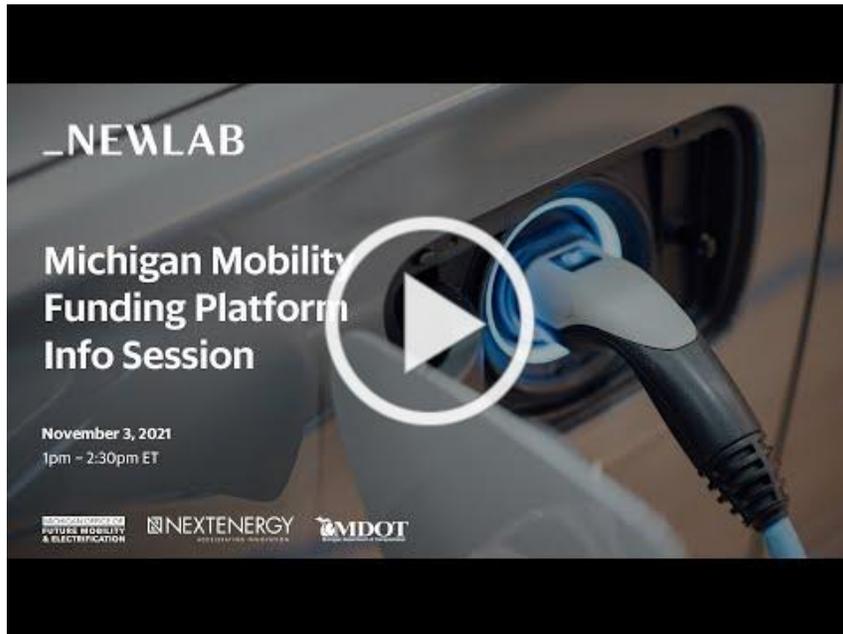
You'll work with technology companies, business stakeholders, public agencies, and NextEnergy partners to launch and manage demonstrations of technologies that help demonstrate and commercialize next-generation mobility technologies and business models.



[Apply Here](#)

In Case You Missed It!

Michigan Mobility Funding Platform Info Session Recap



The Office of Future Mobility and Electrification (OFME) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) launched the [Michigan Mobility Funding Platform \(MMFP\)](#) to provide grants to mobility and electrification companies looking to deploy their technology solutions in the state of Michigan.

Newlab is supporting the MMFP in building a robust pipeline of potential grantees and proposes partnering with the OFME to host an Info Session, which is an opportunity to share the program goals and offerings with interested startups, answer questions, offer application tips, and facilitate networking opportunities between startups and potentially with Michigan stakeholders.

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E-Mobility Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Conference

Dates: November 17-18, 2021

The E-Mobility Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Conference will explore and facilitate real conversations about strategies and best practices for engaging diverse communities often hit first and worst by air pollution. [Learn more.](#)

2021 Future of Mobility Conference: "The Electrification of Vehicles"

Dates: November 18-19, 2021

The Auto & Mobility Club at Ross presents the 6th annual Future of Mobility Conference & Case Competition, with this year's theme being "The Electrification of Vehicles." [Learn more.](#)

Funding Opportunities

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[\(RFI\) Technology Advancements for Subsurface Exploration for Renewable Energy Resources or Carbon Storage](#)

The purpose of this RFI is to solicit input for a potential future ARPA-E research program focused on technologies that enable high-resolution, wide-area subsurface mapping in order to identify opportunities for renewable energy technologies and the future low-carbon economy. [Learn more.](#)

[TSERDP FY 2023 Solicitations](#)

The SERDP Exploratory Development (SEED) Solicitation provides funding opportunities for work that will investigate innovative environmental approaches that entail high technical risk or require supporting data to provide proof of concept. [Learn more.](#)

[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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