

The Sierra Club's Clean Transportation for All Campaign

The Sierra Club is the country's oldest and largest environmental organization. Together, we are a powerful collective of nearly 4 million changemakers dedicated to making a better tomorrow for our families, our friends, and our planet.

Together, we hold the power to advance climate solutions; act as allies in the fight for justice; restore the unmet promise of our democracy; and protect our lands, water, air, and wildlife. Together, we remain committed to the fight for a healthy climate built on a foundation of environmental, racial, economic, and gender justice—a future where all people benefit from a healthy thriving planet and a direct connection to nature.

The Sierra Club's Clean Transportation for All campaign's mission is to decarbonize the transportation sector by 2050. We are working to tackle the climate crisis and clean the air by shifting to clean, pollution-free vehicles and making our communities more walkable, bikeable, and transit friendly.

Over the years, our team of over 30 staff and dozens of volunteers nationwide have successfully advocated to defend and strengthen clean car and truck standards; increase electric vehicle (EV) rebates and incentives as well as investments in charging infrastructure; and expand access to public transit.

Why do we need clean transportation?

Each year, passenger cars and trucks spew upwards of three trillion tons of carbon pollution into the air by burning over 120 billion gallons of gasoline. This makes the transportation sector the largest source of climate-disrupting emissions in the United States, and a major contributor to air pollution. Both climate and air pollution impact low-income communities and communities of color the worst and hardest.

To address this, we must urgently switch to driving zero-emission cars, trucks, and buses. Today there are over 41 electric passenger vehicles that can travel 125 miles

to 300 miles per charge. Transit agencies and school districts are adopting electric buses to ensure that their passengers have a clean commute. And states across the country are committing to zero-emission medium- and heavy-trucks to slash freight emissions.

Even accounting for the emissions from the electricity that powers them—which are decreasing as our energy supply transitions to renewables—electric vehicles are much cleaner than gas-powered vehicles. They even save people money over the lifespan of the vehicle when compared with fossil fuel-powered vehicles. After years of attacks on clean cars by the previous administration, the Biden administration is committed to a transition to electric vehicles. This is a critical time to get involved in the push to clean up our transportation system.

How can you help?

The Sierra Club has a presence in every state. Local Sierra Club chapters are making tremendous impacts in their communities by advocating for increased electric vehicle adoption to clean our air and combat the climate crisis, and working for a more equitable transportation system with better public transit and safer walking and biking infrastructure. You can get involved with the campaign by connecting with a Sierra Club chapter near you. See the full list here: sierraclub.org/chapters

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