



## SacEV News Flash

### Sacramento Author of "The Dragon-Powered School Bus"



Henry loves showing school bus driver Miss Leona his Dragon-Style Battle Cards. But his asthma attacks are keeping him out of school. Is the smoke from her bus making his asthma worse? Is there an alternative to that polluting bus?

This heart-warming story will help second to fifth graders learn about asthma, how EVs and renewable energy can help the environment, and how caring, committed people can change the world. If you have or know a young child or know a teacher, here's a book to share with them.

The author, Louie Dias, is a retired middle school and high school science teacher in the Sacramento area.

Learn more at [Dragon-Powered School Bus](#) and [about the author](#).

### Unprecedented Climate Change for Young People



Under current global climate policies, people under 40 today face a future of climate disasters, with disproportionate rates of flooding, heat waves, droughts, wildfires, and crop failures, according to a study published in the *Journal of Science*.

[Young people face a dire future](#)

### EV Provisions in Budget Reconciliation Bill

The Build Back Better Act (the Budget Reconciliation Bill) being considered in the U.S. Congress currently includes:

- \$10 billion for qualified electric transportation projects, charging infrastructure, battery recycling, port electrification, and electric airport ground support vehicles
- \$5 billion for federal fleet electrification, including non-tactical defense vehicles
- \$7 billion for USPS fleet electrification
- \$5 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency to purchase clean, heavy-duty vehicles
- \$3.5 billion for the EPA to install zero-emission technology at ports
- \$2 billion for the Department of Energy's program to build EV infrastructure at workplaces, multi-unit housing structures, and publicly accessible locations
- \$1 billion for the DOE to establish an Electric Vehicle Charging Equity Program, including technical support, education, and outreach in disadvantaged communities
- \$10 million to purchase EVs for the District of Columbia



The bill's final provisions and its fate in Congress are still uncertain.

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## Ford to Spend \$11 Billion for New EV Plants



Ford Motor Company has gone "all-in on electric vehicles" with its announcement of an \$11 billion investment in new plants. The commitment, which is the single biggest investment in the history of the automaker, will pay for a massive new assembly plant in West Tennessee for Ford's all-electric F-Series trucks. The company will also build three battery plants in Tennessee and Kentucky in a joint venture with a South Korean company. The projects are expected to create 11,000 jobs.

Phoebe Wall Howard, Detroit Free Press

## Tesla on the Move



Tesla Chief Executive Elon Musk announced that the electric carmaker plans to move its headquarters from Palo Alto, California to Austin, Texas. The company is building a massive car and battery manufacturing complex in Austin.

[Reuters News, Tesla to Move](#)

## Join the National Electric Auto Association



When you join other SacEV members as national Electric Auto Association members, you are part of the national grass-roots community advocating for EVs in the USA. The national EAA is critically important to SacEV as it handles our administrative chores (tax filings, non-profit status, banking service, insurance, legal help, etc.) and provides value, such as webinars and the two nationwide events: National Drive Electric Week and Drive Electric Earth Day.

Your SacEV leadership team relies on these services, so we encourage you to join the national organization for the small sum of \$35 annually. You will also be able to keep current with the latest developments in the rapidly changing world of electric vehicles in our regular Current Events e-blog. This blog is full-color, available 24/7 on-line from your desktop, laptop, smartphone, or however you access the internet.

Your membership provides value to you, our local SacEV chapter, and you become a member of this critical national movement. **Please join NOW.** You may also send a check payable to the Electric Auto Association, c/o Guy Hall, 8325 Walden Woods Way, Granite Bay, CA 95746.

## More SacEV Events Are Coming Up

Check the [SacEV calendar](#) for the latest EV-related activities.

If you've missed a Newsletter and for more information about the Sacramento Electric Auto Association visit our [website](#).

