

Let's support City & County Climate Action with new federal funds!

Hello Everyone! THANKS for your RSVP to join us tonight along with 40 other metro city and county leaders!

City-County Climate Action with Federal Funds www.rccmn.co/build-back-better/

Monday November 15 6:30pm to 8:00pm Here's our

- Zoom Link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5156358735?pwd=K1FMVGdjVHJvVlc5UHhDSHpWNnhjUT09>
- Our Resources for tonight will be posted here <http://rccmn.co/nov-15-build-back-better/>
- Here is our [Notes Google Doc](#) for tonight - Thanks for a person in each breakout typing your group's notes here!

Please invite other interested citizen & commission volunteers, staff and elected leaders from your city and county to join us tonight **Mon Nov 15 @ 6:30pm** [RSVP](#) &/or on **Thurs Dec 2 1:00pm** [RSVP](#) or **6:30pm** [RSVP rccmn.co/build-back-better/](http://rccmn.co/build-back-better/)

THANKS! **Sean Gosiewski**, Executive Director, RCC, 612 250-0389 sean@rccmn.co www.rccmn.co

City-County Climate Action with Federal ARPA & Infrastructure Funds

Monday November 15 6:30pm to 8:00pm [Please RSVP](#) [Zoom Link](#) [Face Book](#)

Explore with volunteers active with City Commissions & citizen coalition ways our cities & invest Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds & new Infrastructure funds to advance low carbon energy, buildings, transportation, economic recovery, affordable housing, & green jobs..

Agenda <http://rccmn.co/nov-15-build-back-better/>

6:30pm New Opportunities for City & County Climate Action RCC [updates](#), [Cities Climate Emergency](#), Hennepin Co. [Climate Action Plan](#) MPCA [City Climate Action Resources](#) Update on Federal [APRA](#) & [Infrastructure](#) Funds

7:00pm County Cluster Conversations – share introductions & your city's 2021 actions, 2022 next steps & resources you seek. www.rccmn.co/county-clusters/ Any synergies with federal funds?

7:30pm Topic Conversations – Energy/Buildings, Transportation, Resilience, Green Jobs. Which **high impact actions** are your cities doing or planning? www.rccmn.co/high-impact-actions/ Any synergies with federal Infrastructure funds? www.rccmn.co/topics/infrastructure-bill-mn/



City-County Climate Action with Federal Infrastructure & Build Back Better Funds

Thursday December 2 Conversation [Zoom Link](#) – Join us at 1pm or 6:30pm

with city & county staff, elected & citizen leaders. [AGENDA](#) [Face Book](#)

Please RSVP to receive the change of date if BBB funds are not yet approved

Thurs 12/2 1pm to 2:30pm [Zoom Call](#) [RSVP](#) **Thurs 12/2 6:30pm to 8:00pm** [Zoom Call](#) [RSVP](#)

- **Briefing/Q & A on Federal Infrastructure funding for MN & Build Back Better Climate Funding** - Dr. Peter Wyckoff, Energy & Environment Advisor, Office of Senator Tina Smith
- **Topic Conversations** – Transportation (E.V. Infrastructure, transit) Renewable Energy, Energy Efficient Housing, Climate Resilience, Green Jobs/Workforce Development



Dr. Peter Wyckoff, staff of Senator Tina Smith



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[Ask your Congress Member to Approve the Build Back Better Package](#)

Contact your MN Representative & Senators this week to approve the Build Back Better package

- Including the proposed [555 billion in Climate Investments](#)
- MN Congress Members mn.gov/portal/government/federal/minnesota-delegation.jsp
- Update on Vote in Congress www.nytimes.com/live/2021/11/05/us/biden-spending-infrastructure-bill

MN Cities to Declare a Climate Emergency Local governments of all sizes, and in all regions of MN will join in [declaring a Climate Emergency](#) in January calling for immediate action at all levels of government to address the climate crisis. Citizen leaders and youth are invited to support your City Council pass the resolution & join the effort! Contact Larry Kraft, SLP Council Member, larrykraft@gmail.com or Lola Schoenrich, GPI lschoenrich@gpsid.net

- Informational webinar [video recording](#), [PDF of slides](#), and [Google Slides version](#)
- [1-pager campaign overview](#) (includes list of communities pursuing this)
- [Declaration / Resolution template](#) (for customization)
- [Form](#) to give status updates on your progress (or send an email)





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RCC Network Updates rccmn.co/blog/

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WELCOME to RCC's new Board Members

- **Ian Oundo** Member, Coon Rapids, Sustainability Commission,
- **Huda Ahmed** (Blaine) Founder, Transformational Solutions ,
- **Daniel Katzenberger** Member, Eden Prairie Sustainability Commission,
- **Leo Ndiaye** (Mpls) Coordinator, MN BIPOC Local Elected Leaders Network,
- **Mia Simpson** (Mpls) Member, NENA & Richfield Arts Commission,



A BIG THANK YOU to our outgoing Founding Board Members - Jenifer Munt, Phil Muessig, Robert Blake, Asad Aliweyd and Tatyana Nelima!

THANKS for supporting RCC's work with gift in November &/or sustaining monthly gifts <http://rccmn.co/donate/> www.givemn.org/organization/Resilientcitiesandcommunities

Introducing our Network's new name **Resilient Communities Coalition** rccmn.co/about/

Our New Focus - RCC supports citizens to work with their cities to make real progress every year to achieve our 2030 & 2050 climate goals on time rccmn.co/the-network/ by

- 1. Cultivating grassroots support for city and county action and effective city teams**
 - **Maintaining a Directory** of Local [Citizen Coalitions](#) and [Sustainability Commissions](#)
 - **Mentoring** new Citizen Coalitions & Sustainability & Human Rights Commissions
- 2. Hosting County Clusters** to support city/county collaborative implementation.
 - **Networking calls** citizen coalition & city commission volunteers sharing successes
 - **Annual city/county climate action check ins** – (in 2022) citizens, cities, counties & topic teams sharing their actions & accomplishments, tracking [GHG emission](#) reduction & planning city/county next steps to stay on track to meet 2030 climate goals.
- 3. Maintaining a Clearinghouse** – to strengthen our “hive mind” & support more cities to adopt proven actions
 - **Sharing resources**, best practices & model ordinances among **citizen coalitions & cities**
 - **Topic-resource people** supporting cities to take [high impact city actions](#), for
 - [Clean Energy](#) [Efficient Buildings](#) [Low Carbon Transportation](#) & [Resilience](#)
 - **Encouraging cities to join the MPCA's new “climate step” program**
 - **Co-sponsoring** Annual Environmental Commissions Conferences
 - **Connecting** the [MN BIPOC Local Elected Leaders](#) & [Youth](#) & [Commission](#) leader networks



Minnetonka Climate Initiative



Empowering citizens



MN BIPOC Local Elected Network



#BuildBackBetter

Support RCC's work on GIVE MN DAY Thursday Nov 18

RCC supports citizen teams to work with their cities to make real progress every year to equitably achieve our 2030 & 2050 climate goals on time!

Thanks for making a donation at rccmn.co/donate/ during November to support RCC's volunteers & staff who are connecting & supporting local volunteers active in citizen coalitions and City Commissions in 40 cities across MN working with their City Councils & staff to accelerate equitable local climate action. www.givemn.org/organization/Resilientcitiesandcommunities





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RCC November Cities & Counties Climate Action Calendar www.rccmn.co/topics/rcc-november-updates/

Please send us your updates & resources to share in the future! THANKS Sean 612 250-0389 sean@rccmn.co

- **Wed Nov 17 Noon Debriefing COP26 with J. Drake Hamilton**, (Zoom) [RSVP](#) [Event Page](#) Fresh Energy [COP26 Blog](#)
- **Fri Nov 19 9am to 11am on Zoom Ramsey County Green Jobs Green Futures Virtual Summit** [Register for Event](#) Join us to build a shared understanding of the green jobs ecosystem in our region & how to access career pathways & opportunities.
- **Transportation** - Help shape **Metro Transit's Zero-Emission Bus Transition Plan** by completing this [short survey](#).
- **GreenStep Workshops (Nov 17 9am Parking)** www.eventbrite.com/o/minnesota-greenstep-cities-and-tribal-nations-18017175524
- **Recorded Workshops** mngreenstepcities.blogspot.com Sept Equitable Engagement Oct Commissions & Sustainability
- **New Guides** [2021 Green Team Guide](#) [Addressing the Sustainability Gap in the Development Process](#)

MN Update - [Share your ideas with the Governor's Climate Sub Cabinet](#)

Federal Update- [Funding for MN in the Federal Infrastructure Bill](#)

Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Investments in Minnesota

<http://rccmn.co/topics/infrastructure-bill-mn/> [Fact Sheet](#)

[Minnesota readies for billions from infrastructure bill](#) Star Tribune NOV 13, 2021 By Hunter Woodall and Briana Bierschbach



Minnesota – where the Infrastructure Dollars will go

- **Roads and Bridges** – In MN: \$4.5 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs, \$302 million on bridges.
- **Public Transit** – In MN: About \$818 million to improve our public transportation
- **Passenger and Freight Rail** – In MN: No projected funding.
- **Electric Vehicles** – In MN: About \$68 million for an electric vehicle charging network.
- **Internet Access** – In MN: about \$100 million
- **Electric Grid** – In MN: No projected funding.
- **Airports** – In MN: About \$297 million
- **Water and Waste Water** – In MN: \$680 million over five years to improve water infrastructure