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Now a look at President Biden's plans on climate change from two perspectives.

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Judy, a fundamental piece of that plan is getting people to buy electric vehicles and other so-called zero emission vehicles.

Before driving around the White House grounds in an electric jeep, President Biden said he wants half of all new vehicles sold in 2030 to be zero emission cars and trucks.

They're a vision of the future that is now beginning to happen, a future of the automobile industry that is electric, battery electric, plug-in hybrid electric, fuel cell electric. It's electric.

And there's no turning back. The question is whether we will lead or fall behind in the race for the future.

Now, the plan is dependent on the infrastructure bill, which includes \$7.5 billion for new charging stations around the country. The government would set tougher fuel standards as well. Automakers are expected to have to meet an average of 52 miles per gallon for new passenger vehicles by 2026.

For some perspective on all of this, we turn to two to two people deeply immersed in the challenges ahead.

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