

Clean Fuels / Electric Bus Options and HB 2017 Public Input

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TRI 6 MET Why Zero-Emission Fleet?

- Zero tailpipe emissions
- Quieter
- Lower maintenance costs
- State, regional & local policy for clean energy
- Industry movement
- Battery electric best now, but new technologies on horizon



Growing Alternative Fuels



U.S. Transit Buses by Fuel Type



Growth in Alternatives

Percent Change 2008-2015



TRI MET US Transit Agency BEB Experience

- 21 transit agencies in the US with BEB experience – most with less than 10 buses
- Agencies with most experience:
 - Antelope Valley Transportation Authority: 77 buses, full conversion by 2018
 - Foothill Transit: 17 buses, 13 more on order
 - King County Metro: 120 BEBs by 2020
 - IndyGo: 21 buses, 13 more on order



Figure 2. U.S. zero emission bus cumulative sales and awards. Source: Center for Transportation and the Environment.

Source: TCRP Synthesis 130: Battery Electric Buses State of the Practice



TriMet Alternative Fuel Plan

- Two pronged strategy:
 - Short term: Apply for federal funding
 - Longer term: Develop comprehensive plan for conversion to non-diesel fleet
- 5 "fast charge" buses arriving this fall
- Application for 5 "slow charge"
- Prepare NRV strategy



Comprehensive Plan

- Consultant report
- HB 2017 opportunity
 - ~\$50-55m per year additional resources
 - Legislative language
- Adopt comprehensive plan this fall
- Build battery electric bus into new/remodeled facilities



Key Considerations

- Short term vs long term
- Experienced vs new manufacturers
- Improving technology & price
- 14 year bus vs 16 year bus
- Fast charge vs slow charge
- Maintenance cost savings
- Space
- Inability to borrow directly against HB2017



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Baseline Costs Analysis

Costs and Credits to TriMet

- 1. Diesel Fuel Costs
- 2. Electricity Costs
- 3. Maintenance
- 4. Vehicle Purchase
- 5. Charger Infrastructure
- 6. Clean Fuel Credits
- 7. Renewable Identification Number (RIN) Credits

Social Costs

- 1. Emissions (Tailpipe and From Grid)
- 2. Noise

TriMet Role



Confidence Level Assessment

	Pessimistic	Moderate	OPTIMISTIC	Highest Confidence Decision
ACCOUNTING	\$2018	\$2018	\$2018	\$2018
DISCOUNT RATE	3%	3%	3%	3%
BEB LIFETIME	14 yrs	16 yrs	16 yrs	16 yrs
FINAL FLEET SIZE	981	981	981	981
DIESEL FUEL PRICE TREND	2% annual growth	4.34% annual growth	6.5% annual growth	2.00% annual growth
RINS CREDITS	None	Half value	Full value	None
Maintenance savings	5%	20%	25%	20%
Charger maintenance (each)	\$200/year	\$200/year	\$200/year	\$200/year

Legend

 Very confident
 Confident
 Less Confident
 Very Unconfident



Confidence Level Assessment

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ELECTRIC BUS PRICE DECLINE	Follows CARB s most pessimistic slow charge bus projection	Follows the average trend of CARB s slow charge bus projections	Follows the trend of the California Air Resources Board s (CARB) most optimistic slow charge bus projection	Follows the average trend of CARB s slow charge bus projections
BUS PURCHASE COST	\$1,087,322	\$1,008,794	\$930,267	\$1,008,794
CHARGER COST (DEPOT)	\$85,122	\$68,909	\$64,855	\$68,909
CHARGER:BUS RATIO	1:2	1:2	1:2	1:2
% PEAK CHARGING	25%	25%	25%	25%
ENERGY PER MILE	2.57 kWh per mi	2.362 kWh per mi	2.20 kWh per mi	2.362 kWh per mi
CLEAN FUEL CREDIT VALUE	\$50 per credit	\$100 per credit	\$150 per credit	\$100 per credit



Cumulative Net Cost or Savings of Choosing Electric Fleet over Diesel Fleet



All costs are shown in 2018 dollars.



Near Term Strategy

- 5 fast charge buses on line this fall
- Apply for federal grant for 5 slow charge buses
- Produce alternative fuels strategy
- Work with HB2017 advisory committee to develop funding plan
- Incorporate charging into Powell Garage Plan



Investment Allocation Proposal







HB2017 Planning Timeline





New Flyer Fast Charge Bus

