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### Fuel Cell Electric Buses – Building Infrastructure

Workshop on Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles and Infrastructure Deployment CEC – Sacramento October 25, 2019

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### **About CTE**





- Mission: To advance clean, sustainable, innovative transportation and energy technologies
- 501(3)(c) non-profit engineering and planning firm
- Portfolio >\$500 million
  - Research, demonstration, transition planning, deployment
  - 86 Active Projects Totaling over \$300 million
- Focused on Zero-Emission Technologies
- National Presence

Atlanta, Berkeley, Los Angeles, Minneapolis/St. Paul

# **Zero-Emission Projects**





ZEB Planning Projects
ZEB Deployment Projects

## **Fuel Cell Electric and H<sub>2</sub> Projects**

- Class 6 Trucks
- Class 8 Drayage Trucks
- Marine Cargo Top Loader
- 40' and 60' Transit Buses
- HD and LD H<sub>2</sub> Stations















### Worldwide Acceptance: 2,000 by 2020





Over 10 million miles of proven service worldwide; 3 million miles at AC Transit and over 1 million at SunLine Transit.

# **Operational Efficiency**





# **FCEB Advantages**



300-350 miles

### Proven range



### Significant reduction in vehicle weight

(carry more passengers)



# Rapid refueling speeds

(6 to 10 minutes)



1:1 replacement of conventional vehicles

## Durability: >32,000 Hours/2.98 Million Miles

AC Transit 9/17/2019											
Bus	Fuel Cell Hours	Vehicle Miles									
	Life to Date	Life to Date									
FC4	25 <i>,</i> 950	244,893									
FC5	26,090	247,302									
FC6	26,689	218,522									
FC7 <sup>1</sup>	11,258	229,171									
FC8	25,043	180,648									
FC9	25,840	223,868									
FC10	28,506	258,762									
FC11	29,066	255,762									
FC12 <sup>2</sup>	5,428	246,248									
FC13	18,368	177,104									
FC14	29,828	250,144									
FC15	25,025	207,222									
FC16	29,630	234,562									
TOTALS	306,721	2,974,208									
Average	25,592	228,785									

NOTE: FC7 and FC12 fuel cells were manufactured by UTC in 2003, 14 years ago with an expected EOL of 5,000 hours. The other 11 fuel cells were manufactured by UTC in 2008 and 2009.

\* LDV Station converted to Messer commercial station as of September 2018. AC Transit stopped recording fuel dispensed as of May 2018.

Fuel Cell on FC7 retired on 5/14/18 with 32,134 hrs.
 Fuel Cell on FC12 retired 11/21/18 with 25,969 hrs.





### **New Flyer XHE40 Performance**



	AC Transit 54 Line Service														
Date	Run	Time Out	Time In	Odometer	Run Time	Miles Run	Miles Run (kg)*		Miles per DGE (1.13)	Projected Range Based on 36 kg of Useable H2	Approximate Battery-Only Range				
4/10/19	54-0002	7:04 AM	10:42 PM	1697.4											
4/11/19	54-0002	7:04 AM	10:42 PM	1896.3	15:46 hrs	198.9	23.8	8.36	9.44	300.9	10 to 20				
4/12/19	54-2002	7:04 AM	10:42 PM	2098.3	15:46 hrs	202	22.4	9.02	10.19	324.6	10 to 20				
4/13/19	54-2002	7:04 AM	10:42 PM	2298.5	15:46 hrs	200.2	20.9	9.58	10.82	344.8	10 to 20				

Footnotes

\* Three different drivers. Variation in fuel consumption based on how different drivers drive and ambient temperature.

### **AC Transit**

- Load = 17 Average; 34 Max
- 300 to 344 miles on H2
- 20 miles on battery

### <u>OCTA</u>

- Seated Load (40)
- 330 miles on H<sub>2</sub>
- 20 miles on battery









### NEED

Transit agencies will need **both** Battery-Electric and Fuel Cell Electric Buses (FCEBs) to meet the California Air Resources Board goal of 100% zero emission buses by 2040.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Drive down the capital cost of North American FCEBs to the point where they are commercially viable for transit properties seeking zero-emission solutions — \$850,000/bus.

### ACTION

Four or more transit agencies in northern and southern California, **purchasing up to 25 FCEBs** each, and installing hydrogen fueling stations and facility upgrades where needed.

### **Driving Price Down**



#### Source: New Flyer Industries





	100-Bus Initiative Timeline																		
	Task Summary	Responsibilty	2019			2020				2021				2022					
Task			1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	
			JFM	A M J	J A S	O N D	J F M	A M J	J A S	O N D	J F M	A M J	J A S	O N D	J F M	A M J	J A S	O N D	
1	GGRF FY 19-20 Budget Adoption	CARB/CEC	I.D. Grant Funds																
2	Setup Consortium Partners	CTE/Transit	Transit Agencie				es												
3	Secure CARB and CEC Grant Funding	CTE/CARB/CEC					CARB/CEC Funding												
4	Select Bus OEM(s) and Fuel Suppliers	Consortium							Select	Vendors									
5	Bus Build and Station Construction	OEMs/Suppliers									Manufacturing/Construction/Commissioning								
6	Station Openings and Facility Upgrades	Suppliers									Station Openings and Facility Upgrades								
7	Bus Deliveries	OEM (s)												Bus Deliveries					

### **Infrastructure Challenges**





**Price** and delivery of H2 on parity with conventional fuels. Also equipment maintenance cost reduction.



Area of fueling footprint to refuel 50, 100, or 200 buses.



**Renewables** for hydrogen production; **Resiliency** - Natural Disasters; Also **Redundancy** to ensure near 100% service reliability.



**Speed** of refueling in the normal 8- to 10-hour night window; Also **Scalability** for future expansion.



**Entry-Level Startup and Equity** (CapEX) needed to build at an affordable price, utilizing baseline components for future scale up.

### The Challenge for 100% ZEB Deployment



**Fleet Size** 

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# **Fueling Station Evolution**









**Future: Underground LH2 Tanks and Pumps** 



12- to 15-Bus Capacity; Expand to 30+ Buses