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Hello Esther and California Energy Commission Staff,

The SFMTA is excited to see that the California Energy Commission is providing this grant opportunity to fund the operation of Zero Emission Transit Fleet Vehicles. The SFMTA is currently working on funding a pilot project to see how battery operated transit fleet vehicles can be optimally deployed in San Francisco. San Francisco has one of the most challenging operating environments for battery operated transit fleet vehicles in the country due to the steep grade of many of our hills, the frequent stops our transit vehicles need to make on their routes, limited available space to provide and store charging infrastructure for battery operated busses, and the fact that many of our transit fleet vehicles are deployed in the field for about sixteen hours a day. The SFMTA is constantly looking for opportunities to fund this important work. It seems the scale of what this CEC provided competitive grant opportunity would like to fund in this cycle is at a scale much larger than the pilot project the SFMTA is currently attempting to conduct, however the SFMTA would be highly interested in applying for such funding in a future grant cycle after it successfully conducts this aforementioned pilot project. The SFMTA encourages and is interested in future cycles of this grant. Can you let us know if you anticipate future cycles and what levels of funding they may have? The SFMTA would be happy to support the CEC's program as it assists in achieving our mutual goals of environmental benefits in carbon neutral mass transit provision in our City and State.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

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