



# School Bus Replacement Program

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# Agenda

- Background
- Proposed Design Concept
- Proposed Implementation of Design Concepts
- Q & A



Twin Rivers Unified School District



# Program Goals and Objectives

- Follow SB 110 and Governor's Executive Order
- Children's health and safety
- Allocation scheme that best provides a level of funding equity
- Build the future supporting network of advanced next generation infrastructure
- Position as many schools with the options to embrace next generation zero emission vehicles
- GHG and air quality benefits



# Senate Bill 110

- Funding: \$75 million
- Eligible applicants: school districts and county offices of education (COE).
- Priority should be given to the oldest school buses, or school buses operating in disadvantaged communities and to schools that have a majority of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the prior year.
- Any school bus replaced shall be scrapped.



# Proposed Design Concept

## Comprehensive Design:

- School bus replacement (2 Phases)  
Phase 1: Identify list of buses eligible for replacement.  
Phase 2: Solicit manufacturers to design, construct, and deliver the replacement buses to school districts.
- Provide EV fueling infrastructure to support bus and future expansion.
- Provide workforce training and development for EV buses.



# Phase 1: Identify list of buses eligible for replacement

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- Conduct a competitive solicitation for school districts/COE
- Awards will be made to school districts in ranked order until all funds available are exhausted.
- Funds will go directly to the eligible school districts to purchase the buses identified in their application.
- School districts will purchase their buses directly from the bus manufacturer(s) who competitively wins the Energy Commission award.
- Funds pay for 100% of the standard bus (either all Energy Commission funds or leveraged with other sources).



## Phase 2: Manufacturing Buses

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- Conduct a competitive solicitation for school bus manufacturers.
- Manufacturers will submit applications demonstrating the degree to which they can fulfill the bus list needs.
  - Applications will describe the type(s) of bus available, number of buses that can be produced, cost of buses (including bulk pricing if available), and timing for delivery of buses.
  - Other criteria may include: location of manufacturing facility (in California?), opportunities to leverage funding (such as HVIP eligibility), status of CHP certification, standard features available for buses, and warranty options available.



## Phase 2: Manufacturing Buses

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- Awarded manufacturers will enter into an agreement with the Energy Commission for the construction of a specified number and type of buses.
- School districts will pay manufacturers directly with Energy Commission grant funding.





# Accomplishments to Date

- ✓ Focus Group Meetings
- ✓ Public Workshops:
  - Sacramento February 14, 2018
  - Los Angeles February 20, 2018
  - Clovis February 21, 2018
- ✓ School Bus Replacement Program Web Page  
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/schoolbus/index.htm>
- ✓ Call Center Hotline (855) 279-6381



# Workshop Input Requested

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## Major issues under consideration:

- How to identify the oldest buses?
- How to distribute the funding awards?
- What type of bus replacements should we allow?

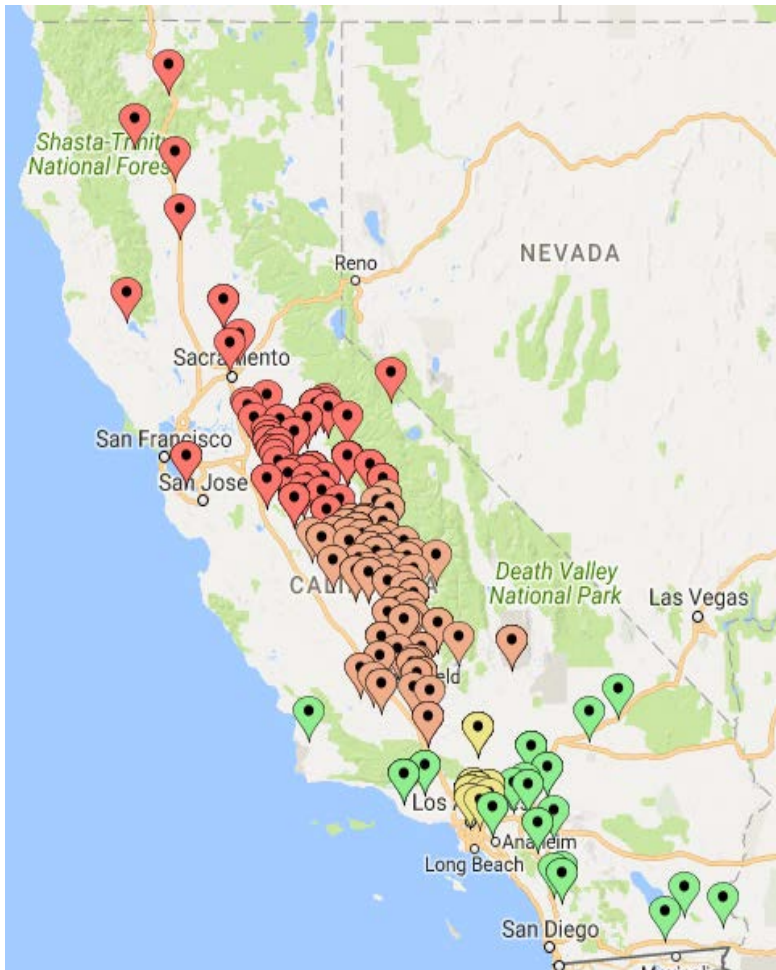


# Scenario 1

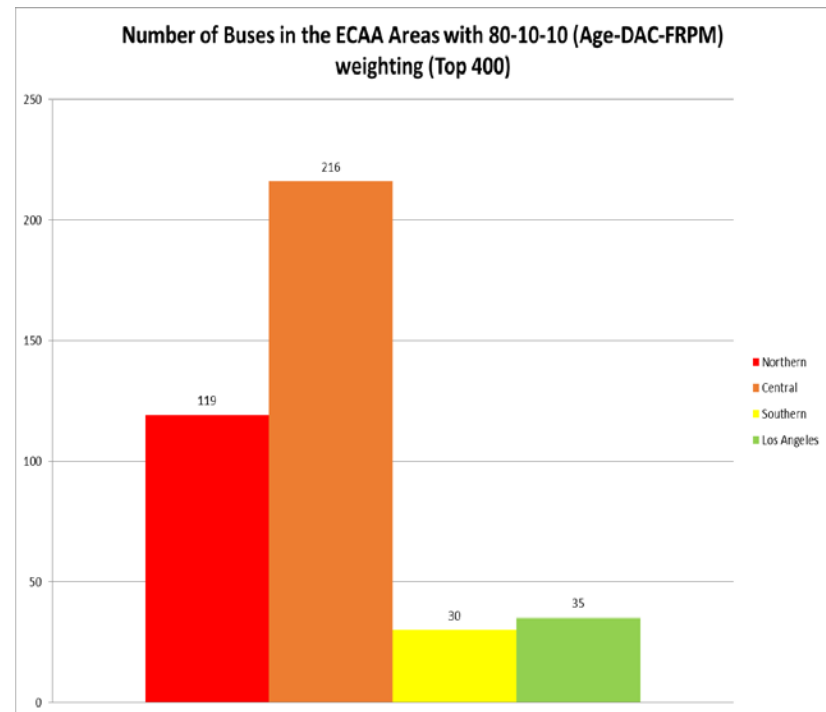
- Distribute funds evenly within the four regions established by Prop 39.
- Approximately \$18.75 million will be allocated to each region.
- Priority will be given to the oldest school buses, with extra points for buses operating in disadvantaged communities and with a majority of the students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.



# Scenario 2



Distribute funds to the highest ranked school buses.



## Other Workshop Questions Asked

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- Which solicitation structure/option is preferred?
- Is there anything missing from the proposed approach?
- What should be included in the standard features of a bus?
- What type of infrastructure will you need to support your replacement bus?
- What type of training and development will you need to support your replacement bus?



# Summary of Public Comments

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- 24 letters to the docket
- 55 specific comments

## Top Comment Categories:

1. Geographical distribution
2. Type of bus replacement
3. Mechanism on how to rank the buses



# Emphasizing Electric School Buses



1. Benefits Children's Health
2. Lowered Emissions
3. Quieter Smoother Ride
4. Charging Overnight
5. Lower Maintenance
6. Lower Fuel Cost
7. Potential Vehicle to Grid



# Cost Savings of Electric Buses

- Electric School Buses are an emerging technology...
  - ✓ They have a higher up-front front capitol cost compared to mature technologies.
  - ✓ But... have much lower annual operations and maintenance costs!

Cost	Diesel	CNG	Electric
Maintenance	\$9,075	\$3,360	\$1,770
Fuel	\$5,930	\$5,000	\$2,714
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,005</b>	<b>\$8,360</b>	<b>\$4,484</b>

- This program will cover the up-front capitol costs, passing on the annual O&M cost savings to the school districts, while replacing an older bus with a clean new one!





# Available Electric Buses



Thomas



TransTech



eLion



GreenPower



BlueBird



# Size and Types of Buses

Manufacturer	Type	Seating	Range (miles)	Availability
Greenpower	Synapse 72	72	75-140	2017
Greenpower	Synapse Shuttle	48	75-140	2018
Greenpower	Synapse Shuttle	30	75-140	2018
Trans Tech	Motiv SST	18-25	80-100	2013
Blue Bird	Type C	75	80-100	2018
Blue Bird	Type D	78-81	80-100	2018
Blue Bird	Micro Bird G5	<30	80-100	2018
Daimler	Jouley	81	80-100	2019



# Infrastructure



# Charging Systems

Manufacturer	Bus Type	Charging Standard	Battery Size in kWh	KWh per mile	Charging Power	Average charging time (hours)	Ave. Range (miles)
Blue Bird Corporation	D C	Level 2 J1772	150 100 – 150	1.5		8	100
Blue Bird – Girardin	A	Level 2 J1772				6.5	100
Thomas Built	C	Level 2 J1772	100 – 160	1 – 1.6		8	100
Trans Tech	A	Level 2 J1772				8	80
Lion Electric	C	Level 2 J1772	130	1.3 – 2.6	19.2	4 – 6	50 – 100
Green Power Motor	D	Level 2 J1772 DC Fast CCS	100 – 200	0.71 – 1.43	22 150	8 1	140
Starcraft Bus	C	Level 2 J1772	106 – 127	1.25 – 1.49	25	8	85
Motiv	A C	Level 2 Meltric DR100	85 – 106 85 – 127	0.94 – 1.18 0.94 – 1.41	29	8	90



# Workforce Training and Development



- Alternative & Renewable Fuel & Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) Funds.
- Determine training & development needs.
- Work with Community Colleges and Schools to develop a program and curriculum to meet needs.





# Proposed Schedule

Activity	Date
Solicitation release and workshops	May – June 2018
Funding Available	July 1, 2018
Business meetings	August – September 2018
Bus deliveries	TBD



# Stay Connected

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## List Server:

- <http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/schoolbus/index.html>
- Follow instructions in bottom left corner.

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