

Electric School Bus Replacement Program



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Fuels and Transportation Division
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Program Components and Funding

Three complementary funding components:

1. School Bus Replacement: to replace the oldest, dirtiest diesel school buses with battery electric school buses - *\$75 million (SB 110)*
2. Charging Infrastructure - *\$14 million (Clean Transportation Program)*
3. Workforce Training - *\$1 million (Clean Transportation Program)*



Recipient Criteria

- Eligible applicants: school districts, county offices of education, and joint power authorities
- Priority given to the oldest school buses, school buses operating in disadvantaged communities, and to schools with a majority of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the prior year
- Any replaced school bus must be scrapped



School Bus Requirements

- Battery Range
 - Type A – 70 Miles
 - Type C and Type D – 100 Miles
- Capacity
 - Type A – 16 Students
 - Type C – 44 Students
 - Type D – 70 Students
- Vehicle-to-Grid Capability (V2G)

VGI- and V2G- enabled electric school buses can benefit schools, the grid, and the environment in several ways:

Using smart chargers, enabled buses can charge during off-peak hours, which can provide schools cost savings while taking advantage of underutilized renewable energy.

Enabled buses can store energy, serving as a reserve power supply for school during emergencies or during peak hours, providing schools cost savings and grid resilience.

Because these zero-emission buses can charge during off-peak hours, and store energy for later use, they can reduce demand on the grid during peak hours, further cutting emissions by reducing need for peaker plants.





Manufacturers Awarded

- Awardees
 - The Lion Electric Co.
 - A – Z Bus Sales, Inc.
- Bulk Purchase Price Solicitation
 - \$6,148 Per Seat

Applicant	Type of Bus	Bid
The Lion Electric Co.	Type A without Chair Lift	\$269,489
A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. (Micro Bird)	Type A with Chair Lift	\$291,524
The Lion Electric Co.	Type C without Chair Lift	\$319,284
The Lion Electric Co.	Type C with Chair Lift	\$327,727
The Lion Electric Co.	Type D without Chair Lift	\$330,109
The Lion Electric Co.	Type D with Chair Lift	\$337,470



Completed Deliveries

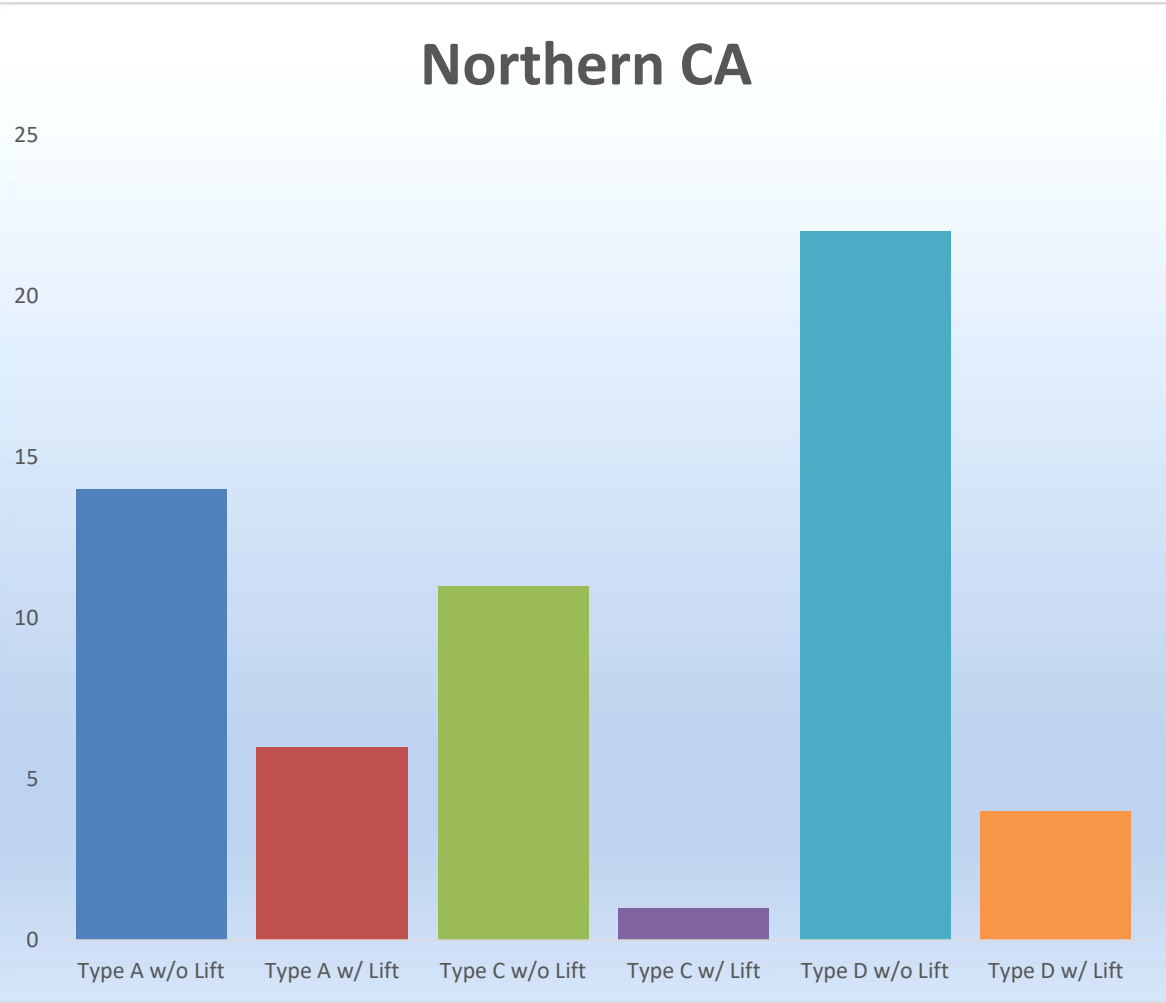
- Completed Deliveries
 - Baldwin Park Unified School District
 - Colton Joint Unified School District
 - Durham Unified School District
 - Savanna School District
 - Traver Joint Elementary School District
 - Twin Rivers Unified School District



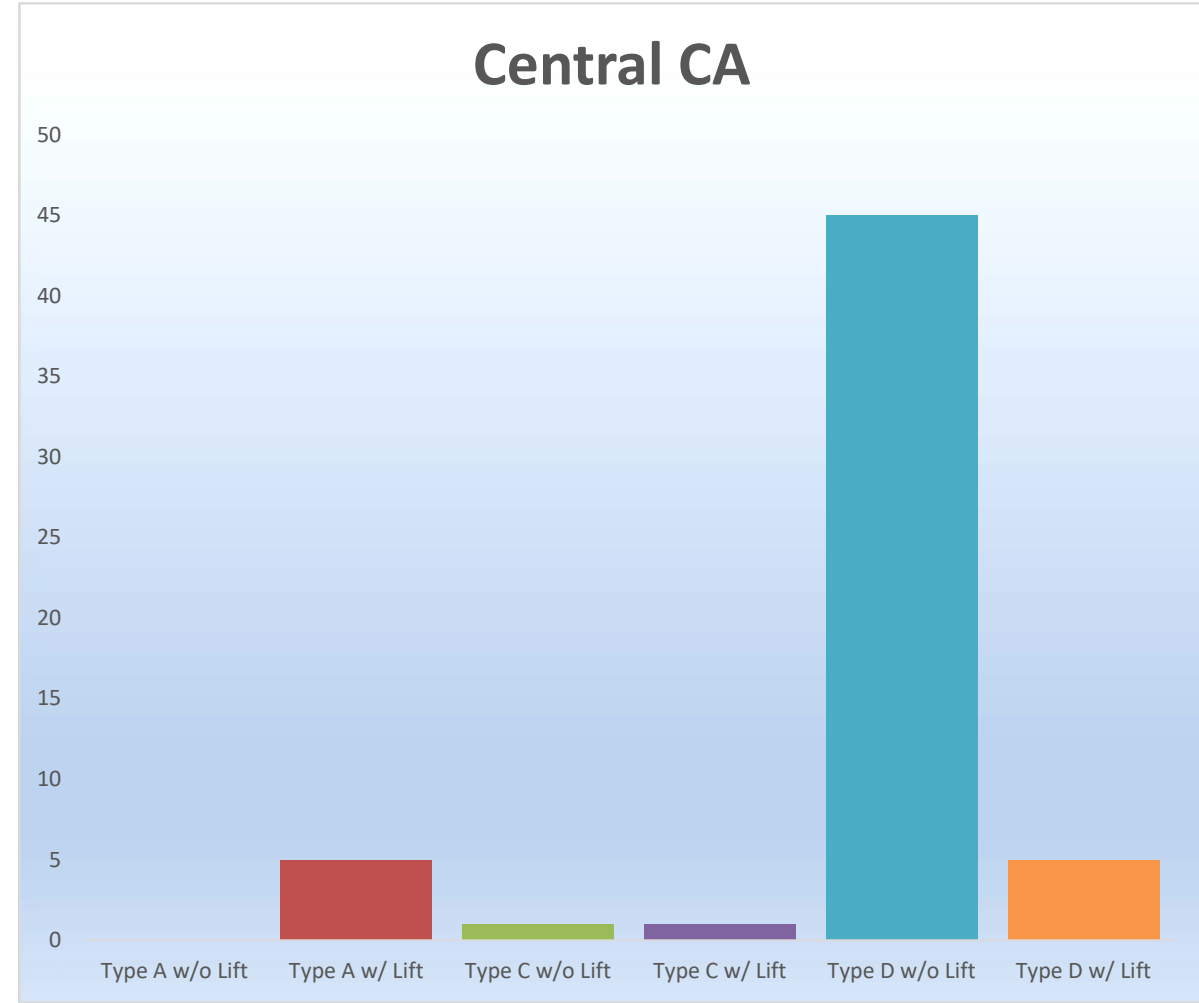


Bus Type by Region

Northern CA



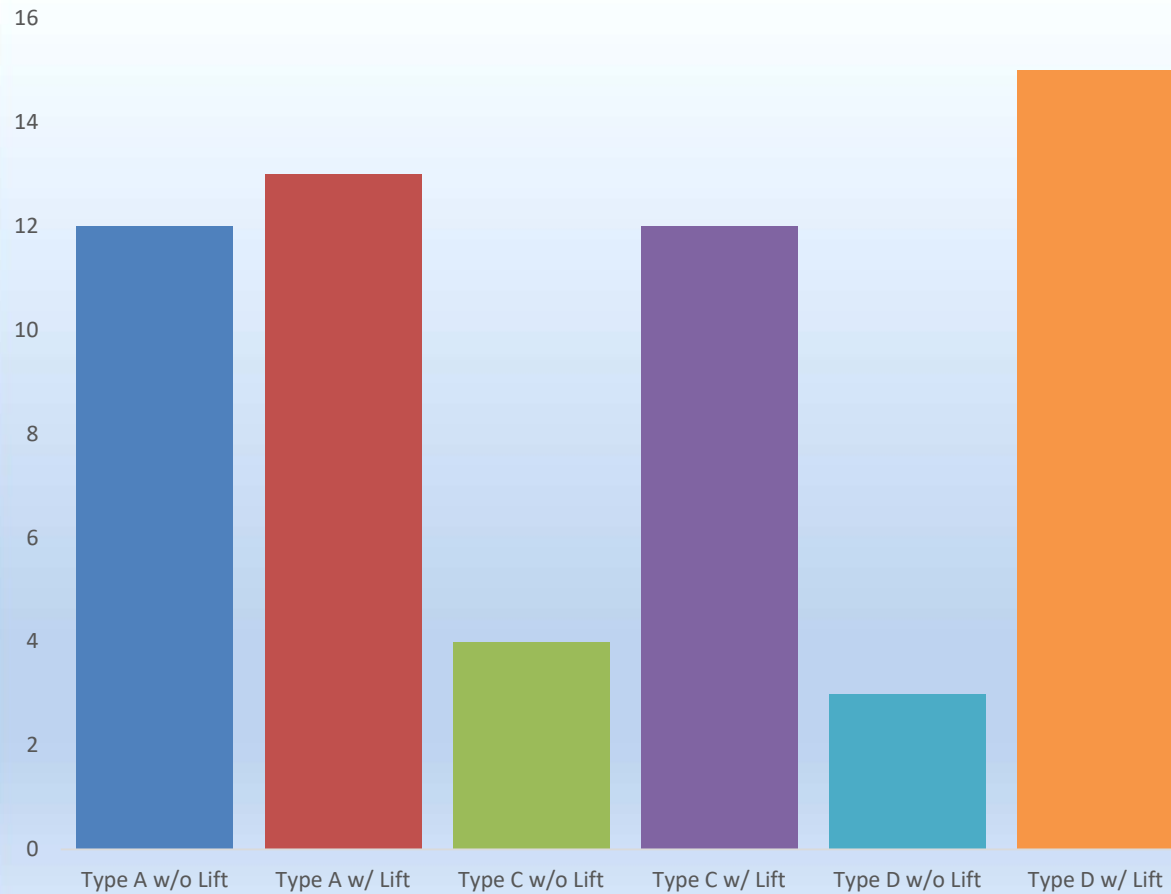
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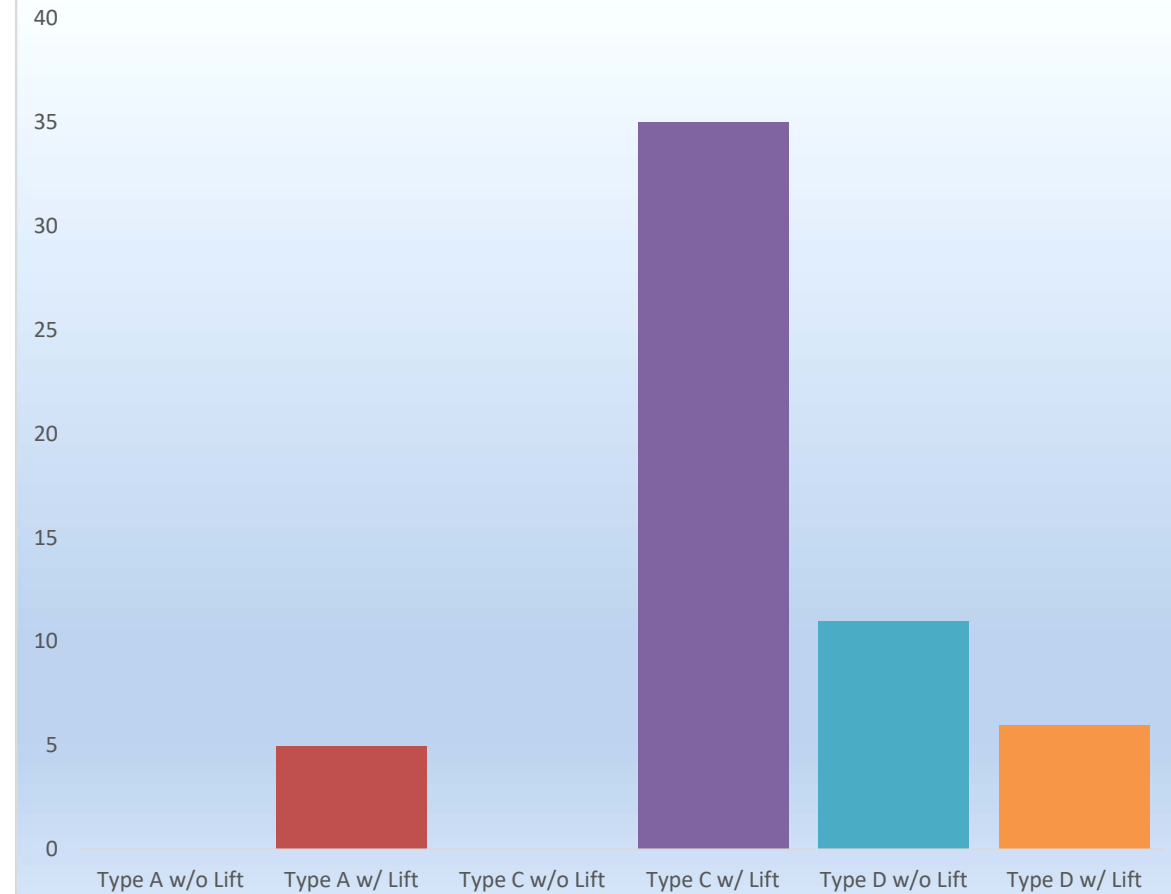


Bus Type by Region

Los Angeles



Southern CA





Delivery Timeline

Bus Delivery Schedule	
Cumulative Percentage of Delivered Buses	Delivery Date
5%*	12/31/2019
25%	12/31/2020
50%	12/31/2021
100%	9/30/2022

*Delivery Target Met



Workforce Development

- “Electric School Bus Training Project” with community colleges for training of maintenance technicians and bus operators
- Training topics include high voltage safety, troubleshooting, and proper operation of electric buses
- Training schedules and curricula are currently in development
- Long-term bus electrification training through community colleges for certification and degrees



Data Collection/Future Metrics

- Maintenance Costs
 - Diesel Bus Being Replaced
 - Electric Bus
- Fuel Efficiency of Replaced Diesel Vehicle
 - Average Cost of Diesel Fuel
- Electric Bus Efficiency
 - Average Cost of Electricity
- Telematics
 - Route Efficiency Data
 - Future Program Planning

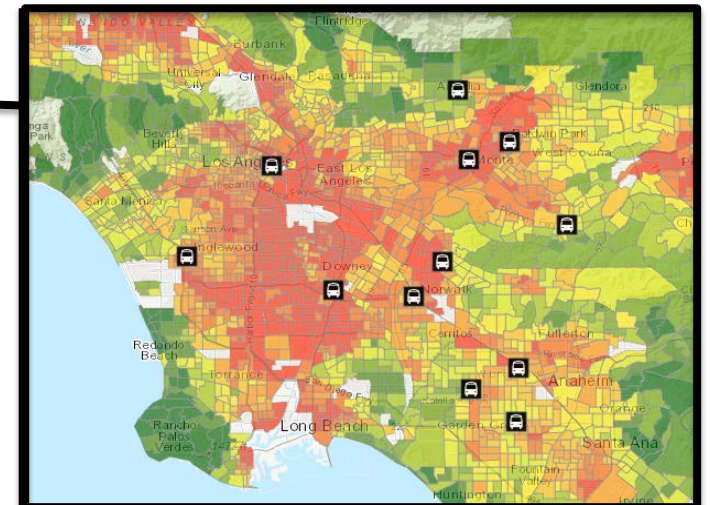
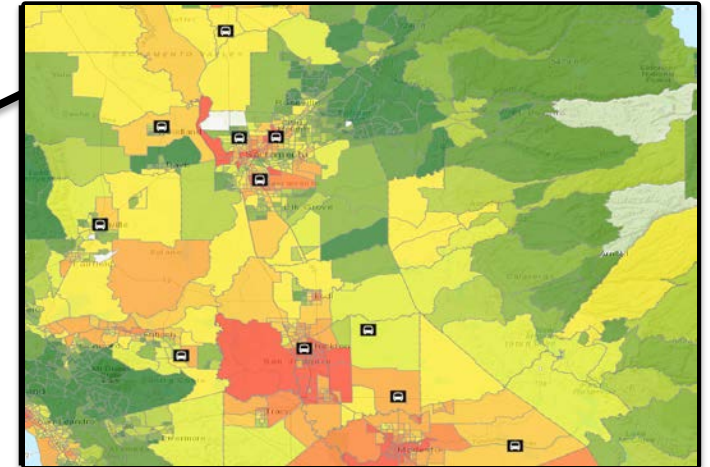
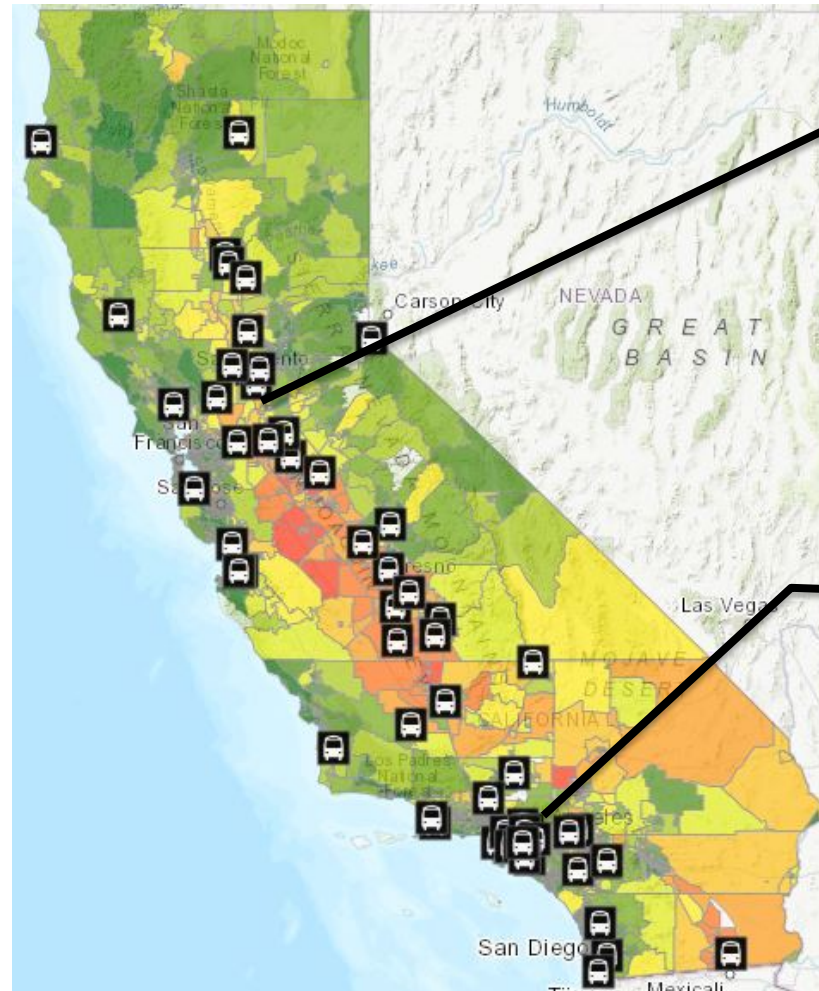
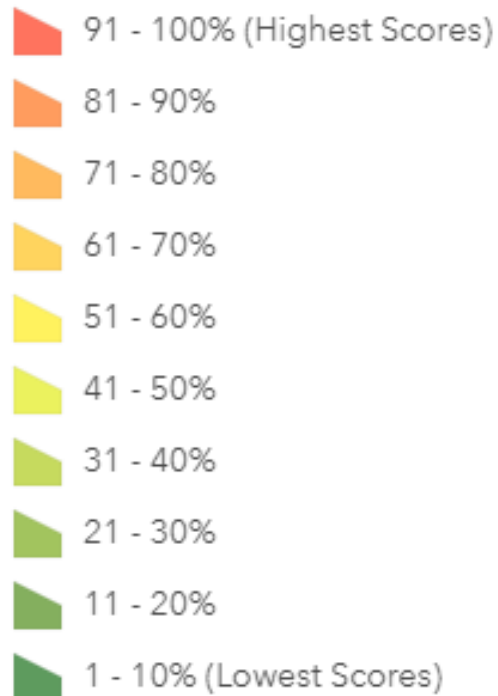


Distribution of Recipients Based on CalEnviroScreen 3.0

School Bus Recipients



CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Score





Distribution of Recipients Based on CalFire Tier 2 and 3 Fire Threat

School Bus Recipient



CalFire Tier2 Fire Threat



CalFire Tier 3 Fire Threat

