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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Notice of Work Group Meeting #2 to
Discuss the SB 114 Funding for Zero-
Emission School Buses and
Infrastructure*

DOCKET NO. 18-TRAN-01

NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS WORKGROUP

RE: Work Group Meeting #2

Notice of Work Group Meeting #2 to Discuss Senate Bill (SB) 114 Funding for Zero-Emission School Buses and Infrastructure April 3, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only (via Zoom)

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) invite you to participate in the second public work group meeting to discuss funding for zero-emission school buses and infrastructure made available by Senate Bill (SB) 114 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 48, Statutes of 2023).

SB 114 appropriated a total of \$500 million to the CEC and CARB for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to fund zero-emission school buses and supporting infrastructure through grants awarded to local educational agencies. The CEC and CARB have named this appropriation the "Zero Emission School Bus and Infrastructure" (ZESBI) grants.

At this work group meeting, staff will discuss proposed ZESBI grant program requirements, including but not limited to: legislative requirements, application timeline, award amounts, eligible costs, and priority grantees. Staff encourage the public to participate in the work group and provide feedback on program design prior to the ZESBI grant program's application launch. The work group presentation will be posted to [CARB's Low Carbon Transportation Incentives webpage](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low-0) (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low-0>), and [CEC's Zero Emission School Bus and Infrastructure Program webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/zero-emission-school-bus-and-infrastructure-program) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/zero-emission-school-bus-and-infrastructure-program>).

The public can participate in the work group meeting consistent with the attendance instructions below. CEC and CARB aim to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an

estimate based on the proposed agenda. The work group meeting may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Background

Senate Bill 114 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 48, Statutes of 2023), which amended Section 121 of Assembly Bill 181 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 52, Statutes of 2022), appropriated a total of \$500 million to CARB and the CEC for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to fund zero-emission school buses and supporting infrastructure through grants awarded to local educational agencies. The intent of the funding is to replace internal combustion school buses owned by local educational agencies with zero-emission school buses and provide complementary charging and fueling infrastructure.

Of the \$500 million, \$375 million in incentives will be awarded through CARB's Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) for zero-emission school buses. HVIP is the cornerstone of CARB's advanced technology heavy-duty incentives, providing funding since 2010 to support the long-term transition to zero-emission trucks and buses. For more information, please visit [HVIP](http://www.californiahvip.org), at www.californiahvip.org.

The remaining \$125 million will be awarded to local educational agencies, through CEC's Zero-Emission School Bus Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Block Grant, for charging or fueling stations and related activities, including, but not limited to, equipment, site design, construction, related infrastructure upgrades, and workforce development and training.

Agenda

There will be a presentation given by CEC and CARB staff with discussion and comment periods for attendees to participate. An agenda will be posted along with the workshop slides by March 27, 2024 to [CARB's Low Carbon Transportation Incentives webpage](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low-0) (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low-0>), and the [CEC's Zero Emission School Bus and Infrastructure Program webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/zero-emission-school-bus-and-infrastructure-program) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/zero-emission-school-bus-and-infrastructure-program>).

Attendance Instructions

The work group meeting will be held via Zoom webinar at the following date and time:

Date: April 3, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pacific

To participate in the work group meeting, please register by 1:00 p.m. on April 3, 2024. Use the following URL or visit [Webinar Registration - Zoom](https://energy.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CzgovqxfSI2gul8ziJGFtw) to register for the meeting. (https://energy.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CzgovqxfSI2gul8ziJGFtw).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information to join the webinar meeting either through a computer, digital device, or via conference line. Each meeting link in the confirmation email is unique so please do not share it with others. Every person that wishes to participate needs to register separately and use the unique link sent to them to access the webinar meeting. Please note that there is no in-person attendance option for this meeting. This meeting will be recorded. A link to the recording and a list of work group attendees will be available two weeks after the meeting date on the [CARB's Low Carbon Transportation Incentives webpage](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low-0) (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low-0>) and [CEC's Zero Emission School Bus and Infrastructure Program webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/zero-emission-school-bus-and-infrastructure-program) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/zero-emission-school-bus-and-infrastructure-program>).

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Zoom Difficulty. Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Oral comments will be accepted during the work group meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket until 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2024. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 18-TRAN-01 and Notice of Work Group Meeting #2 to Discuss the SB 114 Funding for Zero-Emission School Buses and Infrastructure in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:
California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 18-TRAN-01
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advance of the work group meeting. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/zero-emission-school-bus-and-infrastructure-program>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Clean Transportation Program and Zero Emission School Bus and Infrastructure Program. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](#), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: March 20, 2024 at Sacramento, California.

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