

# Up to Code: Hydrogen Station Permitting, Market Trends, and Zero Emission Fleets

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1. Overview of Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle and Hydrogen Station Rollout  
Keith Malone, California Fuel Cells Partnership
2. Hydrogen Permitting Guidebook  
Gia Brazil Vacin, GoBIZ
3. SunLine Transit  
Lauren Skiver, SunLine Transit Agency CEO
4. Q&A

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# Overview of fuel cell electric vehicle and hydrogen station rollout

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Keith Malone

California Fuel Cell Partnership



# CaFCP Members



— 20 years of collaboration —



# California H2 stations in 2020, 2025 and 2030

**100** 

**BY 2020**

Funded  
*Light Duty*

hydrogen stations by **2020**.  
Funded by Assembly Bill 8 (2013).

**200** 

**BY 2025**

Planned  
*Light Duty*

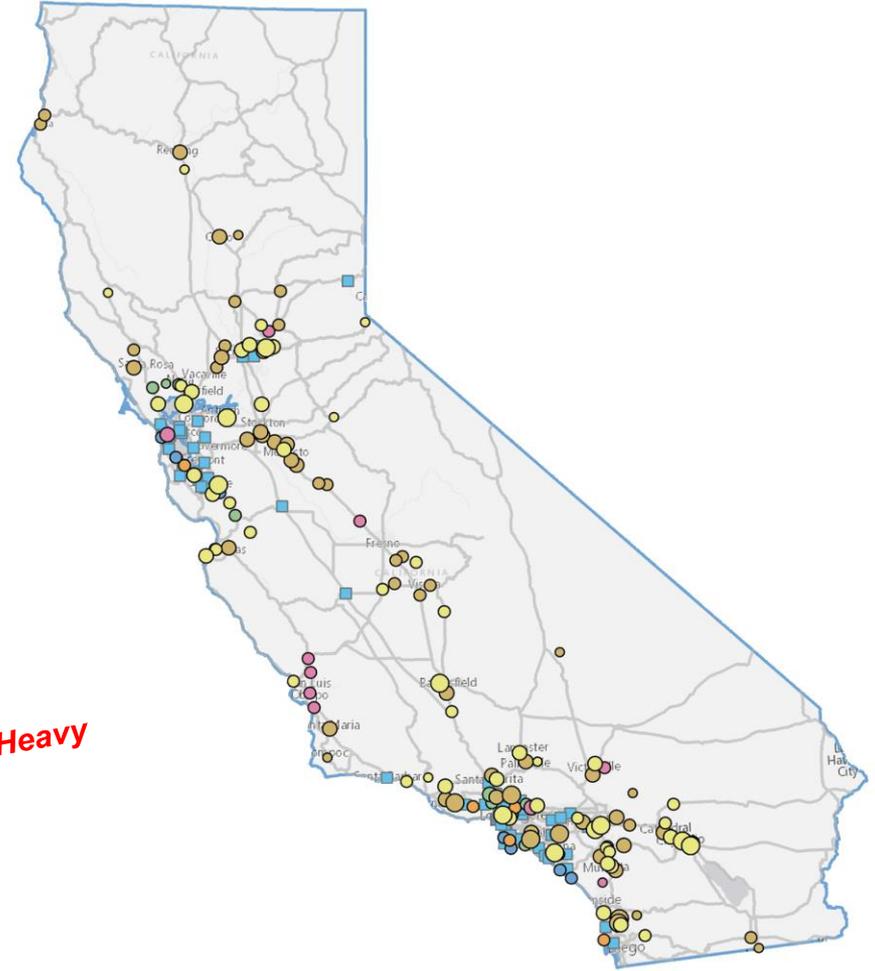
hydrogen stations by **2025**,  
pursuant to the Governor's 2018  
ZEV infrastructure Proposal.

**1000** 

**BY 2030**

Envisioned  
*Light, Medium and Heavy*

hydrogen stations by **2030** with favorable  
market conditions and state policies pursuant  
to the CAFCP 2030 vision. Will support  
1,000,000 fuel cell electric vehicles.



**Governor's goal of 5,000,000 zero-emission vehicles by 2030.**



# By the Numbers

Numbers as of September 1, 2020	Total
*FCEVs—Fuel cell cars sold and leased in US	8,573
FCEBs—Fuel cell buses in operation in California	48
***Hydrogen stations available in California	42
Fuel cell buses in development in California	7
Fuel cell shuttles in development in California	4
**Retail hydrogen stations in development in California	15

## Breaking News!

- +36 new stations funded
- More than 100 over the next several years



# Fuel cell passenger cars on the road

- 312-380 miles
- 3-to-5 minute fill
- Makes electricity on board vehicle
- Extreme temperature performance
- Multi-unit dwellers and on-street parkers
- Meet all global safety specifications
- Most automakers have fuel cell tech





# And more cars on the way!



**Second-generation  
Mirai**

## Hyperion XP-1

- Prototype
- 1,016-mile range
- 0 to 60 mph in 2.2 seconds
- Fueling in 5 minutes
- 300 units available





# Hydrogen stations in California



La Canada Flintridge hydrogen station



Map Satellite

Download Station List

Search by Zip Code or Address GO

List Stations

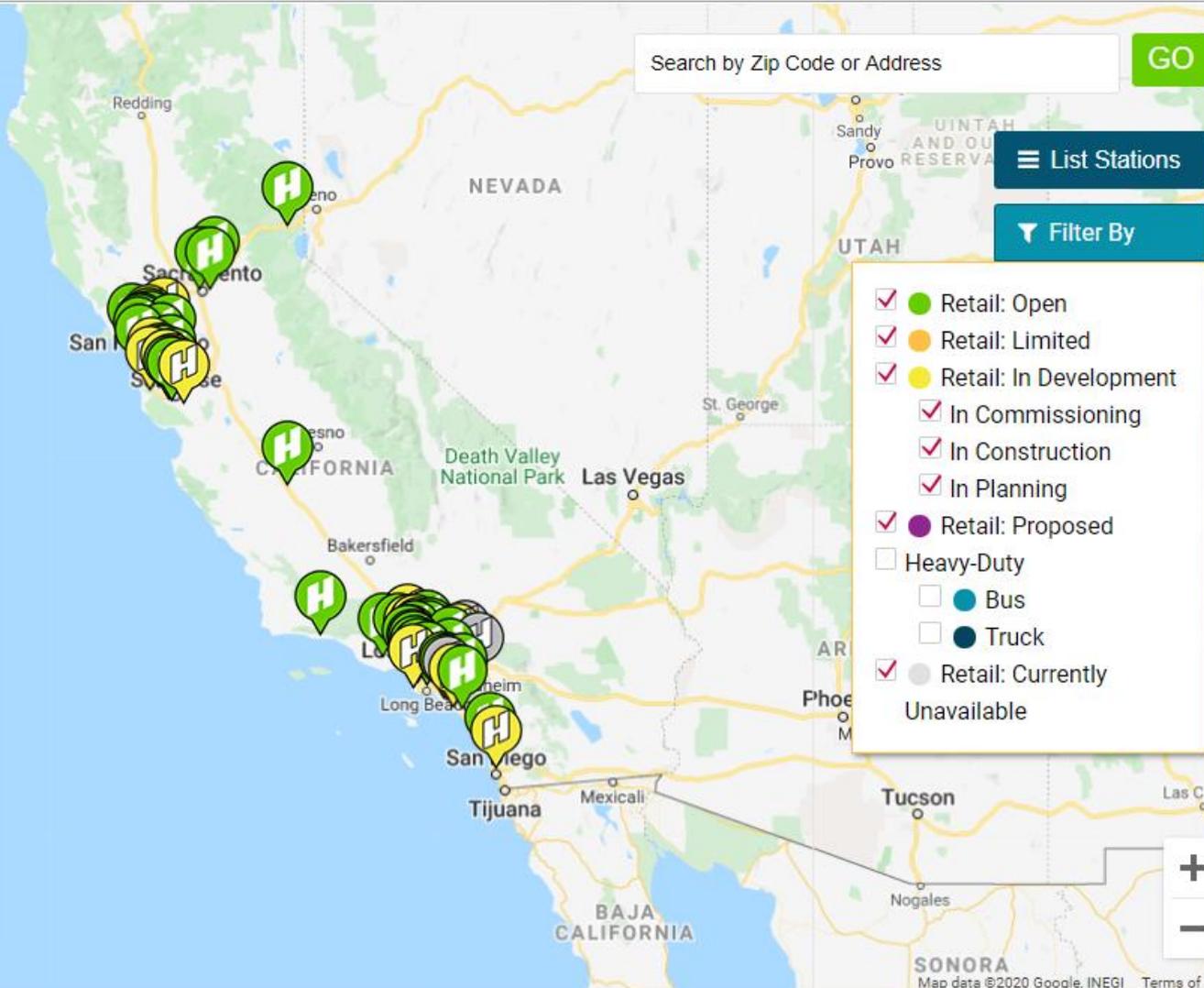
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California Fuel Cell Partnership LOGIN | SIGN UP

### Station Status

Online 
  Limited 
  Offline 
  Refresh 
  ? Unknown

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① Citrus Heights	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Shell
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- Retail: Open
- Retail: Limited
- Retail: In Development
  - In Commissioning
  - In Construction
  - In Planning
- Retail: Proposed
- Heavy-Duty
  - Bus
  - Truck
- Retail: Currently Unavailable



# Next-generation stations already coming online



Fountain Valley

Oakland



San Francisco

- Stations 2-to-8 times larger than the earliest stations
- Station costs coming
- Station development timelines decreasing



# Fueling a fuel cell electric car

California Hydrogen

LOGIN | SIGN UP

### Station Status

● Online  
 ▲ Limited  
 ■ Offline  
 ⌂ Refresh  
 ? Unknown

Open Retail Stations      H70   H35

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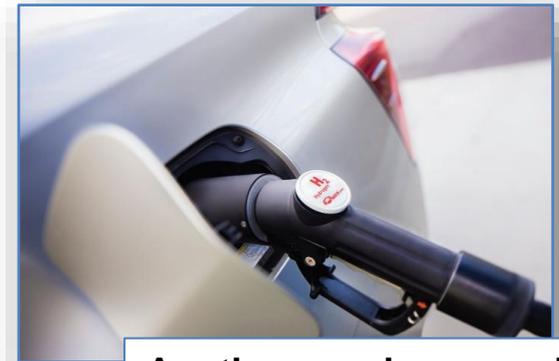
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Another nozzle example



## H2 fuel in California is on a renewable pathway

- ✓ 33% renewable content (2006)
- ✓ Low Carbon Fuel Standard
  - ✓ ZEV capacity credit
  - ✓ Renewable content increases to 40% (2019)
- ✓ Legislation re 100% renewable and decarbonized H2 fuel
  - ✓ Hydrogen Council goal for 2030



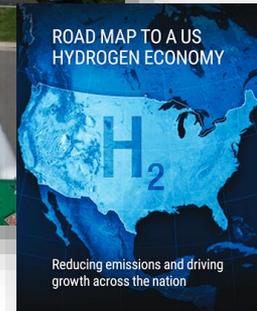
# Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Activity – U.S.

## Microsoft

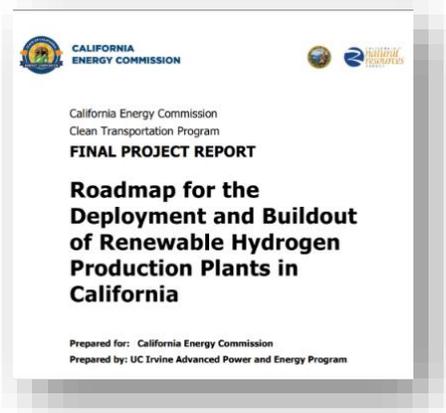
- U.S. Hydrogen Road Map contributor
- Record of 48 hours powering data center servers

Microsoft tests hydrogen fuel cells for backup power at datacenters

July 27, 2020 | John Roach



“We very much see ourselves as a catalyst in this whole hydrogen economy.”



## UC Irvine Road Map for Renewable Hydrogen Production

- Renewable hydrogen sector can reach self-sustainability by mid-to late 2020s



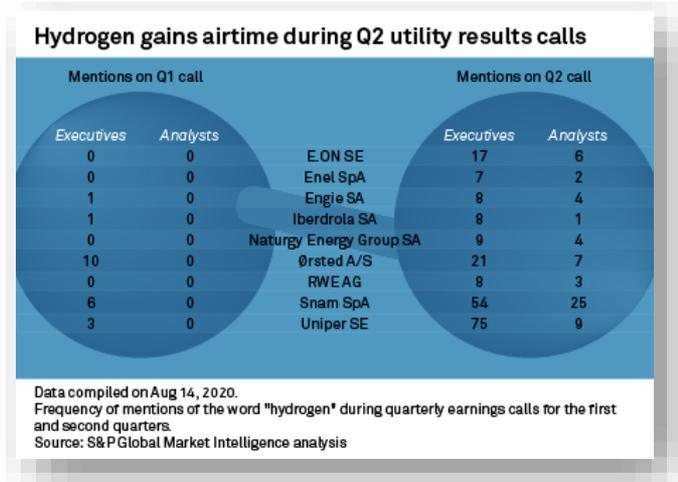
GTI, EPRI and 18 utilities, including SoCalGas, SCE and Los Angeles DWP.



# Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Activity - Global

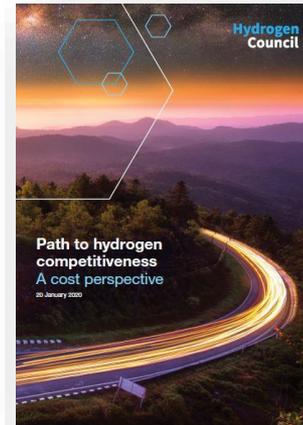
## Europe

- German H2 Strategy
  - South Korean investment response
- European H2 Strategy
- Increase in H2 chatter on European utilities earnings calls, from Q1 to Q2



## Headlines...

- As China moves to dominate the EV industry, Britain frets about energy security
- Britain lacks a clear hydrogen strategy



- 91 members, including new member, Microsoft
- Chinese version released

“Economic recovery measures should support large scale initiatives that can accelerate cost competitiveness of hydrogen”

## -Hydrogen Council



# Heavy Duty: Bus & Truck

*Light duty needs heavy duty; heavy duty needs light duty*

## Fuel Cell Electric Trucks

- Advanced Clean Truck rule
- Fueling infrastructure projects
  - 3 heavy duty H2 stations
    - More being announced
  - Ontario, Wilmington and Port of Long Beach
  - 1-2 temporary fuelers
- CARB & CEC Heavy Duty ZEV funds
  - Include heavy duty infrastructure

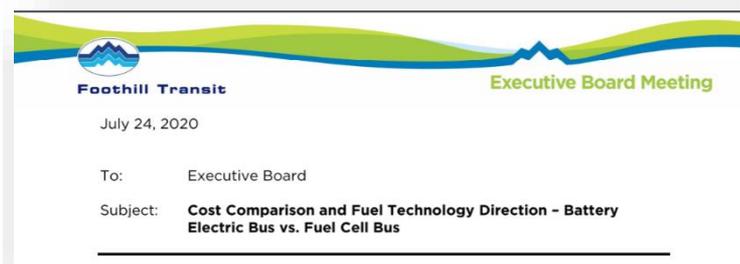


# The Other Electric Bus

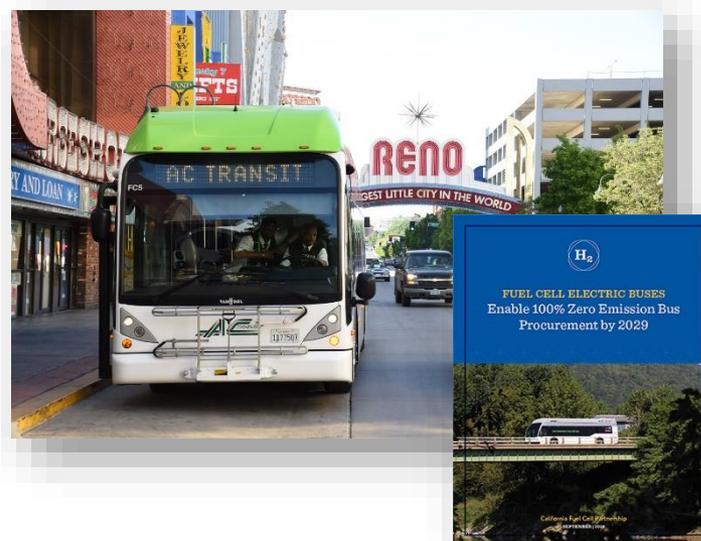
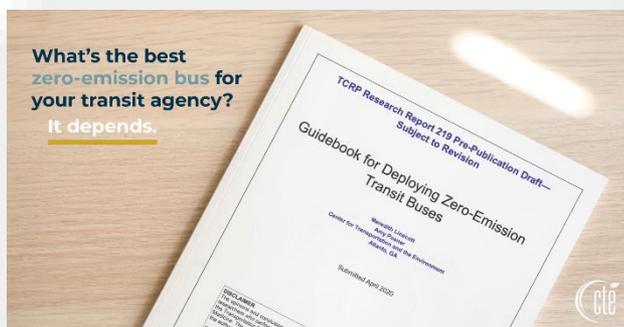
## Advanced Clean Transit regulation

- Transit buses on zero-emission pathway
- First wave of Zero Emission Bus Rollout Plans submitted

## Foothill Transit cost comparison of BEBs and FCEBs



## CTE Guidebook for Deploying Zero-Emission Transit Buses





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- Fuel Cell Bus Road Map - <https://cafcp.org/sites/default/files/2019-CaFCP-FCEB-Road-Map.pdf>
- CTE Guide for Deploying Zero-Emission Buses  
<http://cte.tv/guidebook-release/>
- Zero Emission Bus Rollout Plans in California – [www.cafcp.org/resources](http://www.cafcp.org/resources): key word is rollout
  
- California Fuel Cell Revolution - <https://cafcp.org/sites/default/files/CAFCCR.pdf>
- U.S. Hydrogen Road Map (full report) -  
<https://cafcp.org/sites/default/files/Road%2BMap%2Bto%2Ba%2BUS%2BHydrogen%2BEconomy%2BFull%2BReport.pdf>
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[https://cafcp.org/sites/default/files/Path-to-Hydrogen-Competitiveness\\_Full-Study-1.pdf](https://cafcp.org/sites/default/files/Path-to-Hydrogen-Competitiveness_Full-Study-1.pdf)

- **CAFCP PAGES**

- Station Map – [www.cafcp.org/stationmap](http://www.cafcp.org/stationmap)
- SOSS (station operational status system) – <http://m.cafcp.org>
- Resources – [www.cafcp.org/resources](http://www.cafcp.org/resources)
- News clips – [www.cafcp.org/news](http://www.cafcp.org/news)



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# Hydrogen Station Permitting Guidebook



**CALIFORNIA**  
Governor's Office of Business  
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# GO-Biz Overview



Business Investment  
Services



International Affairs



Small Business



Permits



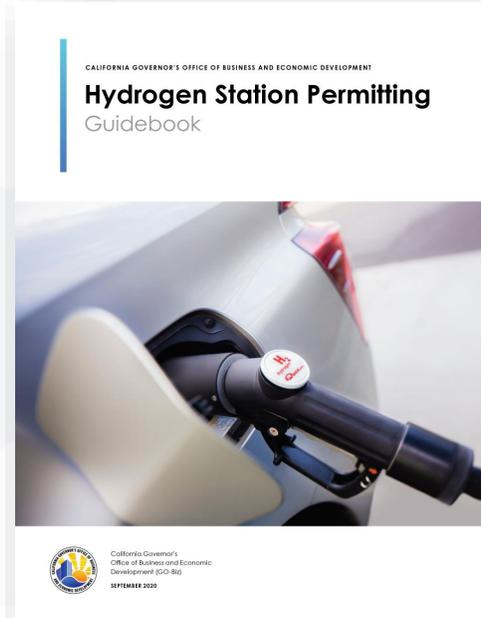
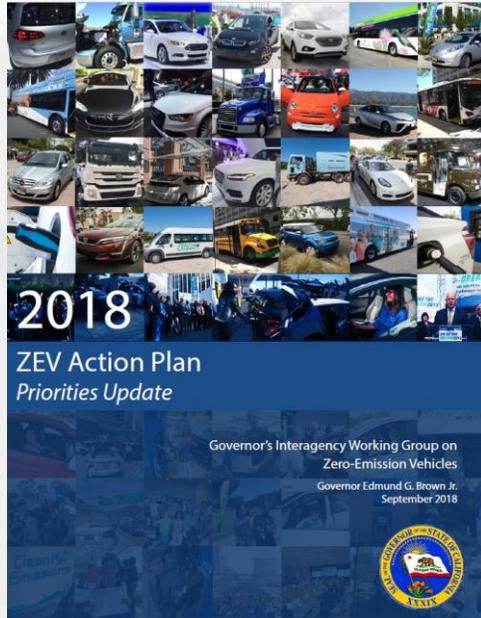
Zero Emission Vehicle Market  
Development



Infrastructure &  
Economic Development  
Bank (I-Bank)



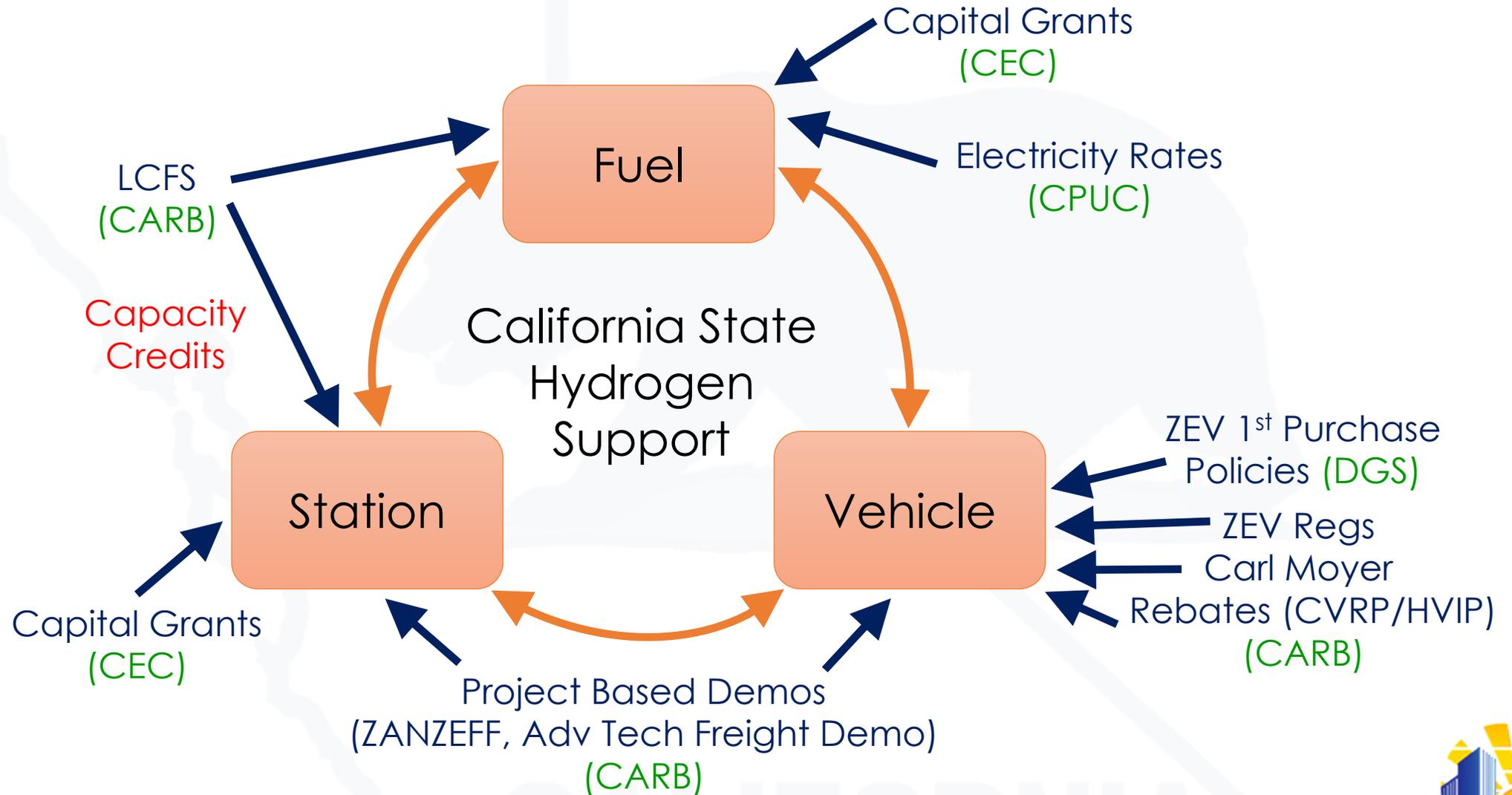
# Zero Emission Vehicle Market Development



- State agency alignment and coordination
- Industry collaboration and collective problem-solving
- ZEV-related business support
- Fueling infrastructure permitting assistance
- Existing and proposed regulatory navigation assistance



# California Policy Context



# Guidebook Topics

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Hydrogen Station Permitting Guidebook



California Governor's  
Office of Business and Economic  
Development (GO-Biz)

SEPTEMBER 2020

- **Part 1:** ZEVs in CA, market progress, new guidebook additions
- **Part 2:** Hydrogen and FCEV Ecosystem
- **Part 3:** Station Development Phases and Process
- **Part 4:** Additional Topics
  - i.e., safety planning, C&S, and human resources
- **Part 5:** Perspective on the Future Market
- **Part 6:** Additional Resources
  - i.e., permitting checklist, relevant C&S, setbacks, grid connection, contacts



# Key Market Development Trends

- **Since 2015, when the market launched...**
- Growing hydrogen **awareness and support**
  - In CA, among local officials and fire & safety officials; globally, up to national governments
  - 1000s of 1<sup>st</sup> responders in CA have been trained to effectively manage an event
- 50% reduction in average station **development time** (> 4 years to < 2 years)
- Moving toward **liquid hydrogen** to increase capacity and reduce costs
- Improving **gaseous hydrogen** technologies as well
- Growing **network utilization**. Several stations exceeding daily nameplate capacity
- More than 2X increase in higher capacity **heavy-duty bus and truck fleet stations**
- Increasing **private sector investment**
  - Stations, H<sub>2</sub> production & supply, and light- to heavy-duty vehicles



# Key Market Development Trends

- **Significant Progress Since 2016...**
- **3-8x Increase in Station Capacity**
  - 2016: ~180-400 kg/day
  - 2020: ~1,200-1,600 kg/day
  - Largest stations able to fill 4 cars simultaneously
- **Station Cost**
  - 40% decrease in station costs
  - 80% decrease in \$/kg/day
- **60% Reduction in Cost per Vehicle Enabled**
  - 2016: \$6K per vehicle
  - 2020: \$2.4K per vehicle
- **Cost Share**
  - 2016: state put up 70% of the capital cost
  - 2020: industry is bringing 70%
- **20%-300% Increase in Renewable Content**





# Hydrogen Station Development Process

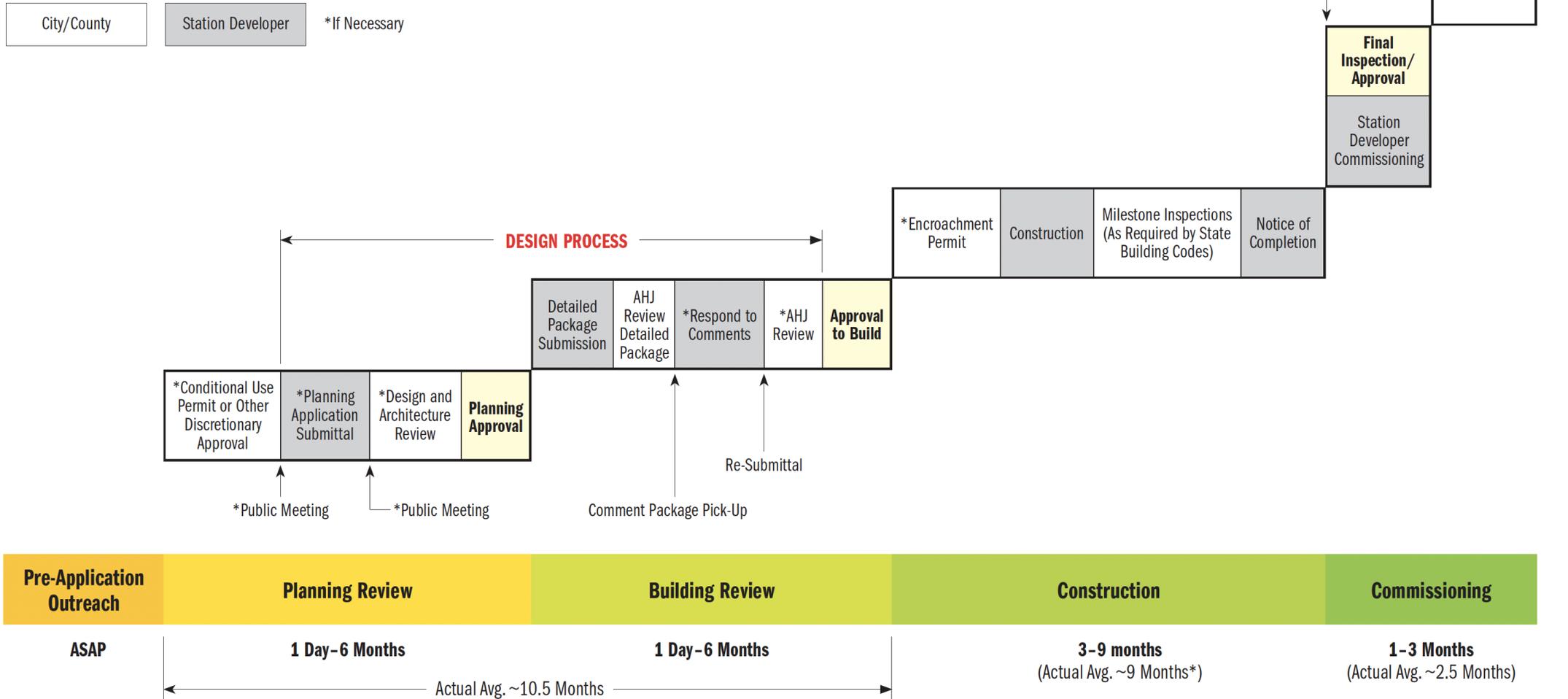
Five development phases:

1. Pre-application outreach
2. Planning review
3. Building review
4. Construction
5. Commissioning



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# Hydrogen Station Development Process



# Phase 1: Pre-Application Outreach

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- In this phase
  - Secure site control
  - Establish communication and permitting pathway
- Best practices and pitfalls
  - First impressions matter
  - The earlier the better
  - Discover items that could delay permitting
  - ✘ Don't assume pre-application meetings are unnecessary



# Phase 2: Planning Review

- In this phase: planning approval (often most time-consuming step)
  - Zoning; Architectural Review; CEQA; Initial Fire Review; Initiate utility connection process
- Best practices and pitfalls
  - ✓ Be thorough, but concise in communications
  - ✓ Clearly understand parking and site circulation requirements
  - ✓ Plan for noise
  - ✗ Utility connection design and installation can stall a project; engage the electrical utility early!



# Phase 3: Building Review

- In this phase: approval to build
  - Complete, detailed plans (structural, mechanical, electrical)
  - Electrical approval is a key milestone
  - CA Building Standards Code review to ensure safe installation and operation
- Best practices and pitfalls
  - ✓ Balance detail with simplicity
  - ✓ Maintain consistency in the inspection process
  - ✗ You don't have to go it alone



# Phase 4: Construction

- In this phase: station construction
  - Encroachment permits (if needed)
  - Developer builds the station and files notice of completion
  - AHJ performs inspection(s)
- Best practices and pitfalls
  - ✓ Clearly understand all encroachment permits that may be needed
  - ✓ Perform work in progress (WIP) inspections



# Phase 5: Commissioning

- In this phase: operational to open
  - Station developer commissioning
  - Hydrogen fuel quality testing
  - Fueling protocol confirmation
  - Commercial testing
  - Opening the station for public use
- Best practices and pitfalls
  - ✓ Regularly communicate commissioning timeline and progress to key agencies and stakeholders

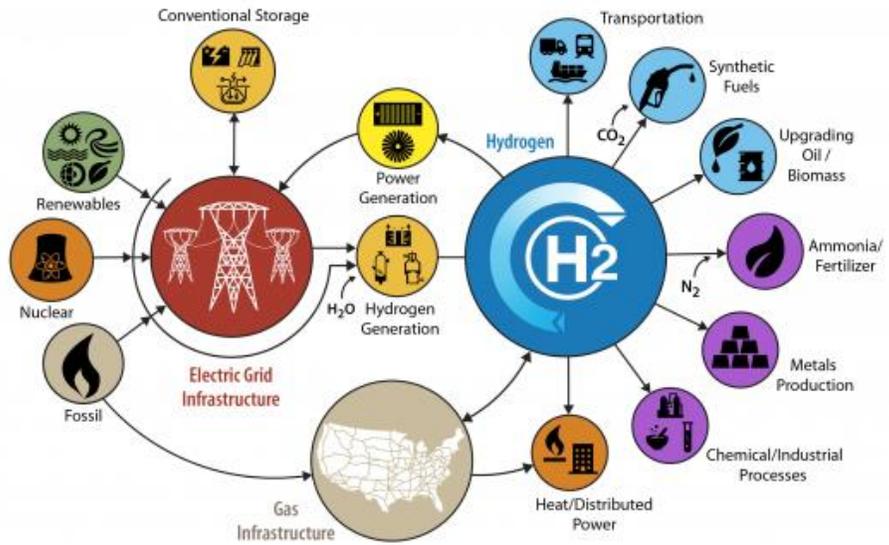


# Looking Forward: H2 & FCEVs in California

- State is firmly committed to ZEV success; and, success hinges on leadership at the local level
- Infrastructure: building bigger and faster
- Vehicles: more makes and models (light, medium, and heavy duty)
- Supply: increasing (in-state) production of renewable hydrogen
- Key Results:
  - Self-sustaining market
  - Equitable access to clean mobility
  - High-quality, green jobs
  - Cleaner air for all Californians!



# Looking Forward: Investing in the H2 System



- Growing global awareness and incorporation of hydrogen into energy transition plans
  - e.g., European Union, Germany, Korea, Japan, China, Australia, British Columbia
- Key Question: How do we best invest in the hydrogen system?

# Other Useful Resources

- GO-Biz Zero Emission Vehicles: <https://business.ca.gov/industries/zero-emission-vehicles/>
- CEC GFO 19-602 NOPA: [https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/NOPA\\_GFO-19-602\\_09-04-2020\\_ADA.xlsx](https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/NOPA_GFO-19-602_09-04-2020_ADA.xlsx)
- AB 8 reports
  - CARB Annual Evaluation of Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Deployment & Hydrogen Fuel Station Network Development (August 2020): <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/annual-hydrogen-evaluation>
  - CEC/CARB Annual Assessment of Time and Cost Needed to Attain 100 Hydrogen Refueling Stations in California (December 2019): <https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/2019publications/CEC-600-2019-039/CEC-600-2019-039.pdf>
- Hydrogen Tools Portal: [h2tools.org](https://h2tools.org)
- CaFCP station map: <https://cafcp.org/stationmap>
- CaFCP SOSS: <https://m.cafcp.org/>



# Thank you!

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# Toolbox Tuesday: Hydrogen Permitting Guidebook

*Today's Transit for Tomorrow's World*

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# About SunLine Transit Agency



# SunLine Operations

## 372 Employees



### Routes



- 14 fixed routes
- 1 express route
- 1 regional route
- ADA Paratransit

### Fleet

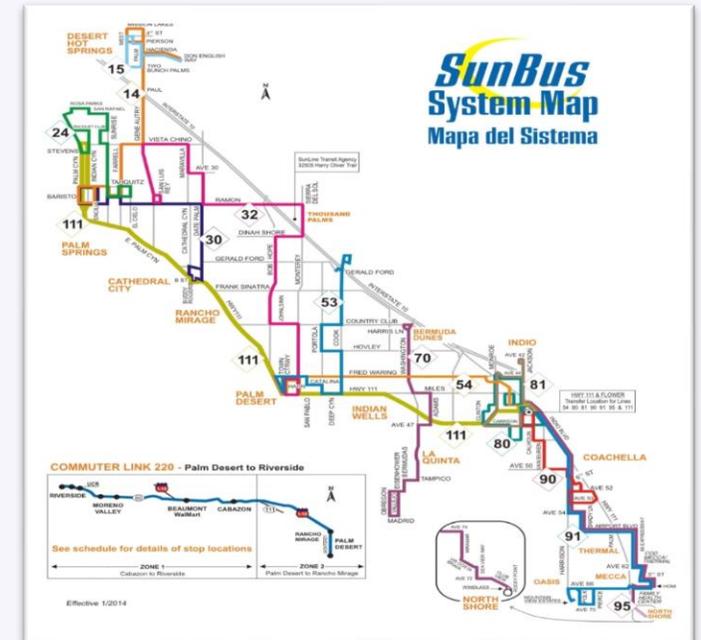


- 61 CNG
- 17 Hydrogen Electric Fuel Cell
- 4 Electric Battery BYD
- 39 CNG Paratransit Vehicles

### Revenue Miles vs. Passenger Trips



- 4.3 million revenue miles
- 4.5 million passenger trips



# Why Did SunLine Choose Hydrogen?



# Fuel Cells Enhance the Performance of Electric Buses

300 miles

## High daily ranges

FCEBs excel on long routes and routes with frequent service



## Challenging terrain

FCEBs excel on hilly terrain and steep grades



## Fast refueling at depot

FCEBs are compatible with fueling islands and restrictive schedules



## Extreme climates

FCEBs excel in all weather, from cold winters to hot summers



## Full route flexibility

FCEBs are a 1:1 replacement for ICE buses and are not tied to on-route infrastructure

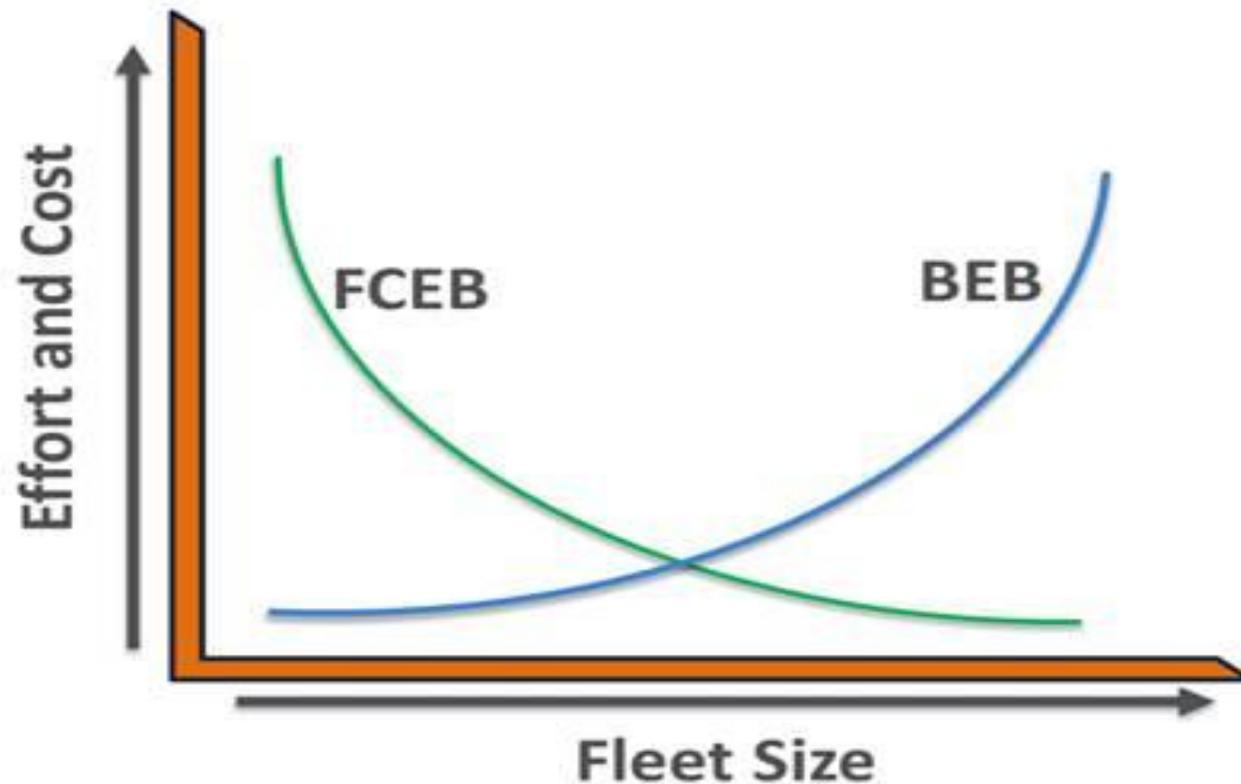


## Vehicle Weight

Significant reduction in vehicle weight

# Infrastructure Costs Comparison

## Infrastructure and Scalability



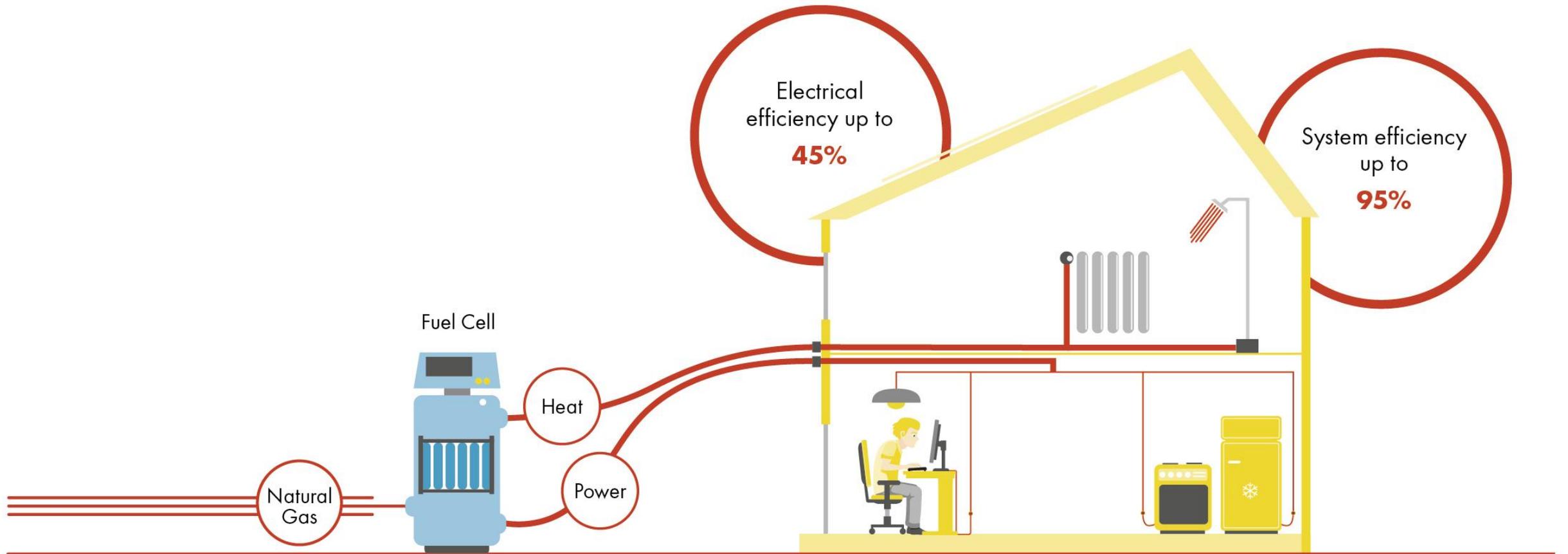
# Hydrogen as a Power Source

## Why it Makes Sense



- **H<sub>2</sub> only generates water, electricity and heat when converted to electricity**
  - No Greenhouse Gas or dust particulates
- **H<sub>2</sub> Fuel Cells have an efficiency of 50% to 60% when producing electricity alone**
  - FCs have an efficiency of 80% to 90% when waste heat is recycled
  - Combustion engines have a 20% to 30% efficiency
- **Storage/Portability**
  - Secondary energy made from the decomposition of CNG, petroleum, coal and water
  - When liquified to -263°C its volume is reduced to 1/800. When compressed in a high pressure tank it is easy to store and transport
- **Flexibility**
  - Generated energy can be converted into hydrogen
  - Hydrogen can be stored as liquid or gas and converted back to electricity

# Hydrogen as a Power Source



# Hydrogen as a Power Source

- **Hydrogen based transport is expected to reach the break-even point by 2025**
  - Factors that will determine this goal are source energy prices, infrastructure, education and willingness, regulatory frameworks
- **Hydrogen can make the most sense in the short term for large, long range vehicles**
  - Buses, trains, trucks, rideshare and marine
  - Hydrogen is already an economically viable alternative to BEB technology for these vehicle types

# SunLine's Zero Emission Fleet & Fueling Infrastructure



# ZEB Fleet

4-  
BYD



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El Dorado  
National

Ballard

US Hybrid

BAE

New Flyer

Ballard

Cummins  
Hydrogenics

Siemens

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- 4 FC Shuttle Buses (Pilot Project)
- 5 awarded through VW Mitigation Settlement and vehicle replacement funds
- 5 awarded through EPA TAG

# Hydrogen Fueling Station Overview



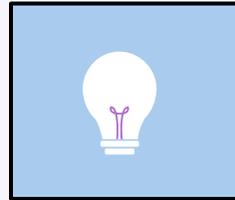
Proton/Nel  
PEM  
Electrolyzer

- 900 Kg per day production
- 380 Kg use per day
- 2 dispenser fast fill rate
- \$8.7 Million CARB Grant

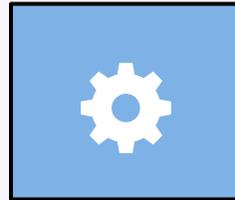


# Hydrogen Fueling Station Lessons Learned

Ensuring utilities were able to support project



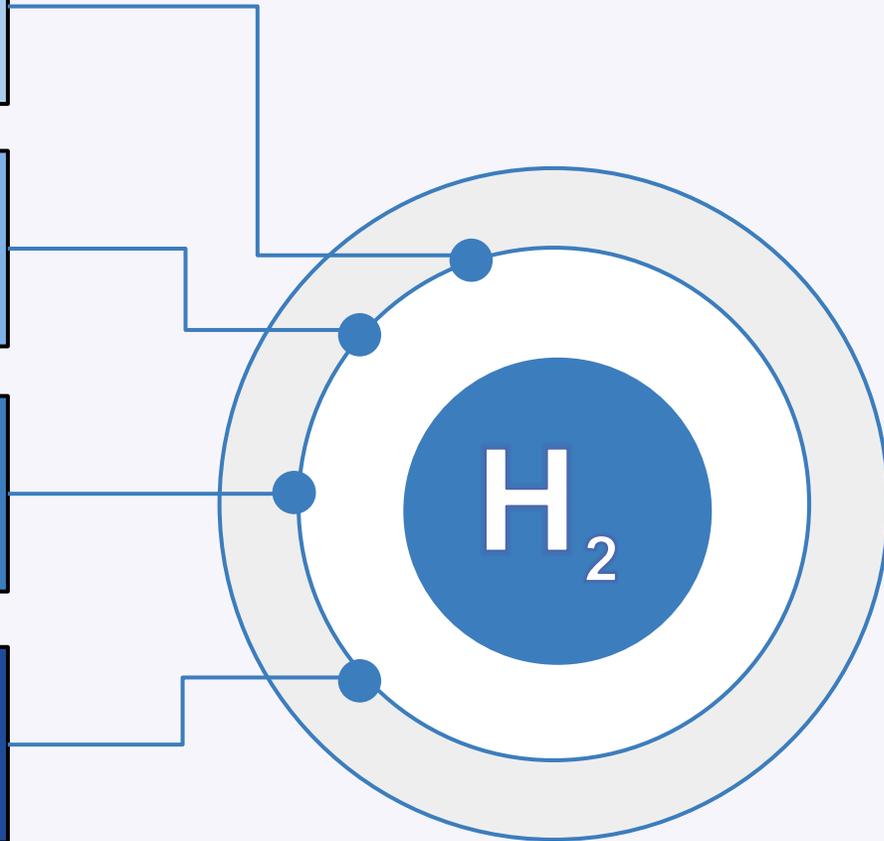
Ensuring we have personnel with the right credentials to execute the project



Correctly estimating the amount of civil work involved



Establishing a performance based statement of work



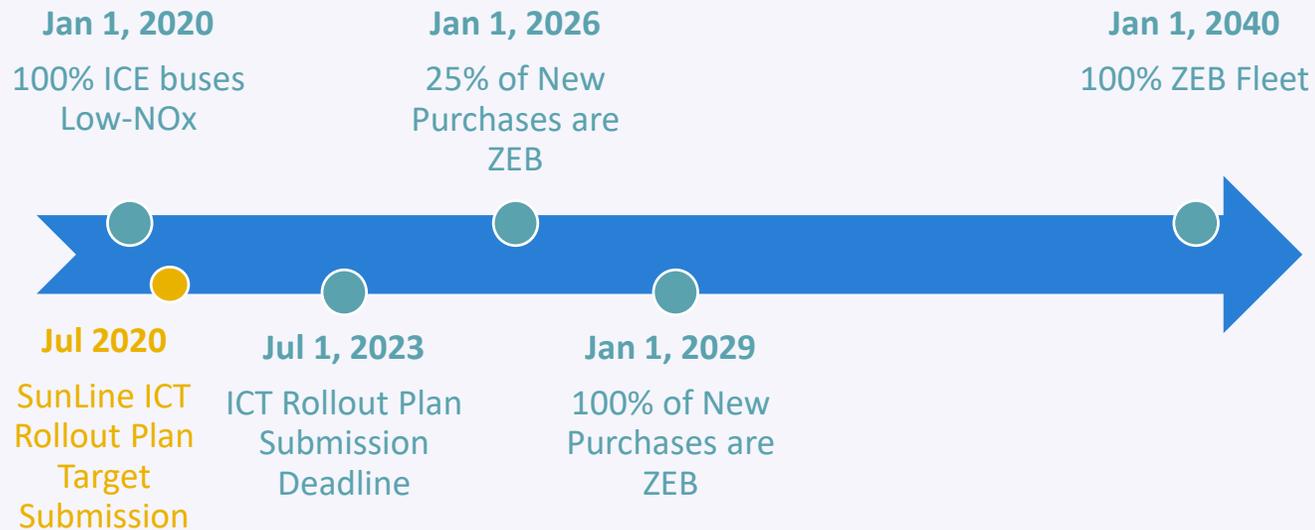
# ICT – Zero Emissions Bus Rollout Plan

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# ICT Rollout Plan Timeline

## ICT Regulation Timeline for a Small Agency



SUNLINE WILL BE THE FIRST TRANSIT AGENCY IN THE STATE/COUNTRY TO TRANSITION THEIR FLEET TO 100% ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

- Fixed Route Fleet 100% ZEB by **FY-2035** – 67 FCEBs, 18 BEBs
- Paratransit Fleet 100% ZEB by **FY-2031** – 39 FCEBs, 0 BEBs

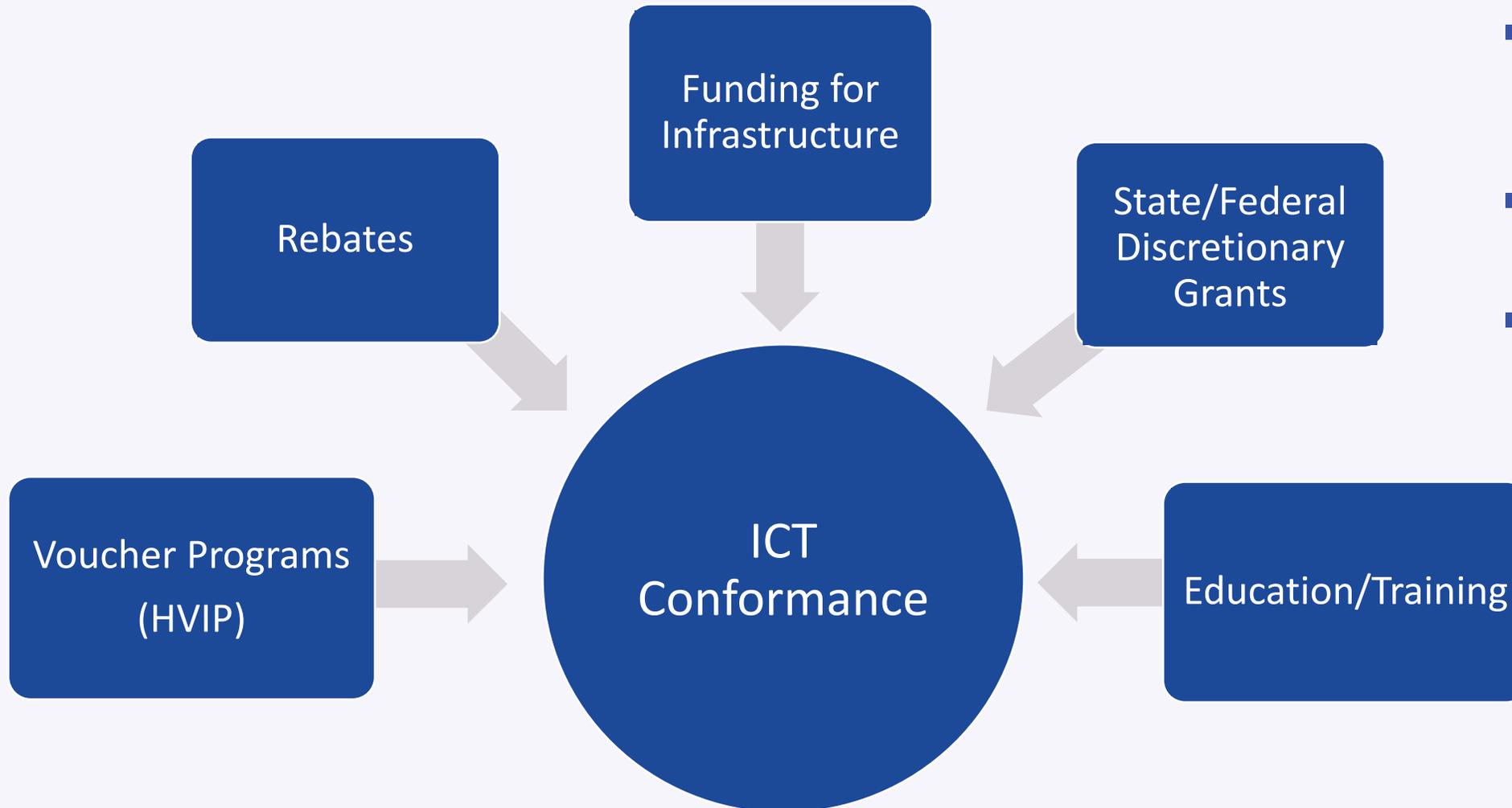
# Funding Approach

*Deploying zero-emission buses enables SunLine to unlock additional funding sources*

- Targeted use of federal (5307 & 5339) and state funds following transition plan adoption schedule
  - Estimated **\$106.5 million** available over duration of plan
- Special funding from competitive grants and voucher programs will make up the balance
  - Successful track record in securing funding and delivering successful projects

Status	Funding Source	Current SunLine Activities
Application Approved	VW Mitigation / LowNo / STA / FTA	VW Funding received for 3 FCEBs ( <b>\$1.2 million</b> ) LowNo ( <b>\$624K</b> ) STA ( <b>\$657K</b> ) and FTA 5339 & 5307 ( <b>\$1.59M</b> ) <span style="float: right;">ON ORDER</span>
	EPA AirShed Grant	Funding approved for 5 FCEBs ( <b>\$5.9 million</b> ) <span style="float: right;">PENDING CONTRACT EXECUTION</span>
	CEC – H2 Ride	Funding Approved for 4 FCEBs shuttle buses ( <b>\$4.3 million</b> ) <span style="float: right;">PENDING CONTRACT EXECUTION</span>
Application Submitted	VW Mitigation / LowNo / STA / FTA	VW Funding pending approval for 2 FCEBs ( <b>\$800K</b> ) LowNo ( <b>\$416K</b> ) STA ( <b>\$438K</b> ) and FTA 5339 & 5307 ( <b>\$1.03M</b> ) <span style="float: right;">ON ORDER</span>

# Resource Requirements



- ICT Conformance will require funding
- Investments have already been made
- Training will be an important factor for workforce development

# West Coast Center of Excellence In Zero Emissions Technology & Renewable Energy



 **West Coast**  
**Center of Excellence**  
IN ZERO EMISSION TECHNOLOGY  
& RENEWABLE ENERGY

# A Focus on Workforce Development



## Mission

- To provide a transition pathway for current employees employed to operate and maintain carbon based vehicle and infrastructure by providing training on ZEB technologies
- To attract the next generation of technology technicians to be ready for green jobs being developed today and into the future

## Vision

- For every investment in technology, there should be a focused investment in training. The West Coast Center of Excellence in Zero Emission Technology and Renewable Energy will be an instrumental resource for the State of California and the WORLD...

# Steps for a Successful ZEB Deployment



Zero Emission  
Policy/Vision

Master Facility  
Plan

Established  
Relationship with  
Utility Providers

Internal  
Champions

Invest in  
Technician  
Training



# Advisory Board



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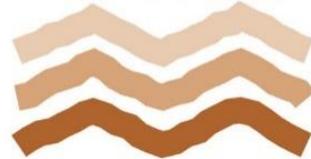
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