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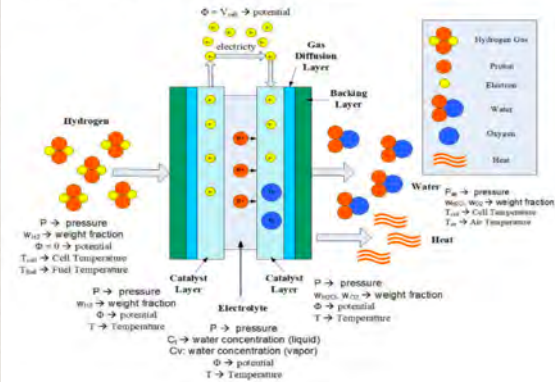
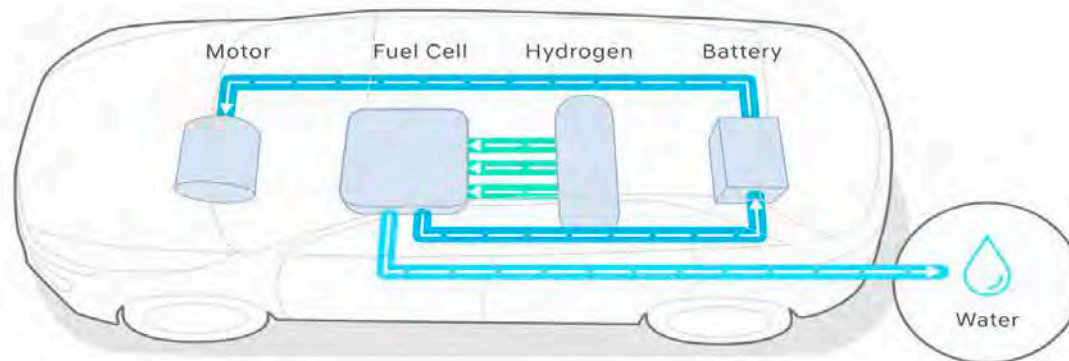


Figure 1: Parameters that can be included in a mathematical model

One SUV Vehicle  
currently Available  
in California



The only exhaust is Water and Oxygen



## System

When you drive, the hydrogen travels from the tanks to the fuel-cell stack. There it goes through an electrochemical reaction with oxygen collected from the air intake. This creates electricity, which powers the motor, and water.

# Four Clear Signs that Fuel Cells Will Power Commercial Vehicles

Zero tailpipe emissions

Low noise and vibration

Fast and smooth acceleration

A wide range of operating conditions with no compromise on vehicle load

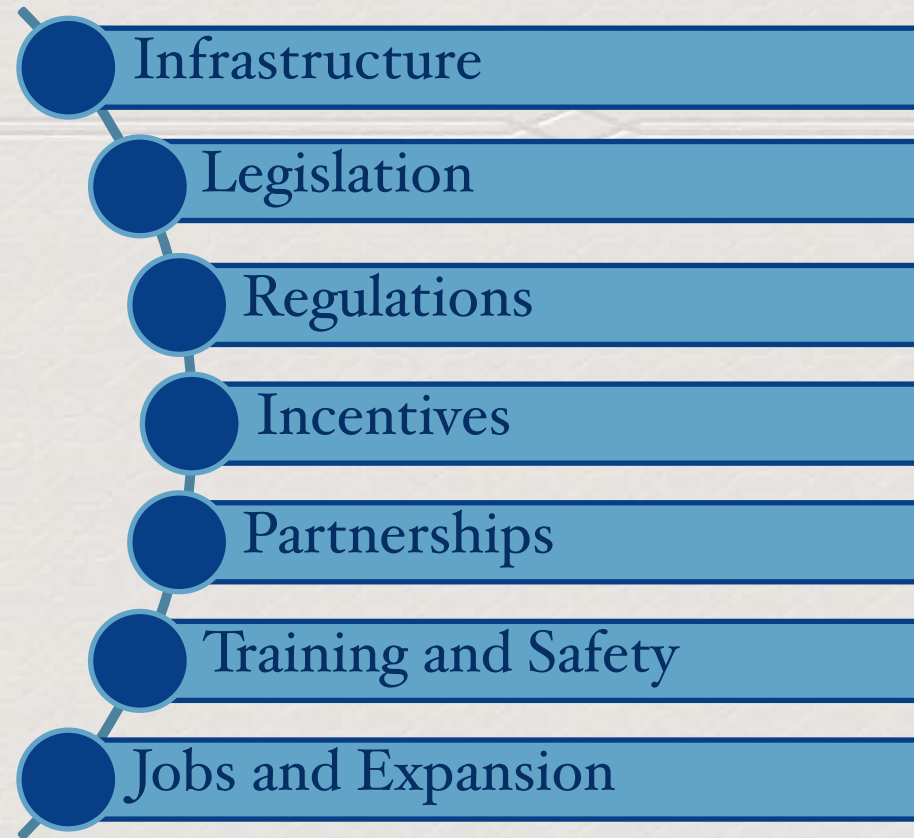
- ***THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY EVENTUALLY WILL EVOLVE INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY. FOR HEAVY TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES THE SOLUTION IS HYDROGEN, LESS WEIGHT AND LONGER RANGE, AND NO MATTER THE GRADIENT OF THE TERRAIN.***
- ***MÉDIUM TO HEAVY VEHICLES IS THE KEY TO HAVE THE NECESSARY HYDROGEN VOLUME DEMAND***

What The State and Private Industry must Do?

Collaboration!



# Key Milestones To Accomplish



A Key factor is to work with the Federal, State, and Local governments to develop a cross-government business case for hydrogen, its benefits and challenges.

# Ports are being planned as a Pilot Program in Different Regions

**WORLD PORTS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (WPSP) CHARTER HAS SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO TRANSITION PORTS FROM FOSIL FUELS TO ALTERNATIVE FUELS.**

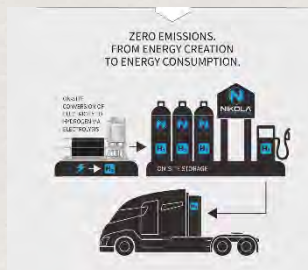


Ports

Supporting Equipment

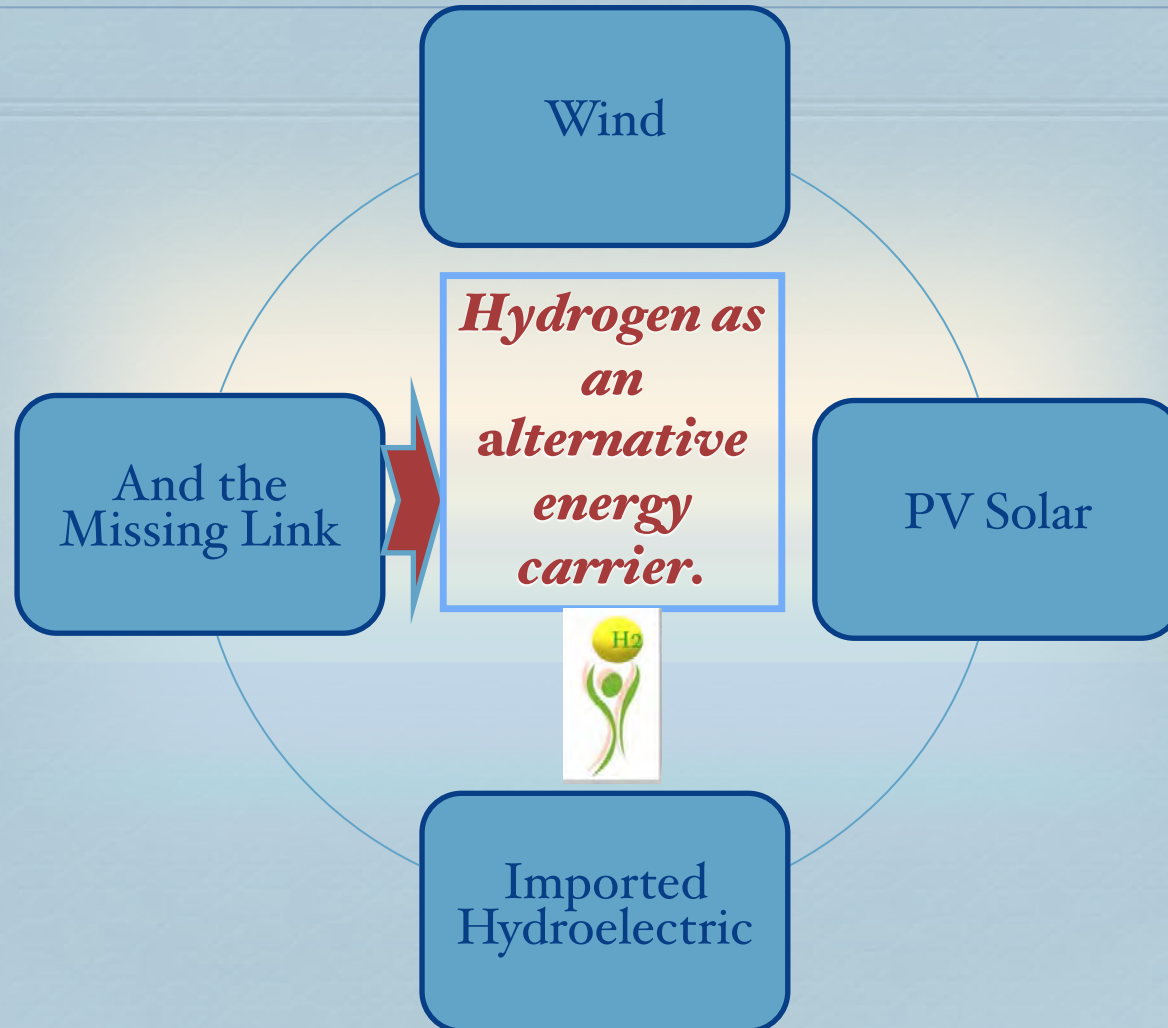
Trucks

Commerce and Industry Focus





# Maryland And Renewable Energy



## *Companies taking the Fuel Cell Initiative in the USA*

### Coca-Cola



One of IKEA's Bloom Energy fuel cell systems at California store



Bloom Energy fuel cell server at a Walmart retail site





Hydrogen is the fuel of the future, and now is the time to start passing laws, legislations, guidelines, standards, incentives, and investing in the infrastructure.

H<sub>2</sub> Filling stations are just like the current gasoline/diesel filling stations and can be parallel while fossil fuels are phasing out.



What is needed is private investors to own the filling stations, and form alliances with vehicle manufacturers like Switzerland is doing.

Are we for the challenge?  
Hydrogen is upscaling up in Europe and California and Maryland could follow suit.



*Hydrogen- based fuels ships and heavy trucks can transport hydrogen from over long distances – from regions with abundant solar and wind resources, such as Australia Latin America, Or from sun abundant USA States to energy-hungry cities thousands of kilometers away.*

Electricity Produced  
From Solar and Wind.



Solar photovoltaic plant in Brazil

To Hydrogen  
Production By  
Electrolysis



1. Enable large-scale,  
efficient renewable  
energy integration



2. Distribute energy across  
sectors and regions

Stored and Transported  
Using Hydrogen Fuel  
Cell Powered Vehicles



Supply Hydrogen to  
Hungry Cities Thousands  
of Kilometers away





Would you like to have your name written in the history of Maryland by taking this Leap into the future of energy? Future generations will greatly appreciate your bravery!

Be part of the \$2.5 trillion Hydrogen economy by 2050. Hydrogen Council Vision with 60 members as 2019.

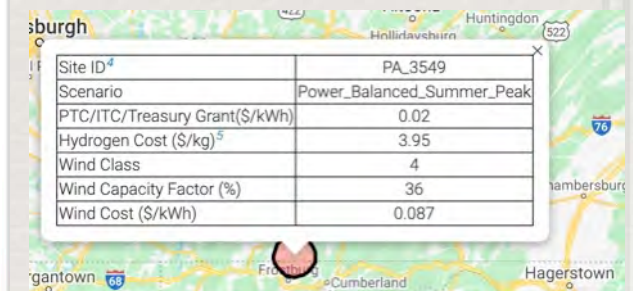


**\$2.5 t**  
annual sales  
(hydrogen and  
equipment)



Hydrogen is at the same phase as Solar Panels were 15 years ago. People had many doubts then.

With lower electricity we can achieve the H<sub>2</sub> \$3.00 p/kg. target!



|                                    |                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Site ID <sup>4</sup>               | PA_3549                    |
| Scenario                           | Power_Balanced_Summer_Peak |
| PTC/ITC/Treasury Grant (\$/kWh)    | 0.02                       |
| Hydrogen Cost (\$/kg) <sup>5</sup> | 3.95                       |
| Wind Class                         | 4                          |
| Wind Capacity Factor (%)           | 36                         |
| Wind Cost (\$/kWh)                 | 0.087                      |

Source: <https://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/production-cost-analysis.html>



# **GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS**

- 1. Begin the Journey to 100% Renewable Hydrogen Now**
- 2. Fund Scalable Projects for 100% Renewable Hydrogen Production**
- 3. Improve Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Incentives**
- 4. Promote Tools to Lower the Cost of Electricity for Renewable Hydrogen Producers.**
- 5. Address Hydrogen Distribution and Storage Challenges**
- 6. Expand the US EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program**
- 7. Incentivize Consumers and Stakeholders**
- 8. Broaden the Hydrogen Community Through Education & Outreach**

# Foothill Transportation Study Continues.





July 24, 2020

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Cost Comparison and Fuel Technology Direction – Battery Electric Bus vs. Fuel Cell Bus**

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**Recommendation**

Provide direction regarding the fuel technology to be used in Foothill Transit's next order of 20 buses

**Analysis**

As a result of operating BEBs for the last ten years we've learned that BEBs present several challenges including, range limitations, long charging times, high electricity rates, complicated utility rate structures, and higher capital costs. To minimize or alleviate these challenges, FCEBs appear to be an alternative zero-emissions technology solution. FCEBs, however, have some challenges as well, with higher bus price and fuel cost.

As the market for zero-emissions buses matures, some of the challenges faced today can be minimized or mitigated with economies of scale and technological improvements.

Foothill Transit has an existing Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant to deploy 20 zero-emissions buses on Foothill Transit's Line 486, a 42-mile roundtrip route from the Pomona Transit Center to El Monte Station.

To understand the cost difference of operating a BEB versus a FCEB on Line 486, specifically, we need to consider the following elements:

- ☐ Block miles - The miles driven by a particular bus on a specific line
- ☐ Bus quantity - The required number of buses to operate on a line
- ☐ Fueling infrastructure cost
  - Cost of fuel
  - Scheduled maintenance cost
  - Mid-life replacement cost

These cost elements are further described below.

Based on our experience of operating a 440 kWh BEB, we can confidently attain at most 150 miles of range on a single charge. So, under BEB on the chart below, any block beyond 134.88 miles will require two buses to complete that block. On the other hand, FCEBs have a range of 320 miles, similar to CNG buses, and can complete any block on Line 486. As you can



see in the chart below the operation of Line 486 will require 34 BEBs versus 23 FCEBs or a 1.5 to 1 ratio of buses between the two technologies.

| Line 486          | El Monte Station to Pomona Transit Center |       |                  |          |  | Bus Quantity |           |
|-------------------|---|-------|------------------|----------|--|--------------|-----------|
| Block             | Start                                     | End   | Distance (Miles) | Duration |  | BEB          | Fuel Cell |
| 23                | 16:26                                     | 20:10 | 47.89            | 3h44     |  | 1            | 1         |
| 15                | 6:26                                      | 9:58  | 47.89            | 3h32     |  | 1            | 1         |
| 7                 | 5:00                                      | 10:44 | 88.02            | 5h44     |  | 1            | 1         |
| 11                | 5:50                                      | 11:42 | 88.86            | 5h52     |  | 1            | 1         |
| 6                 | 4:50                                      | 11:44 | 91.39            | 6h54     |  | 1            | 1         |
| 21                | 13:33                                     | 23:29 | 131.71           | 9h56     |  | 1            | 1         |
| 19                | 12:33                                     | 22:30 | 131.71           | 9h57     |  | 1            | 1         |
| 22                | 13:50                                     | 23:27 | 132.35           | 9h37     |  | 1            | 1         |
| 20                | 13:02                                     | 23:59 | 134.88           | 10h57    |  | 1            | 1         |
| 18                | 8:02                                      | 19:04 | 134.88           | 11h02    |  | 1            | 1         |
| 17                | 7:26                                      | 18:13 | 134.88           | 10h47    |  | 1            | 1         |
| 14                | 6:14                                      | 17:12 | 134.88           | 10h58    |  | 1            | 1         |
| 16                | 6:27                                      | 19:57 | 175.20           | 13h30    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 9                 | 5:20                                      | 18:11 | 175.84           | 12h51    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 10                | 5:35                                      | 18:59 | 175.84           | 13h24    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 8                 | 5:05                                      | 19:30 | 178.37           | 14h25    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 1                 | 4:15                                      | 19:38 | 216.17           | 15h23    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 3                 | 4:30                                      | 20:07 | 216.17           | 15h37    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 5                 | 4:45                                      | 21:32 | 218.70           | 16h47    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 12                | 5:51                                      | 23:00 | 218.70           | 17h09    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 13                | 6:02                                      | 22:59 | 219.34           | 16h57    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 2                 | 4:20                                      | 20:36 | 219.34           | 16h16    |  | 2            | 1         |
| 4                 | 4:35                                      | 23:54 | 262.63           | 19h19    |  | 2            | 1         |
| Fleet Requirement |   |       |                  |          |  | 34           | 23        |
| Ratio             |   |       |                  |          |  | 1.5          | 1         |

The number of buses needed for operations using BEB versus FCEB determines the capital cost for bus purchases under each approach. As shown below, a fleet of BEBs will cost \$30.2 million while FCEBs will cost \$25.3 million - a difference of \$4.9 million.





| Line 486 El Monte Station to Pomona Transit Center |                   |           |                      |                          |
|--|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Block  | Fleet Requirement |           | Bus Cost             |                          |
|  | BEB               | Fuel Cell | \$890,000<br>BEB     | \$1,100,000<br>Fuel Cell |
| 23   | 1                 | 1         | \$890,000            | \$1,100,000              |
| 15   | 1                 | 1         | \$890,000            | \$1,100,000              |
| 7  | 1                 | 1         | \$890,000            | \$1,100,000              |
| 11   | 1                 | 1         | \$890,000            | \$1,100,000              |
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| 14   | 1                 | 1         | \$890,000            | \$1,100,000              |
| 16   | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 9  | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 10   | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 8  | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 1  | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 3  | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 5  | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 12   | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 13   | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 2  | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
| 4  | 2                 | 1         | \$1,780,000          | \$1,100,000              |
|  | <b>34</b>         | <b>23</b> | <b>\$30,260,000</b>  | <b>\$25,300,000</b>      |
| <b>Bus Ratio</b>                                   | <b>1.5</b>        |           | <b>Cost Variance</b> | <b>\$4,960,000</b>       |

Fueling or charging infrastructure is needed to power the buses. It will cost approximately \$4 million to construct a hydrogen fueling station for delivered hydrogen. While only 20 FCEBs are needed for the project under consideration, the hydrogen fueling infrastructure will accommodate up to 30 buses. For BEBs, it will require \$10.95 million for infrastructure and charger systems based on the Burns and McDonnell report.



| Fueling Infrastructure      |              | Cost/bus  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Fuel Cell - Up to 30 buses  | \$4,000,000  | \$133,333 |
| BEB - Chargers for 34 buses | \$10,948,000 | \$322,000 |

FCEB fuel cost is approximately \$7 per kilogram of hydrogen per recent quotes from a hydrogen supplier. Since 1 kilogram of hydrogen provides seven miles of range, the cost of fuel is \$1 per mile. The BEB cost per mile is based on Southern California Edison bills for the in-route charging station at Pomona Transit Center. The average cost is \$0.35 per kW and the bus efficiency is 2.16 kW per mile or \$0.76 per mile. A total of 3,576 daily miles are driven on Line 486, or 1,305,112 miles annually.

| Fuel Cost/Mile/Bus |        | Annual         |
|--------------------|--------|----------------|
| Fuel Cell          | \$1.00 | \$1,305,111.60 |
| BEB/kW             | \$0.76 | \$986,664.30   |

Cost for preventive maintenance or scheduled maintenance for FCEBs has declined over the last few years. Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) in Southern California is currently demonstrating 10 fuel cell buses. According to Leslie Eudy of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), OCTA's maintenance cost per mile at \$0.12 is slightly inflated because the agency is spending extra time on maintenance as part of their FCEB demonstration project. Decline in maintenance cost of FCEBs is foreseeable in the near future.

| Scheduled Maintenance per Mile |        | Annual Cost  |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Fuel Cell                      | \$0.12 | \$156,613.40 |
| BEB                            | \$0.04 | \$52,204.47  |

Another consideration for this cost comparison is the cost for mid-life replacement. Mid-life replacement involves replacing major components that have worn out, or are no longer operable after mid-life defined as 300,000 miles of operation or six years of use. On internal combustion engine powered buses, this involves replacing the engine and rebuilding the transmission. For BEBs, the battery packs are replaced while on FCEBs the fuel cell stacks are replaced.

| Mid-life Replacement Cost/Bus |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Fuel Cell                     | \$30,000  |
| BEB                           | \$200,000 |





The chart below shows the comparative costs between BEBs and FCEBs over 12 years of life

The chart demonstrates that the cost of operating BEBs on Line 486 is higher than FCEBs over a 12-year period by \$12.9 million. The cost differential stems from the higher capital cost of BEB buses due to having to operate more buses to accommodate its limited range capacity. The costs of fueling infrastructure for FCEBs and mid-life maintenance are also lower compared to BEBs.

| 12-Year Lifecycle Cost Comparison     |              |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | 34 BEBs      | 20 FCEBs     |
| Capital Cost - Buses                  | \$30,260,000 | \$25,300,000 |
| Capital Cost - Fueling Infrastructure | \$10,948,000 | \$4,000,000  |
| 12 Year Fuel Cost                     | \$11,839,973 | \$15,661,340 |
| 12 Year PMI Cost                      | \$626,453.50 | \$1,879,361  |
| Mid-life Maintenance Cost             | \$6,800,000  | \$690,000    |
|                                       | \$60,474,423 | \$47,530,701 |
| Cost Savings with FCEB                | \$12,943,726 |              |

Line 486 is operated by Keolis from Foothill Transit's Pomona Operations and Maintenance facility, and they operate 16 of Foothill Transit's fleet of Proterra battery electric buses. Keolis has experience operating fuel cell buses in France and The Netherlands for the last two years. On December 17, 2019 Keolis began operating eight 60-foot articulated fuel cell buses on a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) platform in the city of Pau, located in southwestern France. This international fuel-cell experience by our contractor will be extremely valuable should the decision be made by the Board to pursue a hydrogen fuel-cell program at Foothill Transit.

Please note that the costs identified above are our best estimates based on information that is currently available. We fully expect that our actual results will vary as we gain more experience with either of these technologies. As has always been the case with our entire zero emission bus program, we will be at the forefront of advancing this technology.

There are still many decisions that will be needed to deploy an additional 20 zero emission buses, including award of contracts for procurement of transit coaches and fueling infrastructure. Each of these items will be brought to the Executive Board for action. It will be valuable to have the Executive Board's general direction regarding fuel technology for this next group of buses. The options available to you include:



**Foothill Transit**

## **Executive Board Meeting**

Executive Board Meeting - 07/24/2020

Cost Comparison - BEB vs. FCEB

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- ☐ Implementing a 20-bus fuel cell powered fleet
- ☐ Implementing a 20-bus grid powered electric bus fleet
- Returning the grant funding and delaying the deployment of any additional zero emission buses at this time

We look forward to receiving your direction on how to proceed

Sincerely,

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