# Transit Electrification Webinar

August 20, 2020

## Agenda

- Welcome Julie White, Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation, NCDOT
- Welcome Jeremy Tarr, Senior Advisor for Climate Change Policy, Office of the Governor
- CMAQ for Transit, Q&A Heather Hildebrandt, Interim Director, Integrated Mobility Division, NCDOT
- VW Settlement Transit Bus Program Brian Phillips, Mobile Source Branch Supervisor, NCDEQ
- ➤ Transit Electrification Value Proposition and Financing Options Dionne Delli-Gatti, Director of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs for Southeast climate and Energy, Environmental Defense Fund; and Dr. Holmes Hummel, Founder, Clean Energy Works
- Discussion





















## Overview of the NC CMAQ Program

### Heather Hildebrandt

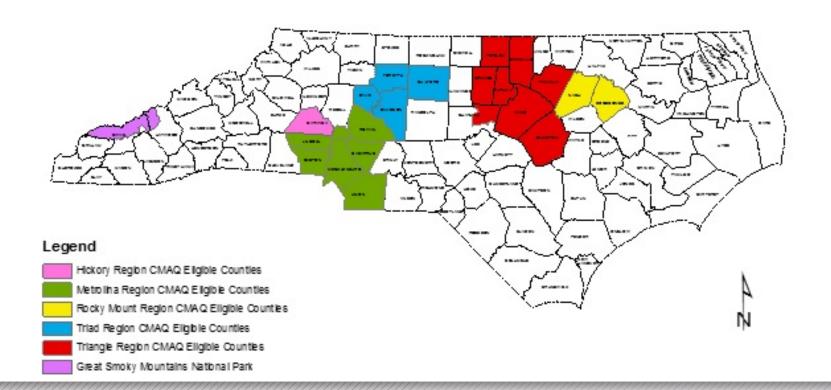
Transportation Planning Division

### What is the CMAQ Program?

- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program
- Federal-aid program
- Funds transportation projects/programs to improve air quality & reduce congestion
- Focuses on reduction of ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub>) emissions
- NCDOT receives funding and passes it through to eligible areas

### What areas are eligible?

 Areas that are currently OR previously nonattainment or maintenance for O<sub>3</sub>, CO or PM



### What project types are eligible?

- Diesel engine retrofits
- Idle reduction
- Congestions reduction
   & traffic flow improvements
- Freight & intermodal projects
- Transportation control measures
- Transit improvements
- Bicycle & pedestrian improvements
- Travel demand management

- Public education & outreach
- Transportation management associations
- Carpooling & vanpooling
- Car-sharing
- Extreme low temperature cold start programs
- Training
- Inspection & maintenance programs
- Innovative projects
- Alternative fuels & vehicles

### What project types are eligible?

### Transit improvements

- New transit facilities associated with new or enhanced services
- Rehabilitation of existing facilities in some cases
- New transit vehicles (bus, rail or van) to expand fleet or replace existing vehicles
- Certified diesel engine retrofits
- Operating assistance for new or expanded transit service
  - Fuel is an eligible expense for these particular projects
- Transit fare subsidies

### How much funding is available?

- NC funding amount is established in Federal transportation legislation
  - FAST Act set up funding through FFY 2020
  - NCDOT establishes a CMAQ target for future years based on past funding
- NC funding is broken out into three categories:
  - Statewide
  - Regional
  - Subregional

## **NC CMAQ Project Categories**

Statewide CMAQ	Regional CMAQ	Subregional CMAQ			
35% of NC funding	5% of NC funding	60% of NC funding, further broken down by MPO/RPO areas			
Projects proposed & administered by NCDOT	Projects proposed & administered by Local Program Sponsors	Projects proposed & administered by Local Program Sponsors & submitted by MPO/RPO			
Must be located in eligible county(ies)	Must be located in at least two eligible <i>regions</i>	Must be located in eligible counties within MPO/RPO			
NCDOT provides matching funds	Local Program Sponsor provides matching funds				
Must be at least \$100,000 in total funding					

### **CMAQ Applications**

- All CMAQ proposals require an application
- Applications must include emissions reductions calculations
- Cost estimates should reflect anticipated inflation compounded annually at 5% from the current calendar year
- All applications are reviewed by the Interagency Review Team (IRT) for CMAQ eligibility
  - IRT: NCDOT TPD, Divisions; FHWA; FTA; EPA; NCDAQ

### **Emissions Calculation Tool**

- Applicants will use CMAQ emissions calculation tool to quantify emissions reductions
  - > Consistent emissions reductions from applicants

### **Tentative Timeline**

Item Description	Start Date	End Date
Funding allocation analysis	10/1/2020	11/1/2020
Project application due	1/31/2021	
Internal review of applications	2/3/2021	2/28/2021
Award approval letters sent out	3/2/2021	
Project contract due date	9/1/2021	
Funding analysis for competitive projects	9/2/2021	9/21/2021
Competitive/NCDOT applications due	10/16/2021	
Internal review of applications	10/19/2021	11/6/2021
Approval letter for competitive/NCDOT sent out	11/9/2021	

### **Questions or Comments?**

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## Bicycle and Pedestrian | Public Transportation CMAQ Funding for Transit Systems

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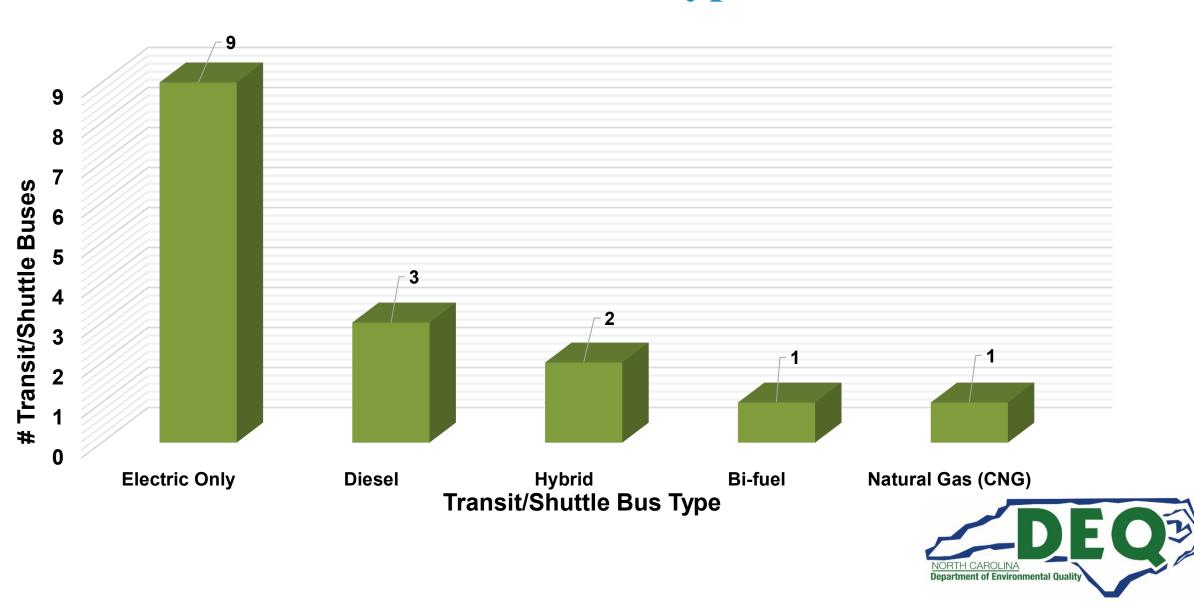


## Transit/Shuttle Bus Phase 1 Project Summary

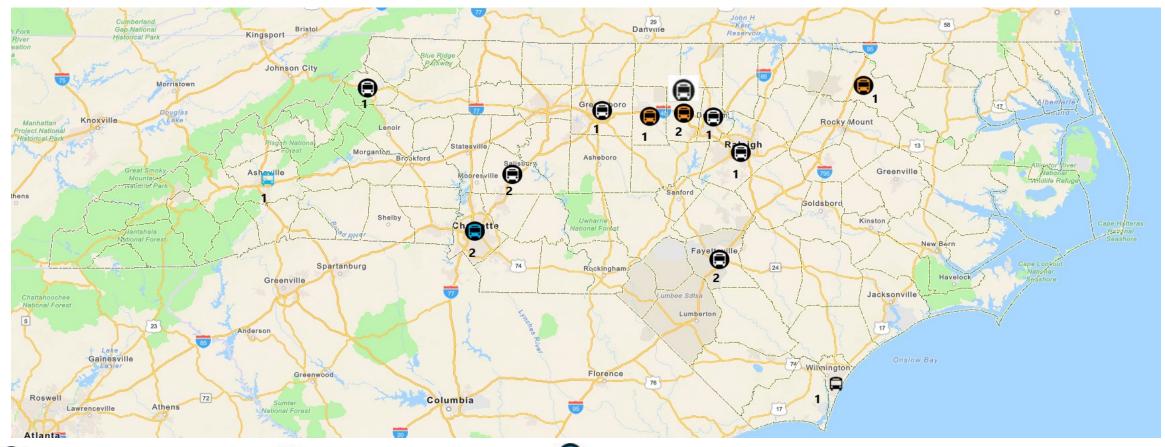
Program	County Classification	Number of Vehicles Funded	Annual Tons of NOx Reduced	Total Amount Funded
Transit/Shuttle Bus	Rural	2	1.1	\$1,201,500
	Urban/Suburban	14	5.5	\$4,934,877
Total	\$6,136,377 (Allocated)	16	6.6	\$6,136,377 (100% Funded)



## Transit/Shuttle Bus Fuel Type Distribution



### VW Awarded Transit/Shuttle Buses





Bi-fuel Transit Buses



### **Next Steps**

- Contract processing for Phase 1 awards will precede in the next two to six months
- Second half of 2020 begin the Phase 2 planning
- DAQ prepares Phase 2 RFPs in 2021 for release



### Transit Bus Replacement Program

- \$6.1 million was available in Phase 1
- Eligible buses include 2009 engine model year and older class 4-8 transit buses and shuttle buses.
- May be repowered with any new diesel or alternative fueled or all-electric engine or replaced with a new diesel or alternative fueled or all-electric bus. (Must be with engine model year of award or year prior)
- Eligible buses must be scrapped.



### **Scrappage Requirements**

• "Scrapped" shall mean to render inoperable and available for recycle, and, at a minimum, to specifically cut a 3-inch hole in the engine block for all engines.

 If any eligible vehicle will be replaced as part of an eligible project, scrapped shall also include the disabling of the chassis by cutting the vehicle's frame rails completely in half.



## Phase 1 Eligible Projects

 Projects submitted by local, state, and tribal government organizations.

Projects submitted by public or private nonprofit organizations.

 Projects submitted by public-private partnerships where the lead applicant represents a public sector or public/private nonprofit entity.



### **Phase 1 Funding Levels**

## For Government Owned Eligible Buses: Replacement or Repower

- Up to 100% of the cost of a new diesel or alternative fueled (e.g. CNG, propane, hybrid) transit bus or shuttle bus.
- Up to 100% of the cost of a new all-electric transit bus or shuttle bus, including costs of installation and up to \$50,000 for charging infrastructure associated with the new all-electric transit bus or shuttle bus.



### **Phase 1 Funding Levels**

## For Non-Government Owned Eligible Buses: Repower

- Up to 40% of the cost of a repower with new diesel or alternative fueled (e.g. CNG, propane, hybrid) transit bus or shuttle bus.
- Up to 75% of the cost of a repower with new all-electric transit bus or shuttle bus, including costs of installation and charging infrastructure associated with the new allelectric transit bus or shuttle bus.

## **Phase 1 Funding Levels**

## For Non-Government Owned Eligible Buses: Replacement

- Up to 25% of the cost of a new diesel or alternative fueled (e.g. CNG, propane, hybrid) transit bus or shuttle bus.
- Up to 75% of the cost of a new all-electric school bus, including costs of installation and up to \$50,000 charging infrastructure associated with the new all-electric transit bus or shuttle bus.



### **VW Settlement Funding Process**

- The Diesel Vehicle Program is currently designed as a reimbursement process.
- Submittal of paid invoices and proof of bus destruction are required prior to reimbursement by DEQ.



### VW Settlement Project Selection Criteria

#### DEQ will consider factors such as, but not limited to:

- Cost Effectiveness (VW\$ funded per NOx tons reduced)
- NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Reductions
- Location of project
- Co-Benefits
- Sustainability of the project
- Timeliness
- Useful life of vehicle replaced
- Environmental Justice areas



### **More Information**

For additional information regarding the VW Settlement, please visit our webpage.

deq.nc.gov/VWsettlement



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## **Questions**





## Transit Electrification

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## 15 States and the District of Columbia Join Forces to Accelerate Bus and Truck Electrification



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#### 15 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JOIN FORCES TO ACCELERATE BUS AND TRUCK ELECTRIFICATION

#### SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING — PLEDGE TO DEVELOP ACTION PLAN TO ERADICATE TOXIC DIESEL EMISSIONS BY 2050

Boston, MA (July 14, 2020) – Today, 15 states and the District of Columbia announced a joint memorandum of understanding (MOU), committing to work collaboratively to advance and accelerate the market for electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, including large pickup trucks and vans, delivery trucks, box trucks, school and transit buses, and long-haul delivery trucks (big-rigs). The goal is to ensure that 100 percent of all new medium- and heavy-duty vehicle sales be zero emission vehicles by 2050 with an interim target of 30 percent zero-emission vehicle sales by 2030.

States signing the MOU are: California, Connecticut, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

The MOU will go a long way toward slashing harmful diesel emissions and cutting carbon pollution. The transportation sector is the nation's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions and also contributes to unhealthy levels of smog in many of the signatory states. Accelerating the electrification of trucks and buses is an essential step to achieve the deep economy-wide emission reductions needed to avoid the worst consequences of climate change and protect the health of millions of Americans. While trucks and buses only account for 4 percent of vehicles on the road, they are responsible for nearly 25 percent of total transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions. In fact, emissions from trucks are the fastest growing source of greenhouse gases, and the number of truck miles traveled on the nation's roads is forecast to continue to grow significantly in the coming decades.

Truck and bus electrification also promises to deliver wide spread health benefits, particularly in communities with heavy truck traffic that are burdened with higher levels of air pollution. Medium- and heavy-duty trucks are a major source of harmful smog-forming pollution, particulate matter, and air toxics. These emissions disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color often located near major trucking corridors, ports, and distribution hubs.

The MOU comes at an important transition point for the industry as investment in zero emission vehicle technology for the medium- and heavy duty sector continues to ramp up. Today, at least 70 electric truck and bus models are on the market, and manufacturers are expected to make many more new models commercially available over the next decade. Apart from the public health benefits and avoided health care costs zero emission trucks and buses provide, by 2030,



### **NESCAUM**

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### NESCAUM

\$4,000 \$3,000 Annual Savings (million 2018\$) Fuel Cost ■ LCFS Revenue \$2,000 Maintenance \$1,000 Infrastructure Midlife Benefits \$0 Manufacturer Cost Other Costs -\$1,000 Annual Total -\$2,000 1255 2014 2014 2025 2020 2021 2024 2024 2020 2020

Figure ES-1. Benefit and cost effects by year through 2040



Source: California EPS

### **NESCAUM**

Table ES-3 presents undiscounted and discounted perspectives and adds a new metric to results: average cost per avoided ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e. We calculate average cost as total savings through 2040 divided by emissions reductions expected from the proposed rule through 2040.

Table ES-3. Total savings calculated as average cost and present value (2018 \$s)

	EPS results with CARB battery costs		EPS results with lower battery costs	
	Total savings	Average savings per avoided ton of CO₂e*	Total savings	Average savings per avoided ton of CO₂e*
Undiscounted	\$7.3 billion	\$414 per metric ton	\$12.4 billion	\$708 per metric ton
Discounted (5%)	\$6.3 billion	\$358 per metric ton	\$10.7 billion	\$612 per metric ton

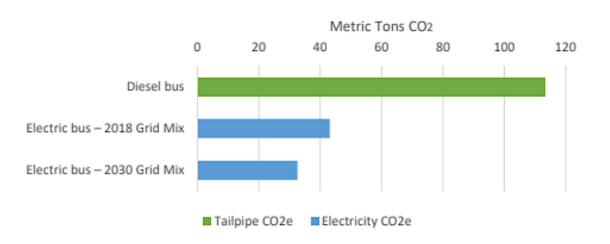
Source: California EPS and CARB (2020c)

Source: CLEAN TRUCKS, BIG BUCKS - California Energy Policy Simulator evaluation of the proposed Advanced Clean Trucks Rule, JUNE 2020 BY CHRIS BUSCH and AMANDA MYERS, ENERGY INNOVATION JAMES FINE, ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND



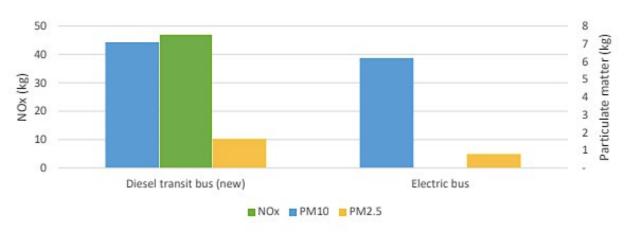
## EV buses in North Carolina advance multiple policy objectives in air quality and public health

#### Annual Carbon Emissions Per Bus (metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>)



This analysis prepared for a NC transit agency uses the NC grid resource mix, finding dramatic improvements to carbon dioxide, black soot, and particulates.

#### Annual Criteria Pollutant Emissions Per Bus





### Value Streams from Electrification of Transportation

- ✓ Cleaner air
- ✓ Better public health
- ✓ Avoided damages from climate change

- ✓ Lower fuel costs
- ✓ Lower maintenance costs
- ✓ Lower risk of stranded assets on the path to Executive Order 80 and NC ZEV Pla goals



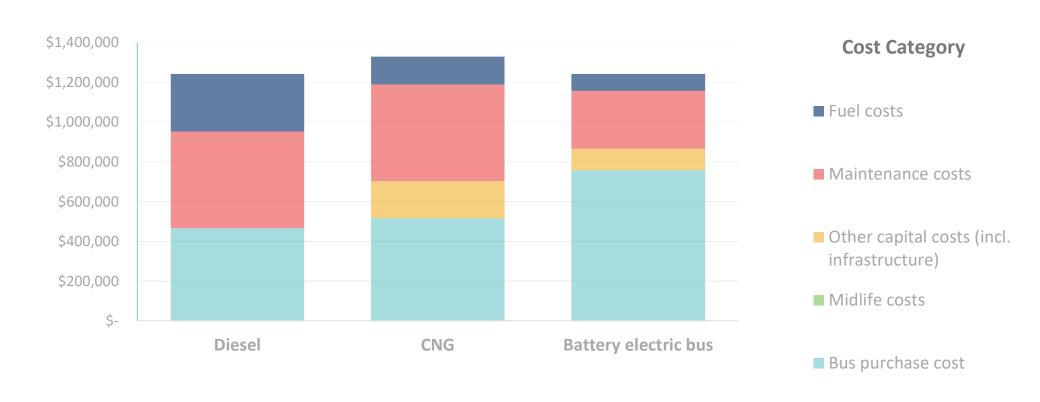
### Accelerating Electrification for Transit in North Carolina





### Lifecycle costs of Battery Electric Buses are competitive with fossil options

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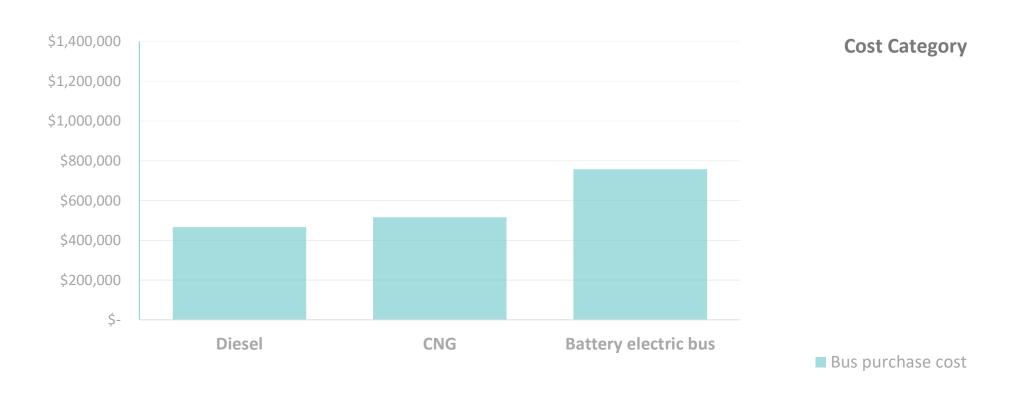






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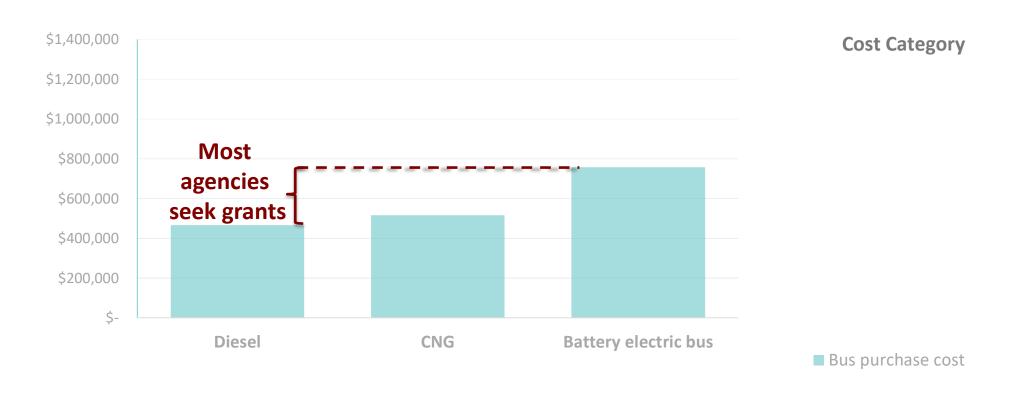






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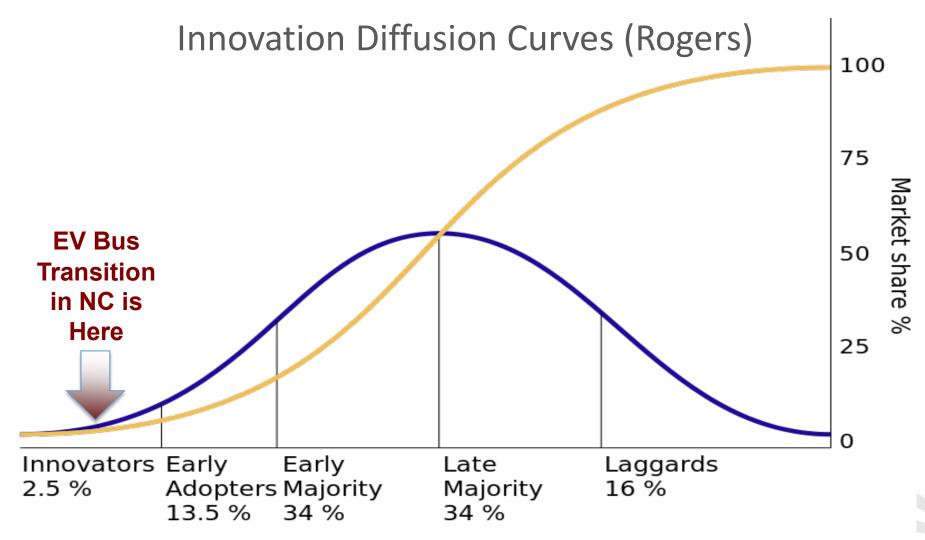
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### Financial strategies that have helped early adopters are not necessarily scalable to cover all new transit buses



# Funding for initial deployments has been critical to getting started

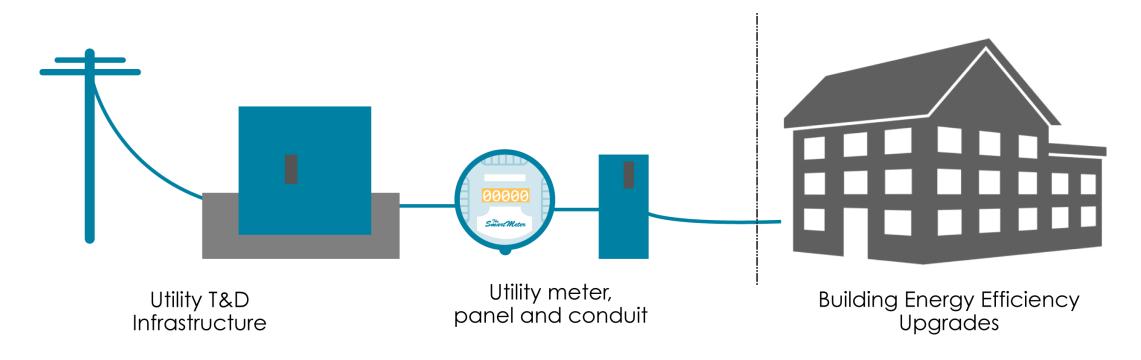
Instrument	Sustainable	Scalable	Customer Balance Sheet Treatment	
Taxpayer funding				Highly
Polluter funding (carbon price)				Highly sought grants
Ratepayer funding				grants

Covering the incremental upfront cost with grants is not scalable or sustainable.

# Financing options can extend the impact of funding available for the incremental upfront cost

Instrument	Sustainable	Scalable	Customer Balance Sheet Treatment	
Taxpayer funding				Highly
Polluter funding (carbon price)				sought
Ratepayer funding				grants
Debt financing (bonds)			Balance sheet liability	Financing
Operating leases / fleet services			Balance sheet liability	
Utility tariffed on-bill investment				

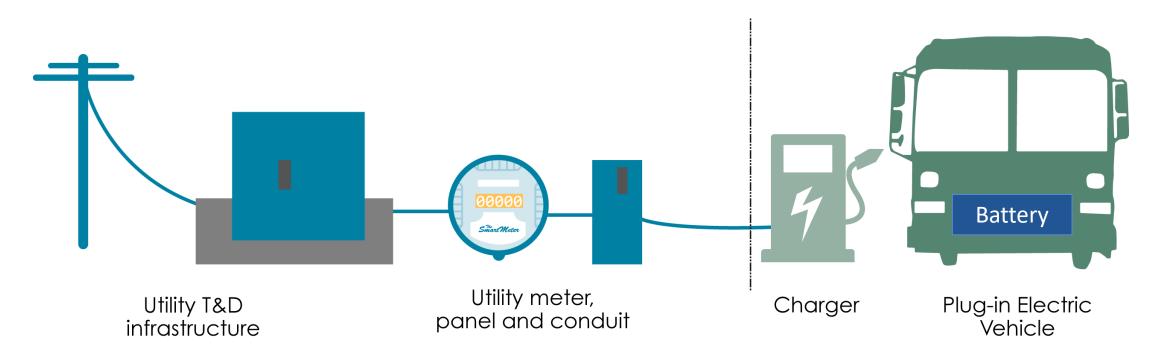
### Utility tariffed on-bill investments "behind the meter" have already unleashed capital for efficiency upgrades







### What would happen if we applied the same approach to electrification in transportation, starting with transit buses?







### A utility can invest in site-specific, cost-effective upgrades...

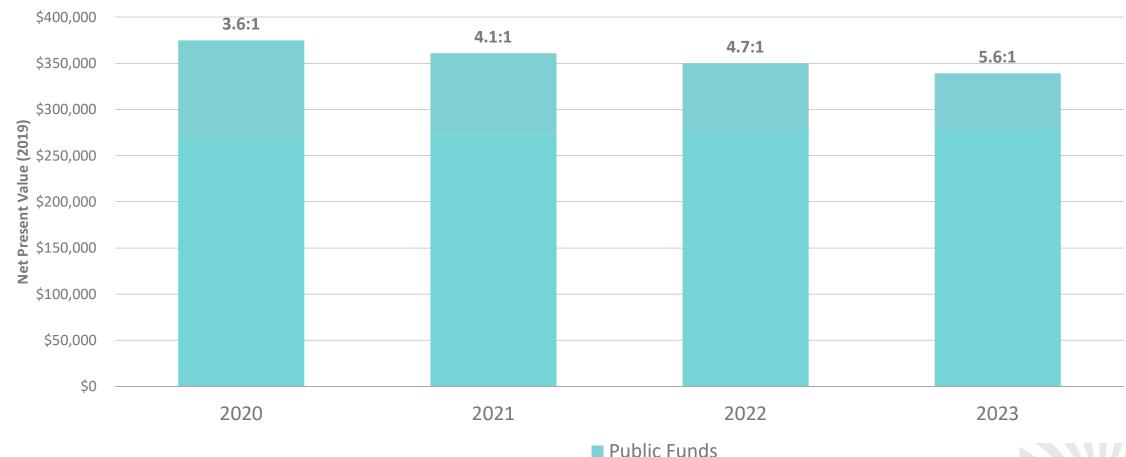


... and recover its costs (for battery and charger) via a flat charge on the bill that is less than estimated savings



#### Grant funding for the incremental cost (battery and charger)



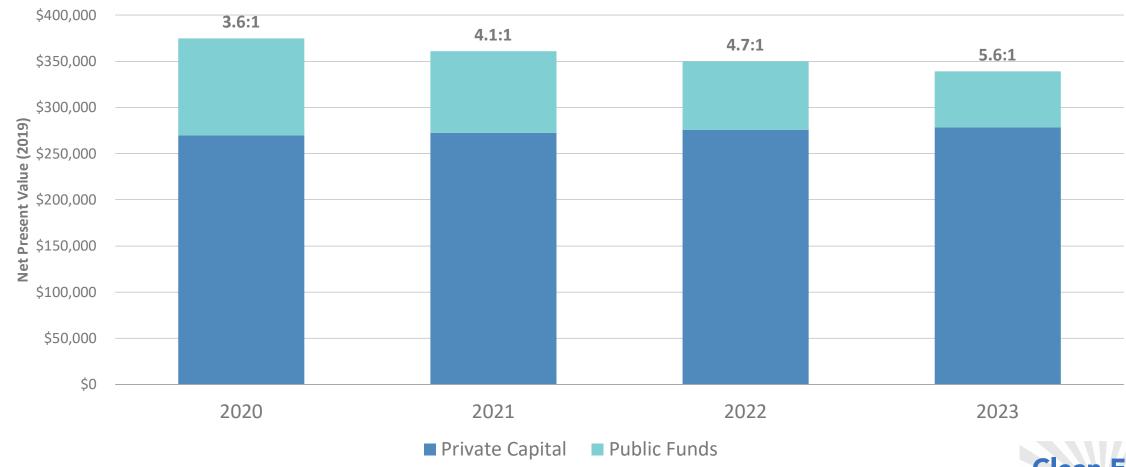




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### Grant funding for the incremental cost (battery and charger) can be capitalized instead through a utility service agreement

#### **Incremental Upfront Cost of EV Bus & Charger**



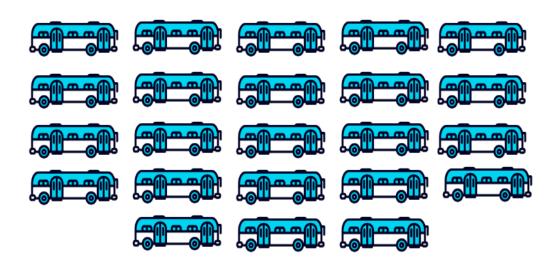


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### \$2 M for EV transit buses is enough to pay for the incremental upfront cost of **5** electric buses...



...or, with PAYS for Clean Transport, \$2 M would cover the incremental cost of 18 electric buses





### Scalable solution from first EVs to full fleet transition with each new year of bus procurement

100% % of Fleet Converted to Electric 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 20 12 16 0% 2019 2020 2023 2021 2022 iels indicate number of BEBs procured per year ■ % Fleet Electric ■ % Fleet Diesel

Figure 6: Modeled Fleet Transition to Electric Buses for Lake City, 2019-2023





# The upfront incremental cost for 56 new buses over 4 years would drop by more than 3/4 with a utility tariffed on-bill investment program

Table 6: Estimated total cost for electrification of planned procurement of 56 buses (2020-2023)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Estimated number of buses to be procured	20	12	8	16	56
Total Incremental upfront cost (\$ million)	\$7.5M	\$4.3M	\$2.8M	\$5.4M	\$20.1M
Total Copayment needed (\$ million)	\$2.1M	\$1.1M	\$.6M	\$1.0M	\$4.7M
Ratio of full incremental cost to copayment	3.6:1	4.1:1	4.7:1	5.6:1	4.3:1

3/4 drop in upfront cost barrier when a utility offers a tariffed on-bill investment





#### **Validators**

#### **Partners**





















### Rural transit systems now have new EV options, and some NC electric cooperatives have led the way for utility on-bill investment

Half a dozen models of paratransit and mid-size transit vehicles are now on the market, and the FTA Rural Transit program has \$650 million/year

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#### **Duke EV Pilot**

NC Public Utilities Commission is considering a proposal from Duke Energy for a broad EV pilot program.
 Includes an EV transit bus charging station program
 Designed to deploy charging stations for EV transit buses.
 Duke will install and own qualifying EVSE selected by the transit agency.
 Duke Energy proposes 60 stations in the Duke Energy Carolinas service territory and 45 stations in the Duke Energy Progress service territory
 EDF asked that Duke offer tariffed on-bill financing for school districts and transit agencies be



included in the pilot

### Potential Action Items and Next Steps

- ☐ Review a sample financial analysis completed for a NC transit agency with Duke Energy's input, showing multiplier effect of tariffed investment
- ☐ Arrange a call with executives at your transit agency to discuss a financial strategy for achieving a zero-emission fleet transition
- ☐ Request a tailored financial analysis for the option of a site-specific utility investment (with tariffed terms for an on-bill cost recovery)





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### Discussion

Thank You!