

Proposed Innovative Clean Transit Regulation

California Air Resources Board

Requirements For Transit Agencies

- Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Rollout Plan:
 - By July 1, 2020, the Board of Directors must adopt a plan for converting an agency's fleet to 100 percent ZEBs by 2040.
- Purchase Requirements:
 - In 2023, the requirement for transit agencies with over 100 buses would be 25 percent. In 2026, the requirement would be raised to 50 percent, and starting in 2029, the requirement would be 100 percent.
 - Cutaway buses and articulated buses would be phased in starting in 2026, or when the buses become commercially available, whichever is later.
 - Starting on January 1, 2020, the purchase of renewable fuels when diesel or natural gas contracts are renewed, and the purchase of low NOx engines, when bus purchases are made.
- Reporting:
 - Starting March 31, 2021, and every year thereafter through 2050, each transit agency would be required to annually provide a compliance report with the above.

Areas of Concern

- Lack of a requirement for the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to analyze benchmarks that would ensure the technology meets the expectations of this proposal.
- Inability to access incentive funding after purchase requirements are in place.
- No additional funding identified in the proposal.
- No contingency plan if state or federal funding is reduced or eliminated.

Next Steps

- Working with the California Transit Association and other transit stakeholders to respond to the Innovative Clean Transit Proposal.
- ARB will host an initial hearing on the regulatory proposal at its September 27, 2018, board meeting.
- Final adoption planned for December 2018.