Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Bus Update









- □ Air Resources Board (ARB) Zero Emission Path
- December 14, 2018: California ARB passed the Innovative Clean Transit Rule (ICT) requiring that transit agencies transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus fleet by 2040, with purchase mandates beginning in 2023
- □ July 2020: The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) required to submit an initial plan for compliance to ARB
- OCTA currently exploring both hydrogen fuel-cell and battery-electric buses
- Hydrogen fuel-cell bus technology testing now underway at OCTA





Opportunity

- The Fuel Cell Electric Bus Commercialization Consortium (FCEBCC) consists of CTE, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit, New Flyer Bus, and Linde Fuel (later changed to Trillium)
- November 23, 2015: OCTA Board of Directors (Board) approved joining consortium and submitting a grant application to ARB
- October 20, 2016: Grant awarded by ARB
- February 13, 2017: Board approved cooperative agreement to accept grant
- November 13, 2017: Board approved Trillium for the fueling station and New Flyer of America for the ten H2 buses





□ Hydrogen (H2) Fuel-Cell Project

- □ Ten fuel-cell electric buses
- One H2 fueling station
- Grant funded
- Demo H2 Fuel-Cell Electric Bus
 - Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE)
 - □ Two-year demo at no cost to OCTA
 - Grant funded







H2 Buses

- First bus was received September 25, 2018
- Rejected due to various discrepancies
- Production buses to be delivered shortly after first bus is accepted
- Estimated to receive all buses by the end of March 2019

H2 Fuel Station

- □ Currently under construction
- Various contractor delays
- Major equipment scheduled to be installed early March 2019
- Estimated time of completion set for late March 2019





- Meets all operational requirements
- □ New Flyer Excelsior platform
- □ All-electric drive
- Warranty: Two year, 100,000-mile bumper-tobumper
- Bus range: 300 miles
- Refueling time: Six to ten minutes







- Located at the Santa Ana Bus Base
- □ Liquid H2 station
- □ Capacity for 40-50 buses
- □ Scalable to 100 buses
- □ Two fueling dispensers







ARB grant \$12.2 million

South Coast Air Quality Management District grant \$1 million

- Provides for the incremental capital cost difference
- \$4.8 million fueling station
- □ \$710,000 utility upgrades
- □ \$7.3 million ten H2 buses
- \$414,000 facility upgrades for H2 detection

OCTA Cost Share \$9.4 million

- □ \$5.6 million ten H2 buses
- □ \$3.8 million in-kind contribution

Project Total Cost \$22.6 million





Monitor and review the performance
Report back to the Board
Continue efforts to test other technologies





