Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Bus Update







Air Resources Board Requirements



- ☐ 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



Fuel-Cell Electric Bus Testing



- ☐ 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



H2 Bus Configuration



- 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





Fuel Station Configuration



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





Funding Breakdown



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
- \Box \$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





