



Foothill Transit

Executive Board Meeting AGENDA

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

8:30 AM, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Foothill Transit Administrative Office

2nd Floor Board Room

100 South Vincent Avenue

West Covina, CA 91790

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. REEVALUATION OF FUEL TECHNOLOGY FOR 30 TRANSIT BUSES TO BE MANUFACTURED BY NEW FLYER, CONSIDERATION OF NEW CONTRACTS AND TERMINATION OF RELATED CONTRACTS, AND POTENTIAL REPROGRAMMING OF CERTAIN FUNDS

Recommended Action: Provide direction on the following: 1. Changing the fuel technology to be used on the 30 buses that are under contract for manufacture by New Flyer from hydrogen fuel cell to compressed natural gas (CNG). 2. Terminating the contract for the hydrogen fuel station at the Arcadia/Irwindale Operations and Maintenance, and authorizing payment for any costs related to the termination. 3. Requesting the reprogramming the California State TIRCP funds from the hydrogen fuel cell buses to the Cal Poly Pomona Bronco Mobility Hub or other programs.

Public Comment: Any individual may request to address the Executive Board at this time. Public comments are allowed only during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Speakers may speak only once for up to 2 minutes total time during which they may address both on- and off- agenda items. If there are any public hearings scheduled, individuals will be given an additional opportunity to comment under said items. Speakers are not permitted to yield their time to another speaker. Note: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA.

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6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT
7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT
8. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Executive Board
is scheduled for
Friday, December 12, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.



November 14, 2025

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Reevaluation of Fuel Technology for 30 Transit Buses to be Manufactured by New Flyer, Consideration of New Contracts and Termination of Related Contracts, and Potential Reprogramming of Certain Funds**

Recommendation

Provide direction on the following:

1. Changing the fuel technology to be used on the 30 buses that are under contract for manufacture by New Flyer from hydrogen fuel cell to compressed natural gas (CNG).
2. Terminating the contract for the hydrogen fuel station at Arcadia Irwindale Operations and Maintenance Facility, and authorizing payment for any costs related to the termination.
3. Requesting the reprogramming the California State TIRCP funds from the hydrogen fuel cell buses to the Cal Poly Pomona Bronco Mobility Hub or other programs.

Analysis

The Department of Energy (DOE) terminated funding for the Alliance for Renewable Clean Energy Systems (ARCHES) eliminating \$300,000 per bus funding for 190 fuel cell electric buses, \$4,000,000 towards the design build of Foothill Transit's second hydrogen fueling infrastructure at the Arcadia Irwindale Facility, and \$1,000,000 for upgrades to the Pomona hydrogen fueling infrastructure for a total of \$62,000,000.

Another source of incentive for Fuel Cell Electric Buses (FCEB) comes in the form of Hybrid Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program (HVIP). Latest information from CARB indicates this program is oversubscribed and it is unsure if additional funds will be available for applicants in the wait list.

Not having ARCHES and HVIP funds will have a negative impact on our financial forecast. By changing the current 30 FCEB bus procurement to 30



CNG and canceling the design build of the Arcadia Irwindale hydrogen fueling infrastructure provides savings of \$27.6 Million. In addition, total cost of CNG fuel for 30 buses at 50,000 annual miles each saves Foothill Transit an estimated \$1.8 Million annually versus hydrogen fuel.

Budget Impact

By canceling the design build of the Arcadia hydrogen fueling infrastructure and purchasing 30 CNG buses versus 30 FCEBs will save Foothill Transit \$27.6 Million and an estimated \$1.8 Million in fuel cost.

Sincerely,

Roland M. Cordero
Director of Maintenance and Vehicle Technology

Doran J. Barnes
Chief Executive Officer