



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Transit  
Administration**

Headquarters

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Colleague:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is aware of operational challenges with buses built by the now bankrupt company, Proterra. Following Proterra's filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, Phoenix Motorcars (now PhoenixEV) completed its acquisition of Proterra's Transit Division in January 2024, including assuming responsibility for some Proterra warranties. FTA is aware many agencies have struggled with parts availability and warranty support.

For large, heavy-duty transit buses, FTA requires recipients to operate and maintain federally funded buses for at least 12 years of service or an accumulation of at least 500,000 miles. The purpose of this letter is to provide instructions for any FTA recipient considering retiring their Proterra buses early and requesting a waiver of the remaining useful life and the remaining Federal interest in the vehicles. This process is only applicable to Proterra buses where certain conditions are met.

Please use the following [webpage](#) to submit the necessary information for each Proterra bus for which you are seeking a waiver. FTA will perform a uniform review of each request. Each request must be supported by documentation that: (1) the recipient cannot safely or effectively operate the bus; (2) a "like-kind" exchange (as described in [FTA Circular 5010.1F](#)) is not a viable option (include any relevant correspondence with your FTA Regional Office); and (3) the recipient has exhausted all feasible options with PhoenixEV. To demonstrate all reasonable and actionable steps have been taken with PhoenixEV, acceptable documentation includes recent letters from agency legal counsel addressed to PhoenixEV and PhoenixEV responses or attestation to the lack of appropriate response, or, alternately, an attestation stating that no contractual relationship exists with PhoenixEV. Additionally, all of the information required in the Rolling Stock Status Report described in [FTA Circular 5010.1F](#) should be provided.

Thank you and please use the following email address for any questions  
[fy26ftausefullifewaiverinquiries@dot.gov](mailto:fy26ftausefullifewaiverinquiries@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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