

Zero Emission Buses Benefits and Considerations

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About CTE

- Mission: To advance clean, sustainable, innovative transportation and energy technologies
- 501(3)(c) non-profit engineering and planning firm
- Portfolio \$550 million
 - Research, demonstration, deployment
 - 95 Active Projects Totaling over \$300 million
- Focused on Zero Emission Technologies
- National presence

Atlanta, Berkeley, Los Angeles, St. Paul



CTE Zero Emission Bus Projects



ZEB Planning Projects
ZEB Deployment Projects



US ZEB Annual Awards & Deliveries





ZEB Deliveries



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ZEB Awards & Sales



ZEB Market Development

Calendar Year	Awards & Sales
2009 - 2014	138
2015	179
2016	322
2017	492
Aug-2018	314

BEB

Calendar Year	Base Price	Energy Storage				
2010	\$1.2 mm	75 kWh				
2016	\$750k	300+ kWh				
2018	\$750k	450+kWh				

FCEB

Calendar Year	Awards & Sales						
2009 - 2014	44						
2015	12						
2016	28						
2017	1						
Aug-2018	0						

Calendar Year	Base Price					
2010	\$2.2 mm					
2016	\$1.2mm					
*2020	\$900k					







ZEB Models

Body Style	Length	Energ (I	y Storage «Wh)	BY		N EN	C GI	LIG Gre	enpower mc	NO	uabus pro	rerra Nei	ar ther yar	Hool Total
BEB Low Floor	30	210	- 496	5 2	1			1						4
	35	94	- 44() 1	1			1			5	1		9
	40	94	- 660) 2	1	1	1	1		1	7	3		17
	45	320	- 323	3 1				1						2
	60	320	- 818	31								3		4
	23	134	- 134	1 1										1
BEB Coach	35	348	- 348	31										1
	40	391	- 392	l 1										1
	45	496	- 496	51					1				1	3
BEB Double	35	170	- 170) 1										1
Decker	45	230	- 478	31				1						2
BEB Total				13	3	1	1	5	1	1	12	7	1	45
FCEB Low Floor	40					1						1		2
	60											1		1
FCEB Total			0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	
ZEB Total				13	3	2	1	5	1	1	12	9	1	48

- Altoona Tested?
- Range vs. Passengers?



BEB Charger Vendors





Charging Equipment Types



Why Zero Emission Buses

- Reduces dependency on foreign oil
- More efficient
- Cleaner
- Quieter
- Passengers prefer to ride in them
- Lower Operating Costs
- Longer Life
- Stable, US produced fuel source





Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses

- Vehicle fueling is similar to CNG
 - 10 minute filling
 - Operationally consistent with typical transit workflow
 - Small overall station footprint
- Sufficient range for most transit service
- FC system can be used to support cabin heat
- Bus Costs are still high and fuel costs are still inconsistent



Both ZEB Technologies Will Play a Role





The Biggest Challenge for BEBs



U.S. Department of Energy: 38 kWh is equivalent to 1 gallon of diesel



BEB Deployments are Complicated

- Fuel costs can change hour-to-hour
- Bus performance can change drastically route-to-route and season-to-season
- Bus efficiency can range from <1 kwh m to >6 kwh/m
- Usable service energy is +/- 75 percent of total battery capacity
- Battery capacity decreases over time
- Auxiliary loads have a large effect
- Drivers can have a huge influence on efficiency



Battery Capacity Terminology

Beginning-of-Life Batteries





Battery Capacity Terminology

End-of-Life Batteries



Note: Batteries all lose capacity through use and aging



Naïve Method—Range

Battery Bus Study 450 KWh ÷ 1.8 KWh/mi = 250 mi rangeDistance Oh? Black 1994 197 1 2008 ~ 172 3233 159 / 1541 201

Agencies have seen a range of BEB efficiencies in service:

- < 1 kWh to > 6 kWh!!!
- Only 75% of Capacity is Available
- Auxiliary Loads have a huge effect
- Drivers have a huge effect
- Battery Capacity decreases over time



Prudent Method—Model the Routes



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Prudent Method—Model the Blocks

Block 2008



New Battery Old Battery

Prudent Method—Include HVAC







Naïve Method—Fuel Cost Estimates



Electricity costs are highly variable across the country.

Charges can change by:

- Time of Day
- Day of week
- Season



Prudent—Charge & Rate Modeling

Fuel Cost Per Mile



BEB Solicitations – What Does Not Matter (much)

- Bus advertised range
- Bus Range Performance at Altoona
- Bus Range Performance at other transit operators
- Fuel Costs at other transit operators
- Average energy costs in your area





BEB Solicitations – What Really Matters

- How will the bus perform on your route, in your climate?
- Which rate schedule will work best for you under your operation scenario and vice versa?
- What will the bus do under strenuous use cases? End of battery life Heavy passenger load Warmest Day Heavy Traffic load **Coldest Day**

Poor Driver or Driver Behind Schedule





Thank You!



