# INTERCITY TRANSIT

### **Zero-emission Fleet Transition Recommendations**

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### **Discussion Topics**

- A Brief Look Back
- Analysis Results
- Looking forward



### A Brief Look Back

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS (from October 2021):

- Focus on green <u>and</u> efficiency <u>and</u> cost
- Funding availability
- Infrastructure requirements and available site space
- Fuel/Energy availability
- Vehicle performance (primarily range)
- "Fit" into existing operations and our service to the community
- Resiliency for continuity of operations and emergency response



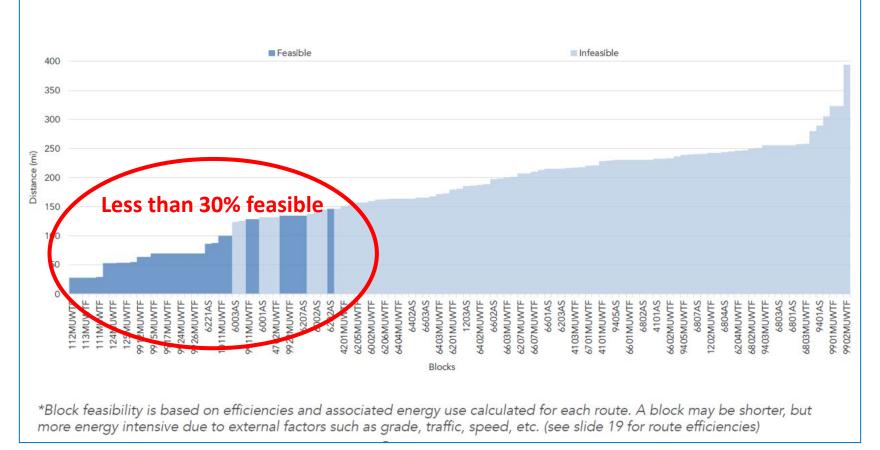
### A Brief Look Back

	Battery Electric Bus	Fuel Cell Electric Bus
Reliable Range	130-190 miles on a single charge (or indefinite range with on- route charging)	200-320 miles before refueling
Fueling Technology	Depot or on-route charging • Plug-in charging • Wireless inductive charging • Overhead conductive charging	<ul> <li>Hydrogen storage and fueling station</li> <li>Purchased liquid or gaseous hydrogen (most common)</li> <li>Produce hydrogen on-site through electrolysis or natural gas reformation</li> </ul>
Capital Costs	<ul> <li>BEBs are currently more expensive than diesel buses</li> <li>Charging infrastructure costs vary and do not scale easily; incrementally more charging infrastructure will be required for more buses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>FCEBs are currently more expensive than BEBs</li> <li>Fueling infrastructure costs vary and depend on the required fueling rate.</li> <li>Infrastructure scales more easily with similar equipment and space requirements. Additional buses do not necessarily require additional infrastructure</li> </ul>
Fueling Considerations	<ul> <li>Depot-charged buses may require hours to fully recharge</li> <li>Electricity rates will have a significant impact on fuel costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refueling procedure and time required are slower than diesel buses, but similar to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling</li> <li>Electricity costs may be significant if producing hydrogen on- site</li> <li>Relatively few hydrogen suppliers across the country; costs may vary based on the distance from the supplier</li> </ul>



### **Analysis Results**

# 2023 Fixed-Route Service Assessment\*





## **Analysis Results**

BEB

#### Cumulative cost projections 2023 – 2050 (Fixed Route only)

	Total Cost of Ownership	Baseline	BEB Depot Charging Only	BEB Depot and On-Route Charging	Mixed Fleet (BEB/FCEB)	FCEB Only
	Fleet	\$270,264,000	\$408,825,000	\$468,644,000	\$477,540,000	\$493,523,000
	Fuel	\$109,293,000	\$71,148,000	\$50,543,000	\$71,297,000	\$102,052,000
	Maintenance	\$95,730,000	\$81,464,000	\$73,971,000	\$79,948,000	\$88,172,000
	Infrastructure	\$-	\$10,598,200	\$21,599,000	\$17,677,000	\$11,636,000
	Total	\$ 475.3 M	\$ 572 M	\$ 614.8 M	\$646.5 M	\$ 695.4M
	Compared to Baseline	-	+ \$ 96.8 M	+ \$139.5 M	+ \$ 171.2 M	+ \$ 220.1 M
	% of Blocks Achievable by 2050	0%	83%	100%	100%	100%
	Cumulative Metric Tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e Reduced	-	~70,000	~108,000	~62,000 - 113,000	~0 - 121,000

Assumptions:

- > 100% ZEB purchases beginning in 2026 for fleet replacement
- Infrastructure totals DO NOT include property acquisition or utility upgrades
- Fuel costs:
  - Hydrogen = \$8.61/kg PNW H2 Hub expected to drive costs down (~30%)
  - Electricity = \$0.081/kwWh, Demand charges \$11.16 \$15.24/kW (actual charging rate structure would be negotiated)
    - ~6MW needed for BEB Depot Charging
    - No solution for resiliency included



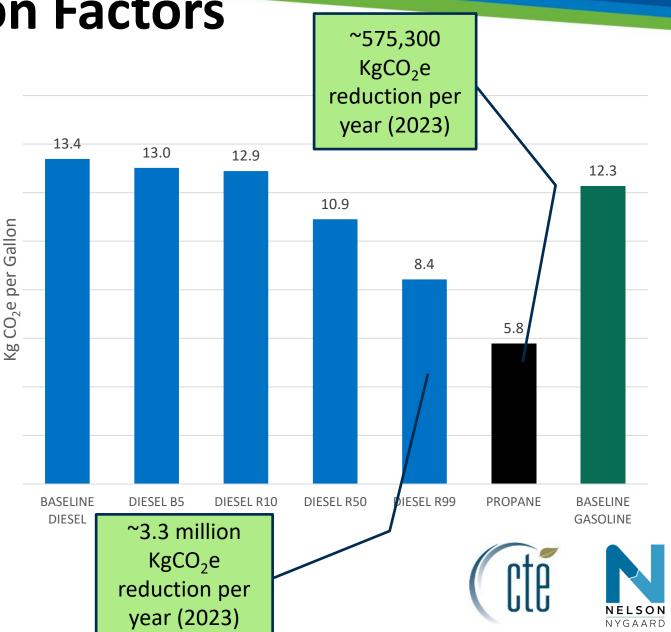
**Fleet Size** 

FCEB

### **Well to Wheel Emission Factors**

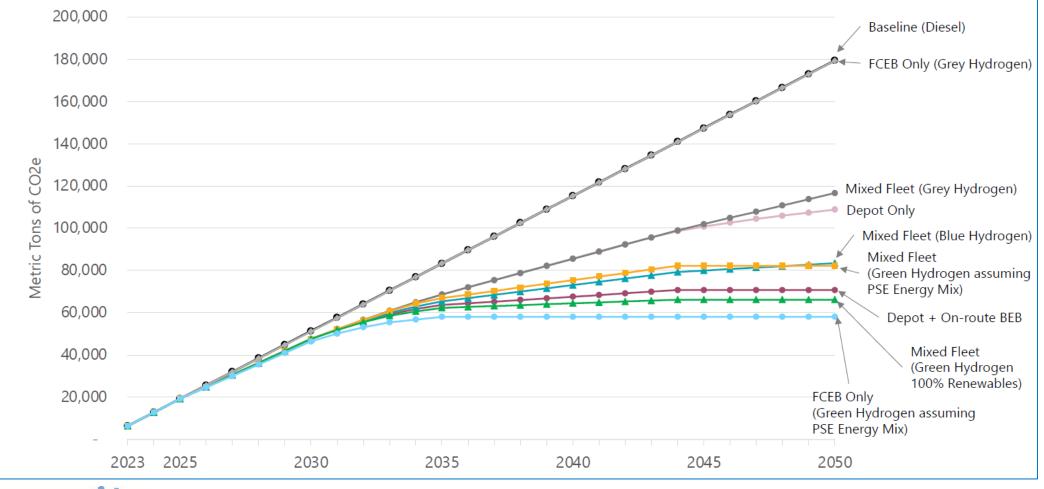
- Emissions factors obtained from U.S.
   Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program analyzes CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from production, transportation and use of renewable fuels
- Intercity fuel transitions
  - B5 2008
  - Propane 2018 (DAL only)
  - R10 July 2020
  - R50 Oct 2021
  - R99 Jan 2023

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### **Analysis Results**

#### **Cumulative Emissions – All scenarios**



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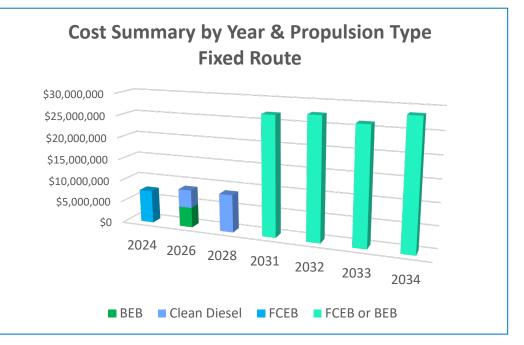
#### We've done the analysis, so which way do we head from here?





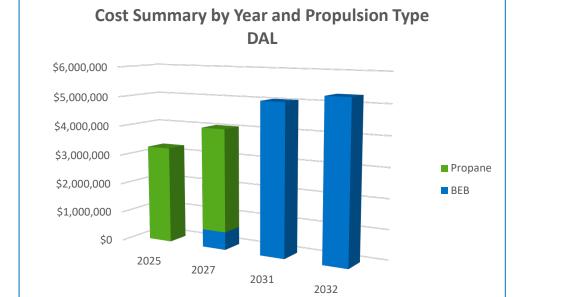
### Fixed Route Fleet Transition Recommendation:

- 2024
  - FCEB (5 buses) Awarded Grant Projects
- 2026
  - BEB (3 buses and charging)
  - Clean Diesel (5 buses)
- 2028
  - Clean Diesel replacements (10 buses)
  - Begin Infrastructure Deployment
- 2031 and beyond:
  - ZEB purchases for all replacements technology TBD



### **Dial-A-Lift Fleet Transition Recommendation:**

- 2025
  - Propane (12 buses)
- 2027
  - BEB (2 buses)
  - Propane (12 buses)
- 2028
  - Begin Infrastructure Deployment
- 2031
  - BEB (14 buses)
- 2032
  - BEB (14 buses)



### Vanpool Fleet Transition Recommendation:

- Monitor WA Zero-Emission Vehicle laws, rules, initiatives
  - Example: WA Zero Emission Vehicles Law = 2035 all light/medium duty vehicle sales 100% ZEV
- Watch the market for feasible vehicle technologies, charging partnerships for groups, and grant opportunities



### Non-Revenue Fleet Transition Recommendation:

- Monitor WA Zero-Emission Vehicle laws, rules, initiatives
  - Example: WA Zero Emission Vehicles Law = 2035 all light/medium duty vehicle sales 100% ZEV
- Watch the market for feasible vehicle technologies, charging, and grant opportunities



- **Next Steps** 
  - Phase II:
    - Review Analysis results for decision making Q4/2023
    - Create Fleet Transition Plan Q1/2024
      - Comprehensive plan to include all FTA requirements and change management plans (review and refresh as needed)
  - Phase III:
    - ZEB implementation grant funded demonstration projects
  - Site Master planning
    - Based on long-term transition plan



# Thank you!

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