

November 28, 2017

Mail-Out #MSC 17-19

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED INNOVATIVE
CLEAN TRANSIT RULE

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss the development of the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) proposal. Staff will be discussing a regulatory concept that includes a gradual transition to zero emission transit technologies without compromising transit services and recognizes enhanced mobility options. The workshop will be held at the following time and place:

Date: Friday, December 15, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (PST)
Place: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

The proposal would achieve air quality, climate, and public health goals while providing transit agencies the flexibility to continue meeting expanding needs for effective, efficient, and affordable regional transit services across California. This effort is part of a broader strategy to increase clean, affordable transportation options such as advanced clean vehicle technologies, biking, walking and ride sharing, and other innovative methods to improve mobility and efficiency of transit systems in California.

Staff will be seeking comments on the proposed rule concept and on the preparation of the environmental analysis for the proposed regulation. CARB first formally solicited alternatives at the Fourth Advanced Clean Transit Workgroup Meeting on October 4, 2016, and will continue to solicit alternative concepts. Please submit all comments and questions regarding the ICT rule proposal to Ms. Shirin Barfjani, Air Pollution Specialist, at Shirin.Barfjani@arb.ca.gov.

This meeting will be webcast for those unable to attend in person on the day of the workshop at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>. During the workshop, participants may submit questions or comments by email at coastalm@calepa.ca.gov. Staff's presentation and related materials will be posted in advance of the workshop on the program webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ict/ict.htm>.

Additional Information

California faces challenging mandates to reduce air pollutants in order to meet federal air quality standards, State climate change goals, and public health protection goals. Achieving California's long-term goals will require transformative changes in transportation systems and a transition from conventional combustion technologies to zero-emission technology everywhere feasible and near-zero emission powered by low-carbon renewable fuels everywhere else. Transit buses are one of the first heavy-duty applications where zero-emission technologies have been demonstrated viable and are commercially available. Zero-emission transit buses are primed to be one of the first heavy-duty vehicle applications to achieve significant sales volumes, leading and supporting technology development in the heavy-duty sector as a whole.

Background

This workshop is part of the ongoing regulatory process to amend the Fleet Rule for Transit Agencies (Transit Fleet Rule). Adopted in 2000, the Transit Fleet Rule offered transit agencies two compliance pathways based on fuel type: diesel and alternative. Transit agencies that chose to follow the diesel path option in the Transit Fleet Rule were required to demonstrate zero-emission buses by 2009. In addition, the Transit Fleet Rule required that 15 percent of all new annual urban bus purchases be zero-emission for large transit agencies with a fleet size of 200 or more urban buses. The purchase schedule was to begin with model year 2011 for agencies on the diesel path and with model year 2012 for agencies on the alternative fuel path, continuing through 2026. However, at the July 2009 Board meeting, through Resolution 09-49, the Board directed the Executive Officer to delay the zero-emission bus purchase requirement pending a technology and cost assessment and directed staff to report back to the Board following this assessment with a recommendation to further amend the rule. In January 2010, CARB issued an advisory (Mail-out #10-04) with the postponement of the purchase requirement for zero-emission buses.

Contact

For questions regarding the public workshop, please contact Ms. Shirin Barfjani, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-6017 or by email at shirin.barfjani@arb.ca.gov or Dr. Yachun Chow, Manager, at (916) 322-7450 or by email at yachun.chow@arb.ca.gov.

Special Accommodation

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language assistance may be provided via the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language assistance, please contact Ms. Isabel Guerra, Air Resources Technician II, at (916) 323-4068 or by facsimile at (916) 323-5526 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionado con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a Ms. Isabel Guerra, Air Resources Technician, al (916) 323-4068 o envíe un fax a (626) 459-4480 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de diez días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

/s/

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