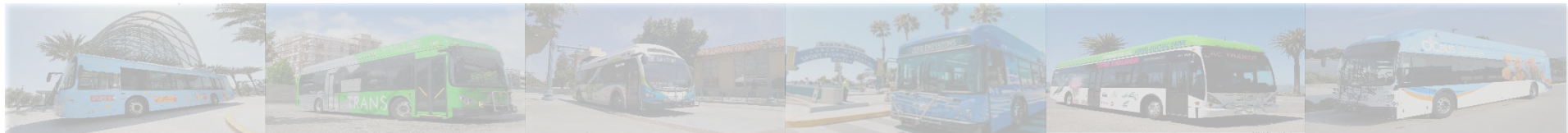




Transit Infrastructure Workgroup Meeting

January 31, 2023



General Information

- This meeting is being recorded
- All [meeting materials](#) are available on the Innovative Clean Transit website



Purposes

- Strategize on how to move toward a one hundred percent zero-emission bus fleet
- Understand the current successes
- Discuss infrastructure related challenges and solutions needed for a full-scale conversion
- Identify next steps



Agenda

- Introduction (9:30-9:40)
- California's ZEB Transition—present and future (Caltrans and Go-Biz) (9:40-9:50 AM)
- Hydrogen track (9:50-12:00)
 - Case studies (9:50-10: 45)
 - Discussion topics (10:45-11:20)
 - Questions and comments (11:20-11:45)
 - Next Steps (11:45-12:00)
- Lunch
- Electrical track (1:00-4:00)
 - Case studies (1:00-2:20)
 - Discussion topics (2:20-3:10)
 - Questions and comments (3:10-3:40)
 - Next Steps (3:40-4:00)

California's Zero-emission Bus Transition— Present and Future

- Gia Brasil Vacin

Deputy Director of Zero Emission Vehicle Market Development
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)

- Kyle Gradinger

Chief, Division of Rail and Mass Transportation
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)



Case Study 1: Successes & Lessons Learned

- Station construction timeline (Foothill, OCTA)
- Back-to-back fueling (AC Transit)



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Director of Maintenance and
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Fuel Cell Consulting Services SOW



Foothill Transit

- Develop Hydrogen Fueling Station Plan
- Determine Joint Use Fueling Facility
- Grant Funding
- Develop Specifications for the Fueling Facility
- Develop Fuel Cell Bus Specifications
- Project Management
- Training



Required Procurements



Foothill Transit

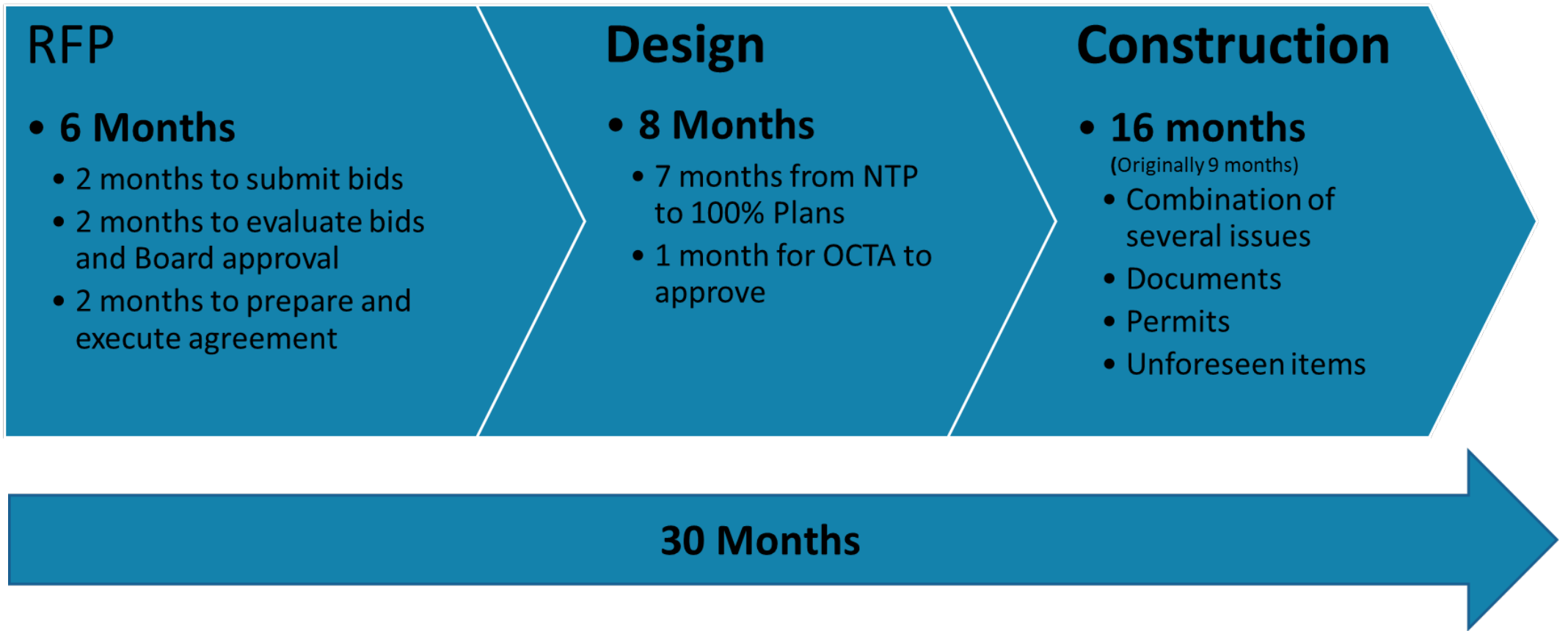
- Bus Procurement
- Design, build, install fueling stations
- Maintenance facility upgrades
- O&M of fuel cell station
- Provision of hydrogen (liquid or gas)

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Director of Maintenance,
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(OCTA)



OCTA H2 Fueling Station Timeline



Lessons Learned

- Research lead times
 - Permitting process
 - Equipment
- Electrical demands
 - How will the station be powered
 - Are upgrades needed
 - Contact electricity provider early
- Talk to others
 - Transit agencies
 - Private companies



Zero Emission for a Healthy Community



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Back to Back Fueling

- Dual Cryogenic Hydrogen Pumps
- Liquid Hydrogen Tank (15,000 gal)
- Pressure Vaporizers
- High Pressure Storage (360kg @ 7,777 psi)
- Dispensers (5,000 psi/350bar)
- 2019 Upgrade Cost \$3.8M



Back to Back Fueling

- Fueling Capacity = 65 buses
- Fueling Time = 6-8 min
- Lesson Learned
 - 1 Cryogenic Pump Can Continuously Support 1 Dispenser
 - Higher Availability & Reliability



Case Study 2: Cost and Supply Methods

- Cost (SunLine)
- Rural area cost and supply (Humboldt)



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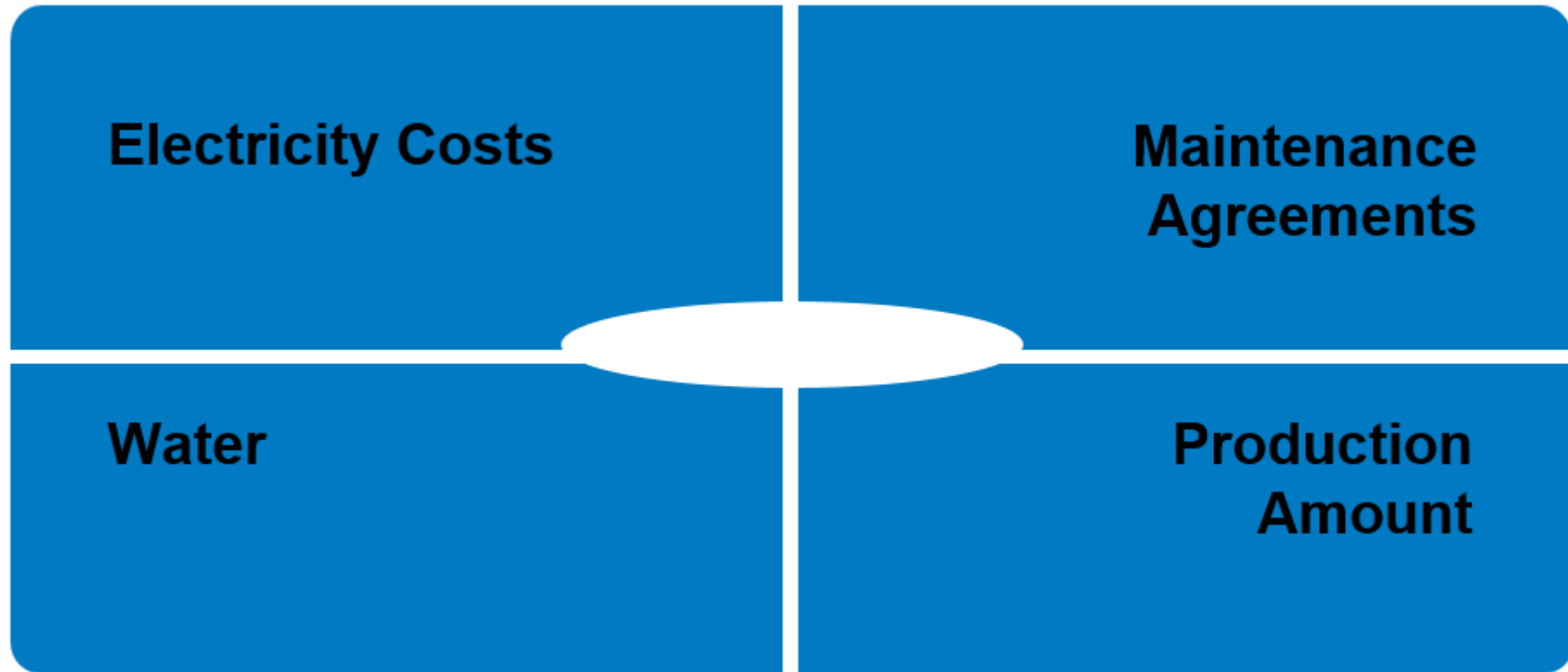
CEO/General Manager, SunLine Transit Agency



The Hydrogen Bottom Line

- Hydrogen based transport is expected to reach the break-even point by 2028
 - Factors that will impact this goal are source energy prices, infrastructure, education and willingness, regulatory frameworks
- Hydrogen can make the most sense in the short term for large, long-range vehicles
 - Buses, trains, trucks, and marine
 - Hydrogen is already an economically viable alternative to BEB technology for these vehicle types

H2 Costs Puzzle



Opportunities of Hydrogen Cost Containment

- Control energy cost
 - Microgrid/solar connected to the hydrogen production
- Enter into long term agreements
 - Operation & Maintenance Period
 - Long term delivery contracts
- Legislation to control utility costs for hydrogen production
- State/Federal Rebates
 - Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Credits
 - Renewable Energy Credits
- Commercialization



Current Hydrogen Costing Metrics

- H2 price goes down when usage of our produced H2 goes up
- Understanding electricity costs is crucial
- FC buses get 7 to 10 miles per kg as compared to 2.8 miles per CNG gge
- Range and reliability are key for SunLine



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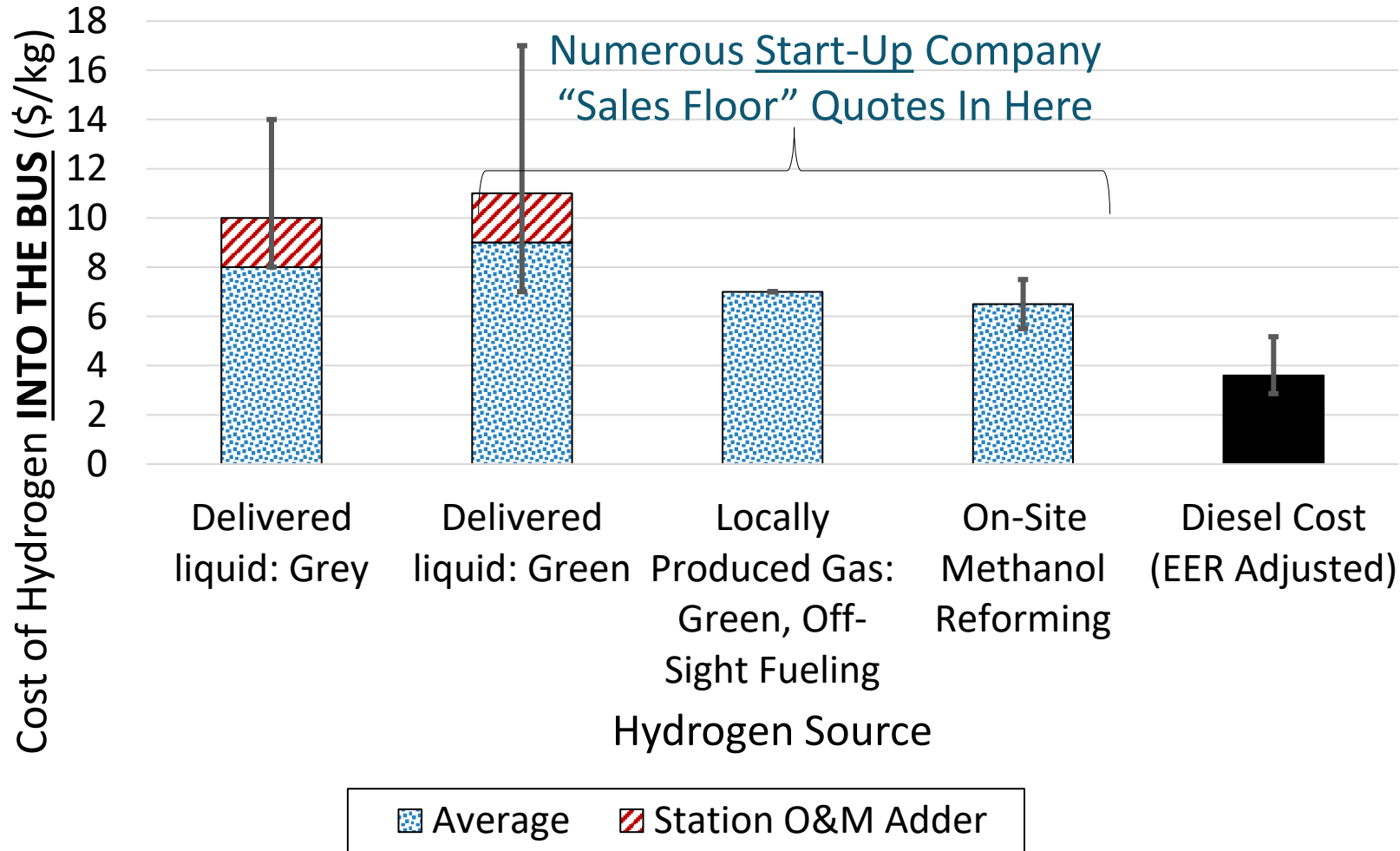
Jerome Qiriazhi

Transit Planner, Humboldt Transit Authority



Case Study 2: Cost and Supply Methods

HTA's Take On Market Prices and Spread



- Significant variability and uncertainty in supply cost
- Delivery + onsite liquid storage presents the least complicated solution to resiliency. However, delivery disruptions from road conditions presents a challenge.

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Infrastructure Resiliency

- Power Outage Risks
 - PG&E Power Shut Off
 - Road Incident
 - State Emergency
- Process Doesn't Change
- Exploring Alternative Methods to Power Generation



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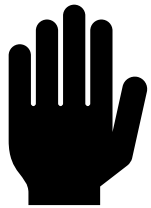


Discussion Topics for Hydrogen Track

- What to expect for low carbon-intensity H2 supply and price?
- What is the economics for FCEBs and H2 dispensing? Funding? Investment? Long-term price predictability?
- How would a rural H2 station be different from an urban station in terms of fuel cost, maintenance support, and delivery frequency?
- Are station designs becoming more replicable? If so, what effect does that have on permitting, station build timelines, and capital cost?
- What policy drivers are needed?
- How could H2 be a solution for range and infrastructure resiliency (use of H2 for grid load relief)?



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Next Steps



Lunch... Is Important

- We are coming back at 1:00 pm



Recap of the Morning Discussions

Steve Schupak & John Drayton

- Steve Schupak. VP, National ZE Transit Lead · AECOM
- John Drayton, Zero Emission Mobility, National Practice Lead, Burns Engineering, Inc.

Case Study 1: LA Metro Orange Line BRT Success Story

- 18 miles from end to end
- 40 NF 60' articulated buses
- 3 en-route stations with 8 pantograph chargers
- Over 2.5 million revenue service miles



Case Study 1: LA Metro Orange Line BRT Success Story



Case Study 1: LA Metro – Project Inception – Metro Orange Line BRT

Project Selection – “Where is the low hanging fruit?”

- Understanding technology status and limitations
- Short product development cycles

Project Alignment

- Political and Exec Leadership (who is the champion?)
- Utilities
- Supplier Relationships

Project Initiation

- Meeting Cadence



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BEB Experience

- 11 years experience
- Limited Range
- Demanding charging requirements
- Operational impacts
- High cost of in-route chargers
- High cost of technology parts



Foothill Transit

Existing and Future Depot Operational Assessment

- \$120 M to electrify entire fleet
- Not one to one bus replacement
- Buses will be charged when returning to the depot.
 - Overnight charging will be the bottleneck in the future
 - Charged buses will move to parking area and another bus will be charged
- Only electrify 60% of bus routes



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Tulare County Regional Transit Agency



Case Study 1: Strength In Partnerships

- 13 Heavy-Duty Transit Buses
- 15 Medium-Duty Shuttle Vans
- 3 Infrastructure Projects
 - 24 DCFC Charging Stations
 - 2 Depot Charging
 - 1 Opportunity Charging



Planning and Collaboration

- Opportunities for Partnerships
 - Transit, School, Public Works
- Early Engagement with Utility Provider
- ZEB Rollout Plan
- Site Planning & Evaluation
- Grid Analysis
- Fleet and EVSE Acquisition



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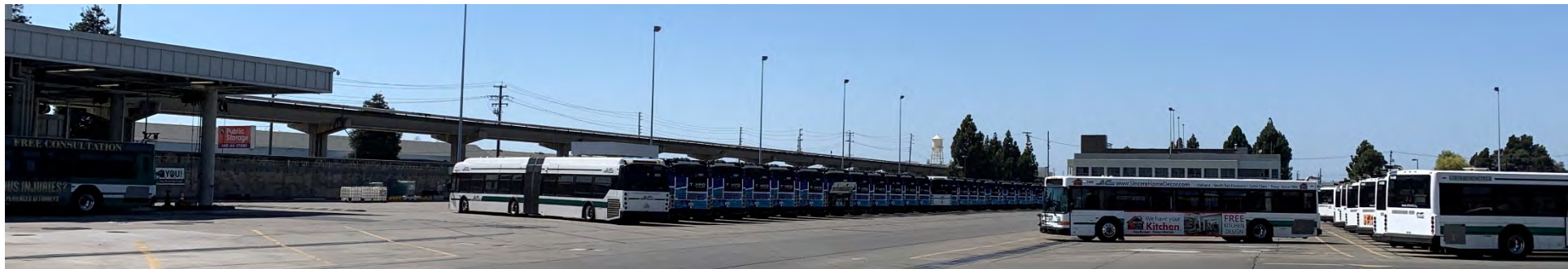
BEB Pilot Experience

- (5) 2019 NF 40' 466kW
- Jan 2020 To Present
- Total Fleet Miles 329,851
- Lifetime Totals
 - Avg Miles Per Bus 65,970
 - MBCR 5,997
 - CPM 1.77 (1.25/.51)
 - kWh Avg \$0.23
 - Availability 65%



BEB Pilot Experience

- Charging Infrastructure
 - (7) CPE250 62kW
 - Daisy Chain Connection
- Lessons Learned
 - Charger Availability
 - Warranty Cost
 - OEM Handshake
 - Resiliency
 - Turn Around Time for Service
 - Adjusted Transition Plan 30% BEB/70% FCEB



Case Study 2: Rural Transit Grid Capacity— Upgrade Is More Than Site Make-ready

- Microgrid study (Central Valley)
- Rural transit (Humboldt)



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General Services Manager, City of Clovis



Understanding Your Power Options

Electrical Grid Analysis Study - FCRTA

Fresno County Generation and Transmission

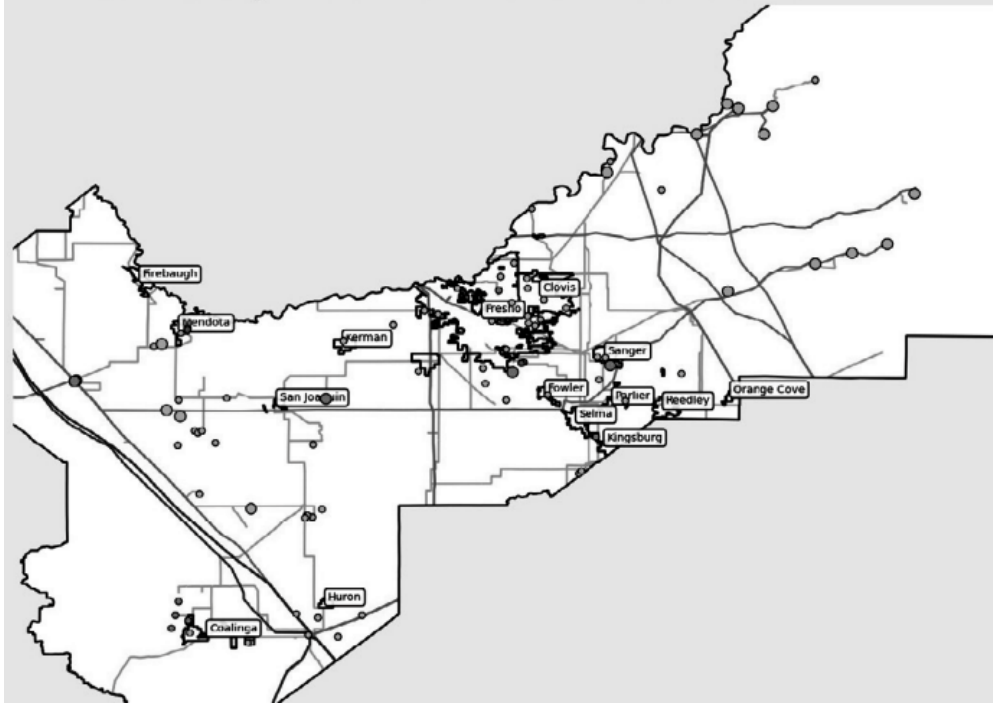
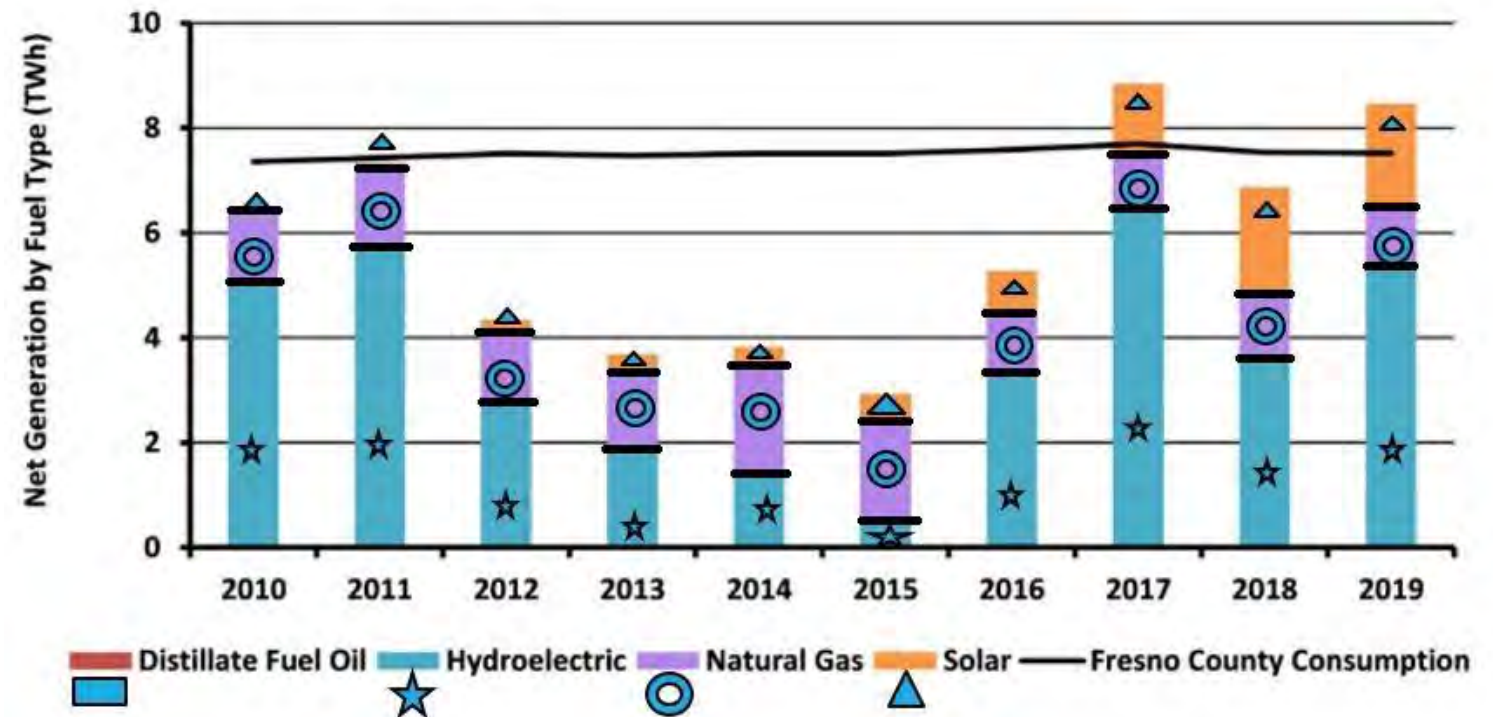


Figure 31: Net Generation in Fresno County by Fuel Type





Case Study 2: Rural Transit Grid Capacity—Upgrade Is More Than Site Make-ready

- End of distribution line at main facility
- Little remaining capacity in Southern Humboldt for the foreseeable future
- Difficult navigating EV Fleet Program
 - Utility limited us to 150kW with requirement to purchase 5 buses
 - This lends uncertainty regarding how many more buses we could electrify, if any, in the future.



Case Study 3: Large Transit Grid Capacity— Substation and Regional Grid Load

- High power need (LA Metro)



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Case Study 3: Large Transit Grid Capacity— Substation and Regional Grid Load

- LA Metro Divisions 9 in El Monte requires 10mW for full division electrification
 - SCE had an immediate 5mW available
 - Additional 5mW substation negotiated between SCE and LA Metro, CalTrans
 - Anticipated completion at 2-5 years

Case Study 3: Large Transit Grid Capacity— Substation and Regional Grid Load

- LA Metro Divisions 18 in Carson requires 10mW for full division electrification
 - SCE was able to accommodate the full 10mW immediately
 - Redundancy options ranged 10mW without redundancy over existing circuitry (Approx. \$300k), to full dual 66kv lines transformers and separate dedicated substation (Approx. \$25 mil)
 - Ongoing monthly utility charges varied depending on level of service significantly with increases in equipment



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Planned Upgrades For BEB Deployment

- Emeryville D2 (construction)
 - 26 Distributed Charging Stations
 - 160 to 200 kW Charger with Dual Ports
 - Plug In
 - Switchgear Delay of 1 year



Planned Upgrades For BEB Deployment

- Oakland D4 (design)
 - 24 Distributed Charging Stations
 - 160 to 200 kW Charger with Dual Ports
 - Bus Yard Overhead Trellis, Plug in
 - Needed Service 4,000amp
 - Large Load Study Estimated 3-6 Months to Determine Power to Site
 - PG&E Not Making Grid Upgrade, Focused on Wildfire Prevention



Case Study 4.1: Infrastructure Resiliency— Charger Operation In A Power Outage

- LA Metro



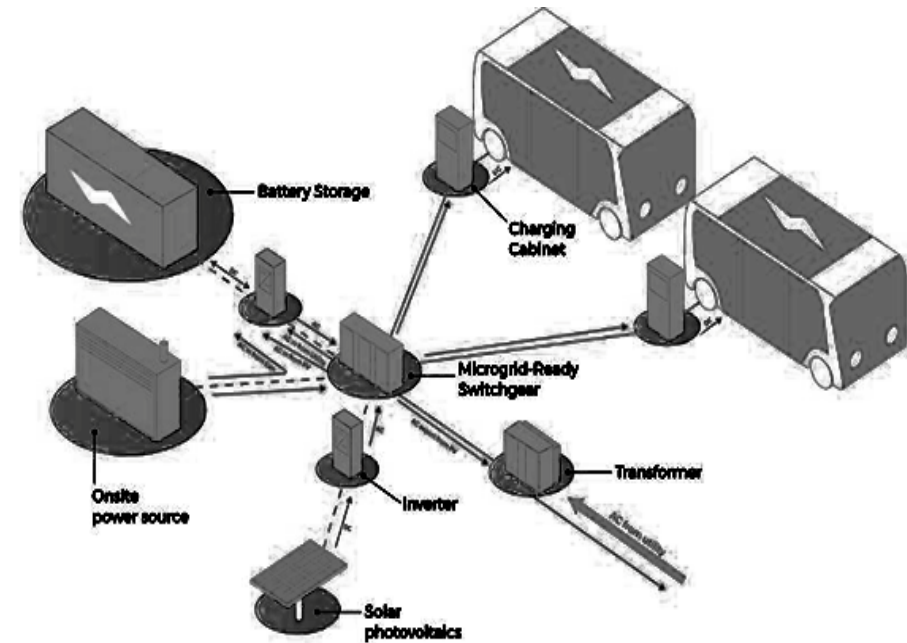
Case Study 4.1: Infrastructure Resiliency— Charger Operation in a Power Outage

- LA Metro has geographic separation of charging circuits for better resiliency on the MOL
 - Division 8 - ten 150kW plug in chargers fed by dedicated LADWP circuit
 - Chatsworth Station – two 600kW pantograph chargers (1.5 miles from Division 8)
 - Canoga Station – two 600 kw pantograph chargers (4.5 miles from Chatsworth, & ~13 miles from North Hollywood Station)
 - North Hollywood Station – four 450kW chargers
 - One instance to date of power failure at one station



Utility Coordination, Resiliency and Microgrids

- Review public data on local energy assets and constraints
- Early utility engagement to determine loads available
- Evaluation of utility reliability and value of resilience
- Energy bill review and future tariff analysis
- Interconnection agreements for on site power generation
- Detailed design of on-site power generation



Case Study 4.2: Infrastructure Resiliency— Opportunities And Limitations For Off-grid Charging



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Case Study 4.2 Infrastructure Resiliency

- Planning In-Progress
 - FTA's Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone
 - CEC's Blueprint
 - DOT's Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)



Infrastructure Resiliency - Opportunities

- Living Laboratories
- Maximize Investments
- Reduce TCO
- Optimization
 - Energy
 - Infrastructure
- Integrated Charge Management



Infrastructure Resiliency - Challenges

- Limitations with Utility Programs
 - Separate Meters
- Space Requirements
 - Microgrid
 - Energy Storage
- Interoperable and Integration
- Cost



Case Study 5: How Grid Upgrades Are Planned And Funded (IOU Process)

- Southern California Edison
- Pacific Gas and Electric



Roger Salas & Mike McCarty

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Principal Manager Distribution System Analysis
Southern California Edison
- **Mike McCarty**
Distribution Engineering Manager
Pacific Gas and Electric



Case Study 5: How Grid Upgrades Are Planned And Funded (IOU Process)

- Primary method for determining grid upgrades is via annual Distribution Planning Process(DPP)
- Annual DPP accounts for:
 - Load and DER projections as established in the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)
 - New load growth projects known to be of high confidence to the IOUs (new residential tracks, new business, new charging station services with actual plans)
 - Grid capacity limitation on the distribution systems (such as, substation capacity, circuit capacity, equipment capacity)
- Through the DPP, short term and long-term upgrades are produced-General times outlined below
 - Small system upgrades (typical 2-3 year time frame) – Such as increases cable/conductor size, modification of underground conduit systems
 - Medium system upgrades(typically 3-5 year time frame) – Such as: New distribution feeders, increase in substation capacity
 - Large system upgrades (typically 4-6 years) –Large projects which may require licensing (such as new high voltage lines)
 - Very Long system upgrades – (typically 7+ years) – Large projects requiring licensing (such new substations – Applicable to SCE)
- Funding for DPP generated upgrades are funded via IOUs GRCs

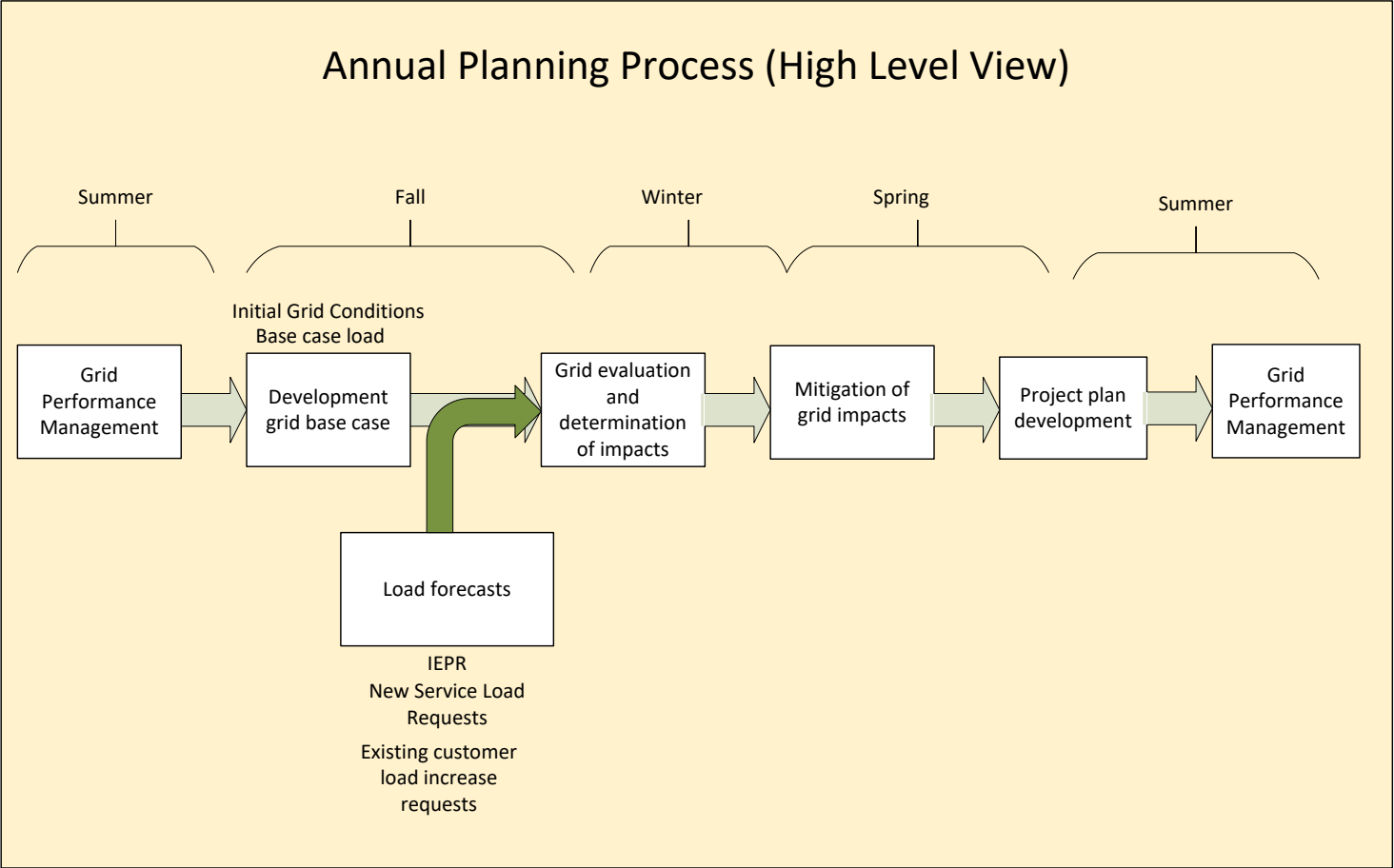


Case Study 5: How Grid Upgrades Are Planned And Funded (IOU process)

- Important elements in the DPP process
- Long term forecasts (5+ years out)
 - Information from customer-base long-term forecast is essential for IOUs to consider in their long-term planning along with other forecasts (such the IEPR)
 - This information will allow IOUs to determine needs for large system upgrades (such as new substations)
- Short term forecasts (2-5 years)
 - It is extremely important that customers inform IOUs as early as possible of the development of customer projects
 - Certain areas of distribution grid are constrained and distribution upgrades will be needed to support these projects
 - At this range (2-5 years), IOUs would be able to insert small to medium distribution upgrades in their DPPs to support customer need
- Excessive short time (<2 years) of new load requests
 - This should not be practiced as this will likely not give IOUs time to develop the system upgrade to meet the customer needs



Case Study 5: How Grid Upgrades Are Planned And Funded(Graphical)



Case Study 5: How Grid Upgrades Are Planned And Funded (IOU process) – Large Load Requests

- Large single customer projects (typically 10 MW+) require special attention
- While these projects are needed for system planning, some aspect of funding may be different
- These large projects may require a customer-dedicated substation at the site
- Customers may be required to fund certain costs that may be beyond typical service
- These types of services are connected to high voltage distribution lines (>50 kV) which will likely require licensing under CEQA and GO 131-D
- Request of these type should be made at least 5 years in advance

Discussion Topics—Planning for current and future potential grid needs

- Are the local utilities getting sufficient information to accurately plan for grid upgrades?
- How far into the future do utilities plan for upgrades?
- How is the process or experience different in rural/remote settings vs. populated urban settings?



Discussion Topics—How ready are we if the electrical upgrades need to be completed in 3, 5, and 10 years?

- How to optimize the scale up process on the utility side?
Staggered vs. one-time upgrade
- What is needed to promote early action—upgrading the grid ahead of demand, and how far in advance is acceptable?
- Assessing grid capacity from the utility perspective for each project
- Review and permitting process—at what point in permitting process are timelines for upgrades and utility connection/energization established?



Discussion Topics—Infrastructure Resiliency

- How could on-site solar power and energy storage be utilized?
- What are the regulatory requirements? Utility incentives or restrictions?
- What policy drivers are needed?



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