



Drive Forward Tribal Listening Session

February 17, 2026

Agenda

- Welcome and Opening
- Introductions
- Drive Forward Initiative
 - Light-Duty Vehicle Program Workshop Recap
 - Heavy-Duty Standards and Strategies Workshop Recap
 - Incentives Workshop Recap
 - Discussion
- Tule River Transportation Electrification Spotlight
 - Discussion
- Next Steps and Tribal Engagement
 - Adjourn
- Tribal-Only Discussion



Drive Forward Initiative

Noemi Vitela

Today's Landscape



The Path Forward

EO N-27-25

- Develop regulations to reduce greenhouse gas, criteria, and toxic pollutants
- Update state purchasing requirements
- Assess additional actions to advance zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption

ZEV Forward

- Multi-agency effort to assess additional actions to advance ZEV adoption
- Published Report to Governor on Executive Order N-27-25 Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

Drive Forward

- CARB initiative aim to continue State's commitment to protect public health
- Encompasses CARB regulatory efforts, ZEV market outreach and support, collaboration, and incentives



ZEV Forward

- Assess additional actions to advance ZEV adoption
- July 21, 23, and 31, 2025



Key Feedback

Affordability

"solid commitment to incentives"



"work with local [funding] programs"



"maximize [funding] for those who need it most"

Infrastructure

"expand charging infrastructure in frontline communities"



"reliable charging stations along key freight corridors"



"make permitting easier"

ZEV Market

[ZEVs] "are rapidly picking up pace"

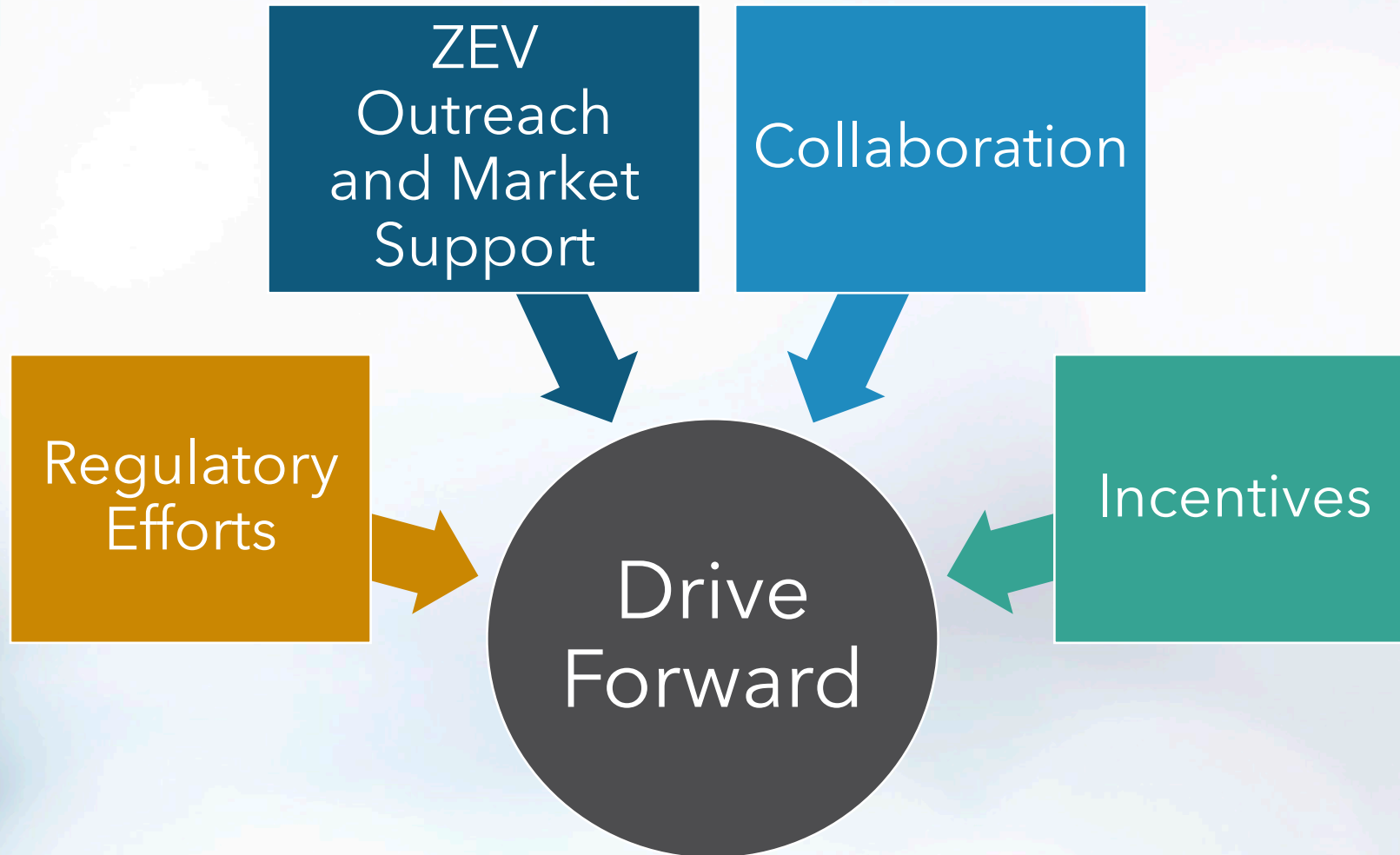


"consider the secondary market"



[support] "the coalition of the willing"

Drive Forward



Drive Forward Outreach and Community Engagement

- Expanding dialogue sessions that are used to shape programs
- Provide guidance to navigate regulatory efforts
- Support for rural and tribal communities
- Engaging communities on their terms
- Building trust and lasting partnerships





Drive Forward Light-Duty Program Workshop Recap (October 21, 2025)

Mikayla Elder

Drive Forward Light-duty Vehicle Program

Background:

- Executive Order N-27-25 directs CARB action on new light-duty vehicle emission standards

Goals:

- Reduce emissions from light-duty vehicles to protect the health of all Californians
- Design stringent but flexible programs that achieve cost-effective emission reductions
- Give incentives for early action
- Ensure real-world emission reductions



Scope of the Proposed New Rulemaking

Evaluate tighter
PM and
NMOG+NO_x
standards

Consider new
non-exhaust PM
emissions
standards

Evaluate
appropriate
greenhouse gas
standards

Explore further
ways to address
real-world
emissions

Consider the role
of ZEVs

Update ZEV
certification
requirements

Key Themes Heard

OEMs

- Broadly support CARB ambition but need predictable, flexible pathways
- Significant concern about pace and flexibility

Environmental & Equity Groups

- Strong push for clear, robust ZEV sales mandates
- Calls for greater CARB transparency, especially among equity NGOs

Across All Sectors

- Support for early action
- Infrastructure reliability is the most consistently barrier

Other Topics

- Hybrid/PHEV strategy is a major tension point between OEMs and NGOs
- Technology-neutral approaches are favored by industry
- Real-world emissions (including brakes/tire particulates) gaining attention but need more data for near-term regulatory action



Drive Forward Heavy-Duty Standards and Strategies Workshop Recap (December 3, 2025)

Mikayla Elder

Drive Forward Heavy-Duty Standards & Strategies

Background:

- The Governor's June Executive Order N-27-25 directs CARB to develop new regulations, consistent with state and federal law, to reduce greenhouse gases, criteria pollutants, and toxics.

Principles and Goals:

- Protect public health with a focus on overburdened communities
- Achieve reductions beyond existing measures
 - Cost-effective and technologically feasible
- Simple and streamlined compliance and enforcement
- Maintain a level playing field
- Incentivize early action
- Avoid unintended consequences for businesses and consumers



Heavy-Duty Concepts Discussed

- Manufacturer Concepts
- Fleet Owner Framework Concepts
- Hiring Entity Concepts

Overview of First Workshop Discussion

Seeking input on:

- How should CARB structure future manufacturer standards?
- Reduction options that can be considered for regulatory or alternative measures
- Do manufacturers have any concerns regarding reporting zero-emission sales to CARB?
- How to address differences between large and small fleets?
- Last mile urban delivery, regional/long haul shipping with dry or reefer vans, construction, other?
- Are there other frameworks to be considered?

Drive Forward Incentives Workshop Recap (November 13, 2025)

Individual and Community Mobility Incentives

Mikayla Elder

Actions in Progress Based on Public Input

- **Clean Cars 4 All and Driving Clean Assistance Programs**
 - Align programs so it is easier for people to participate
 - Find more program funding (e.g., Carl Moyer and Enhanced Fleet Modernization funds)
- **Clean Mobility Options**
 - Modify application selection process to a needs-based model, remove funding cap and extend agreement term
- **Clean Mobility in Schools**
 - Broaden eligibility requirements to reach greater network of underserved students

Estimated Annual Funding & Outcomes

Projected Funding: \$550 million (M) per year for 5 years

Projected Outcomes

Program	Funding Need (M)	Vehicle/ Equipment Deployments	Greenhouse Gas (metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent)	Nitrogen Oxides (tons)	Reactive Organic Gases (tons)	Particulate Matter 2.5 (tons)
Clean Mobility Projects	\$200	2,300	163,500	132.33	9.06	33.64
Clean Cars 4 All	\$200	10,850	68,100	47.76	2.59	9.71
Financing Assistance	\$150	11,950	101,900	7.39	4.39	1.48
Total	\$550	25,100	333,500	187.48	44.83	16.04

Individual and Community Mobility Incentives

Session Feedback

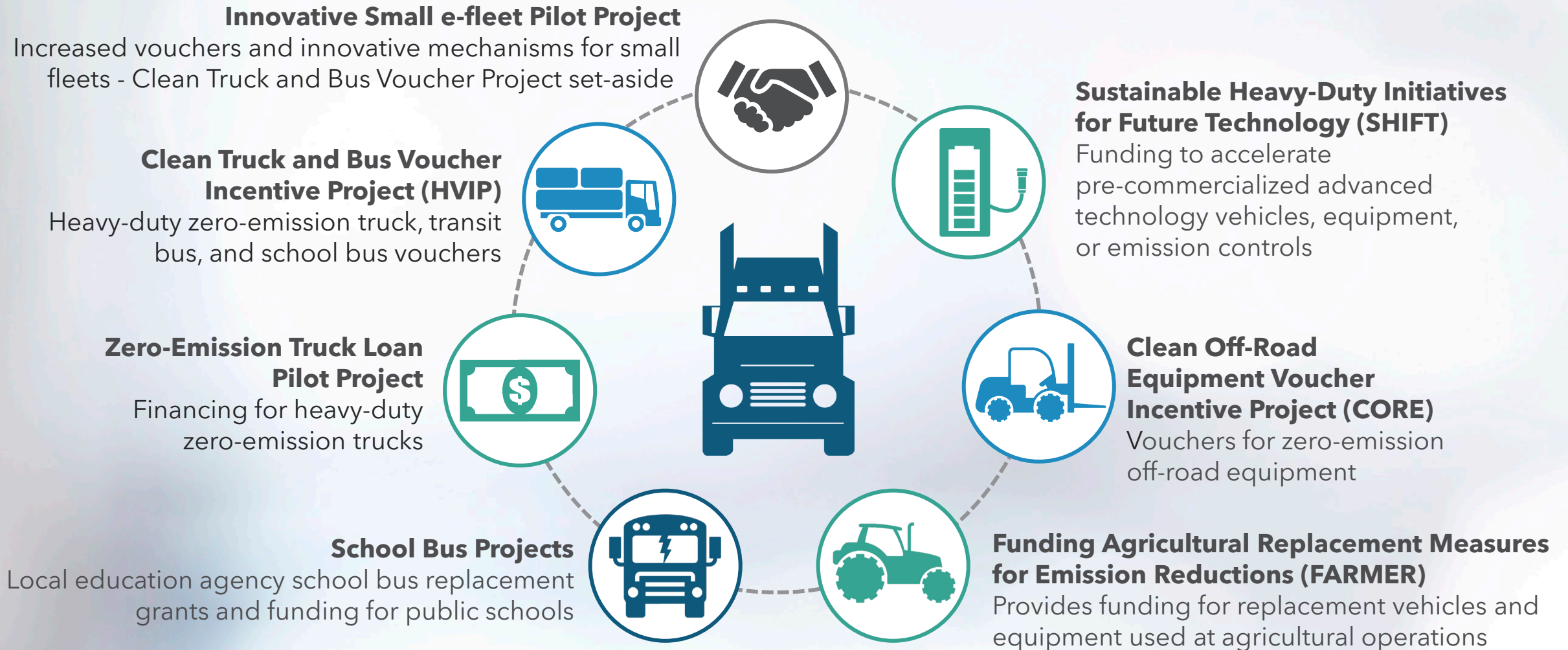
- More and consistent funding is needed than what was presented and should be flexible to adjust to programs that need it the most
- Make it easier to buy or use clean vehicles and provide better loan options to help those most at need
- Provide more transportation options such as community shuttles, safe walking paths, biking, and shared rides
- Remove barriers like charging stations being hard to find or broken, high insurance costs for shared mobility, and lack of education and language support
- Interest in e-bikes, cord-free charging, and other clean fuels

Drive Forward Incentives Workshop Recap (November 13, 2025)

Clean Trucks, Buses, and Off-Road Equipment and Emerging Opportunities

Mikayla Elder

Annually Appropriated Medium- & Heavy-Duty Incentives



Medium- and Heavy-Duty Session Goals

- Progress on medium- and heavy-duty incentive funding
- Feedback on projected funding needs for medium- and heavy-duty incentives
- Input on:
 - Projected funding needs reflect market need
 - Technologies to focus on
 - Potential alternative funding streams
 - Ways that private sector can provide support

Projected Annual Funding Need

\$950 Million per year for 5 years

Program	Annual Funding Need (Million)
HVIP	\$450
FARMER	\$200
CORE	\$200
Emerging Opportunities	\$100
Total	\$950

Heavy-Duty Session Feedback

- More funding is needed than what was presented
- Ideas on areas to focus funding:
 - High impact corridors
 - Prepaid electric charging cards
 - Technology development
 - Off-road equipment
- Consistent funding streams needed
- Ideas on alternative funding sources included container fees, weight permits, CARB enforcement fees, etc.

Feedback Received So Far

- More incentives and funding
- Concerns with ZEV technology
- Support for Green Zones and Clean Mile Standard
- Inclusion of other clean combustion pathways
- Support for retiring the oldest vehicles
- Equity and health outcomes

Discussion



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Tule River Economic Development Project

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Next Steps and Tribal Engagement Opportunities

- Drive Forward Light-Duty Vehicle Program Workshop #2 (February 24, 2026)
- Drive Forward Heavy-Duty Standards and Strategies Workshop #2 (Q2 2026)
- Drive Forward Tribal Engagement (Q4 2026; ongoing)
- Evening Community Meetings (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- CARB Community/Tribal Tour (2026)
- ZEV Equity Task Force (2026)
- Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Application (due April 2026)

Thank you!

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Tribal-Only Convening

**This portion of the listening session is reserved
for tribal member discussion only.**