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Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

RE: Proterra Comments on Idaho's Proposed Beneficiary Mitigation Plan

Proterra, the leading U.S. manufacturer of electric, zero-emission transit buses, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed BMP, which describes Idaho's overall intentions and plan for spending ~ \$17.3 million of Idaho's VW allocation funding.

The proposed BMP makes clear the public importance of using the trust funds to promote "widespread acceptance of electric" vehicles. Further, the proposed plan appropriately prioritizes projects that (i) achieve "significant and sustained reductions in diesel emissions" and (ii) "[m]aximiz[e] the amount of diesel emissions reduced each year per dollar spent."

Consistent with these sentiments, Proterra strongly supports the higher funding percentage proposed for trucks and buses. But it urges the DEQ to limit funding to battery electric, zero emission transit and school buses and to increase the funding percentage from 35% to 50%. We certainly agree with the statewide focus on achieving significant reductions in diesel emission exposures in "priority air quality areas" and "areas that receive a disproportionate amount of air pollution from diesel vehicles." The state can accomplish both by investing heavily in battery electric buses. Replacing diesel buses with electric buses is simply one of the best investments the state can make to help electrify public transit and improve air quality. We believe that the best way to accomplish these and other statewide goals is to use the funds from the VW trust to fund 110% of the incremental cost of a new electric bus and associated charging infrastructure.

The electrification of heavy duty vehicles offers a pathway towards achieving the numerous benefits associated with zero emission transit. Indeed, Park City, Utah's recent deployment of Proterra electric transit buses is the poster child for why states should emphasize the electrification of transit buses with their VW mitigation funding. In June 2017, Park City Transit deployed six battery electric buses. Since that time, the electric fleet has traveled more than 160,000 miles using 269,400 of kWh electricity, resulting in an average fuel efficiency of 1.7 kWh/mile, or just over 22 MPGe (compared to 4 MPG for Park City's diesel buses). The electric buses have displaced the use of ~ 32,000 gallons of diesel fuel in their first four months alone, while eliminating more than 801,000 lbs. of GHG emissions. Additionally, the electric buses have saved Park City Transit money through the savings in fuel and maintenance. In fact, the cost per mile of operation has dropped from a high of \$0.63 a mile using diesel to a low of \$0.30 using electricity. Not surprisingly, Park City has seen an increase in ridership on those routes utilizing zero emission buses, causing other municipalities to determine how they too can add and/or increase the number of zero emission buses on the road.

Your Office has indicated the importance of using the VW funding on projects that will "improve and protect ambient air quality." To achieve that primary goal, Proterra encourages the DEQ to promote the adoption of zero-emission technology, and not "near-zero" technology. Nationally, 7,461,458 tons of NOx, or 55% of the 13,489,110 tons of NOx emitted derive from mobile sources; 35% attributable to on-road sources.¹ In the state of Idaho, 64,410 tons of NOx, or

¹ https://www3.epa.gov/cgi-bin/broker?polchoice=NOX& debug=0& service=data& program=dataprog.national_1.sas



63% of the 103,037 tons of NOx emitted are from mobile sources.² On this basis alone, we urge DEQ to use up to 50% of its funds to advance the electrification of transit and school buses in those areas disproportionately impacted by the VW diesel vehicle emissions. By doing so, Idaho will help achieve its program goals, including the reduction of NOx, greenhouse gases and other pollutants.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft BMP. Please feel free to contact me directly about these comments or Proterra's initial project proposal titled *The Public Transit Electrification Project: Sustainable Mobility for Idaho* (see attached). I can be reached at 864-214-2668 or emccarthy@proterra.com.

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² https://www3.epa.gov/cgi-bin/broker?_service=data&_debug=0&_program=dataprog.state_1.sas&pol=NOX&stfips=16

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Zero-emission public transit buses are ripe for immediate scaling and investment from the Environmental Mitigation Trust to help carry out the goals of Idaho's mitigation plan to achieve the most emissions reductions for the least cost in geographic areas that carry a disproportionate share of air pollution burden. The *Public Transit Electrification Project* will initially deploy 10 zero-emission, battery-electric transit buses and 10 multi-use depot charging stations at one or more Idaho municipalities to provide electric mobility for all Idaho residents and serve as a strong spark to accelerate the deployment of ZEVs, reduce diesel emissions and eliminate toxic air pollutants. The size of the project, however, can easily scale to accommodate other interested transit agencies and/or airports.

Proterra, the leading U.S. provider of zero-emission, all-electric transit solutions, designs and manufactures the world's most fuel-efficient battery electric bus and features on-route, fast-charge technology that offers functionally unlimited range, as well as an extended range version that enables transit agencies to travel 350 miles on a single charge. Proterra's CATALYST™ bus achieves 22+ MPGe performance, 500%+ better than diesel and CNG buses, eliminating toxic diesel particulate matter and reducing carbon emissions by 70% or more compared to CNG or diesel buses. To date, Proterra's buses have logged 3+ million miles of service in cities across the United States. With over 38 transit customers and over 400 buses on order, Proterra has become the zero-emission technology provider of choice for transit agencies nationwide.

Proterra will manufacture and deploy the commercial zero-emission buses and depot charging stations and will work closely with the participating Idaho municipality or municipalities to successfully implement *the Project*. *The Public Transit Electrification Project* will demonstrate the economic and environmental benefits of accelerating the transition to commercially available ZEV technology, increase ZEV access and education, and eliminate toxic diesel exposures – achieving the goals of Idaho's mitigation plan to improve and protect ambient air quality.

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The goals of this Project are to:

- Reduce NOx emissions to improve air quality and provide health benefits.
- Launch a zero-emission public transit bus pilot project to demonstrate concepts of sustainable mobility in one or more municipalities.
- Increase zero-emission vehicle awareness and access.
- Accelerate scaled zero-emission vehicle deployment.
- Demonstrate the economic and environmental benefits of accelerating the transition to commercially available zero-emission technology to a large cluster of transit routes.
- Provide zero-emission buses to benefit those areas and vulnerable communities that bear a disproportionate share of the State's air pollution burden, eliminating toxic emissions and providing zero-emission miles.
- Lead the transformation and technology transfer for a wide range of commercial fleets.
- Help drive down per-vehicle zero-emission bus costs with the Project's scale.

The objectives of this Project are to:

- Deploy 10 zero-emission, battery-electric transit buses and 10 multi-use depot charging stations to show that commercially available battery electric transit buses better serve communities' transit needs, substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide substantial localized air quality benefits for disadvantaged communities.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to ~ 1,062 metric tons CO₂e/year.
- Eliminate ~ .45 tons/year of weighted criteria pollutants and PM emissions.
- Provide scalable lessons learned to drive additional deployments of zero-emission heavy-duty technologies throughout Idaho.
- Deploy Proterra buses that charge using the J 1772 CCS standard.

PROJECT DETAIL

The *Public Transit Electrification Project* will deploy 10 zero-emission, battery-electric transit buses and 10 multi-use depot charging stations at the participating Idaho municipality or municipalities. To this end, Proterra is in discussions with some of the largest transit agencies in Idaho. These agencies are located in areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel fleets and from diesel NOx.

The VW settlement provides a much-needed opportunity to further demonstrate that commercially available zero-emission technologies have the lowest cost of ownership, improved maintenance and performance, and better serve a diverse range of communities' public transit needs, including the reduction of diesel emissions and the elimination of criteria emissions.

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Proterra – Technology Manufacturer and Project Coordinator

Proterra’s zero-emission, battery-electric technology is being deployed in revenue service throughout the nation. Transit agency early adopters, such as Foothill Transit and San Joaquin RTD in California, have demonstrated the technology readiness of Proterra’s battery all-electric solutions on urban as well as mixed suburban routes – and now major metropolitan agencies such as SEPTA (Philadelphia) and King County Metro (Seattle) are placing larger orders - 25 and 73 buses respectively. Nevertheless, there is a need for more deployments to demonstrate the economic, performance and lasting environmental benefits of deploying commercially available, cost-saving, zero-emission battery electric buses. The *Public Transit Electrification Project* will accelerate the deployment and adoption of commercially viable, immediately scalable zero-emission public transit buses in similar fleets throughout Idaho and beyond.



For the proposed project, Proterra will offer its extensive experience and expertise in manufacturing, deploying, operating, and maintaining commercial zero-emission buses and infrastructure – working closely with one or more participating transit agencies. To date, Proterra’s buses have logged 3+ million miles of service in cities across the United States. Proterra has zero-emission buses operating in revenue-generating service in the following cities: San Joaquin RTD in Stockton, CA, Foothill Transit in Pomona, CA, VIA Metropolitan in San Antonio, TX, University of Montana in Missoula, MT, WRTA in Worcester, MA, TARC in Louisville, KY, LexTran in Lexington, KY, Nashville MTA in Nashville, TN, PVTA in Springfield, MA, Star Metro in Tallahassee, FL, King County Metro, WA, RTC in Reno, NV, Jones Lang LaSalle in Chicago, IL, CATBus in Seneca, SC and at Park City Transit, Park City, UT, Sportran in Shreveport, LA, DDOT in Washington, DC and soon at MTA in New York, NY and SEPTA in Philadelphia, PA.

The battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure for this project will be manufactured at Proterra’s manufacturing facility in Los Angeles, CA. The close proximity to the transit agency partner will ensure collaboration and ease of maintenance for any needed repairs to the vehicles and charging infrastructure during the 12-year vehicle lifespan.

Eligible Technologies to be Implemented

- **Battery-Electric Bus:** Proterra will replace Class 8, diesel heavy-duty transit buses at one or more transit agencies with 10 Proterra E2 battery-electric buses. Proterra is proposing its 40-foot Catalyst E2 battery-electric bus. The proposed Catalyst E2 bus has a total of 440kWh of on-board energy storage; more than 25% more capacity than other 40’ battery electric

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buses on the market. Importantly, the Catalyst was designed from the start exclusively as an electric vehicle. It delivers remarkable route flexibility and has a stellar track record in operational performance. The bus body is made with advanced carbon composites that are extremely light, durable, and resistant to corrosion. The bus body is then paired with an advanced, scalable energy storage system and the most efficient drivetrain on the market. With its durability and corrosion resistance, this platform is designed to safely and to quietly withstand nearly two decades of service. The curb weight of the vehicle is 29,849 lbs. and the Gross Vehicle Weight is 39,050 lbs. The maximum speed is 65 mph (6000 RPM).

- Plug-In Charging System: Proterra is proposing 10 62.5 kWh depot chargers that can be combined to charge a Catalyst E2 440kWh bus from 0% to 100% State of Charge (SOC) in ~ four (4) hours.

Management/Implementation Capacities

Proterra will work directly and collaboratively with a municipality to ensure the successful planning, manufacturing, deployment, operation, and maintenance of the zero-emission public transit buses and charging infrastructure throughout the Project. Proterra will provide significant executive staff resources and a dedicated maintenance employee to ensure a successful deployment of zero-emission vehicles and charging infrastructure and proper training for all existing service and maintenance employees.

The Proterra team members have extensive backgrounds in project management, manufacturing, vehicle deployment, vehicle maintenance and operations, vehicle and infrastructure training, and permitting and other on-site operational needs. The Proterra team will ensure this project is on time and within budget.

Project Objectives and Work Plan

The Project will demonstrate that zero-emission technologies can achieve significant and sustained reductions in diesel emissions in areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel fleets - perfectly capturing one of the primary goals of Idaho's mitigation plan. The Project will also help accelerate the deployment and increase the awareness of electric vehicles, as well as provide the opportunity for all state residents to ride in an electric vehicle. It will serve as a major component of a citywide ecosystem that increases awareness of the many options for zero-emission mobility. In turn, this Project will significantly accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, eliminate criteria pollutants, and provide the opportunity for all residents to go electric today and realize the many associated health benefits.

The Project tasks are divided into four major phases that are necessary to prepare for and conduct the proposed *Public Transit Electrification Project*: 1 – Project Kick-Off, 2 – Production and Delivery, 3 – Entry into Service, and 4 – Reporting and Feedback. Each phase is described below and in further detail, including identifying the entity is performing each task.

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Phase 1 – Project Kick-Off [9 months]

Phase 1 lays the foundation for the success of the *Public Transit Electrification Project*, which includes finalizing all necessary documents and agreements and attending the kick-off meeting and pre-production meetings with end-users.

Phase 2 – Production and Delivery [up to 12 months]

In Phase 2 the zero-emission buses are manufactured and delivered and the charging infrastructure are ordered, delivered, and installed. This includes the site design, permitting, production and installation of each charging station, as well as the status report of the vehicle production and delivery.

Phase 3 – Entry into Service [3 months]

In Phase 3, Proterra will initiate the customer launch process that ensures that the buses are effectively and efficiently received, inspected, accepted and deployed with confidence. About 6 weeks before the delivery of the first bus, Proterra initiates the launch process, which includes providing an overview of the vehicle, the end-user training, and coordination to ensure the end-user to ready for delivery and deployment of the vehicles into service.

Phase 4 – Reporting and Feedback [ongoing]

Throughout the Project, Proterra will provide quarterly status reports to the state and the transit agency. Each vehicle is equipped with an on-board data logger that provides data on bus performance and Proterra will ensure that all necessary data is compiled and reported to both entities.

Project Vehicles, Equipment and Service

Proterra will work directly with a transit agency to ensure a successful execution and completion of the project – including vehicle operation, charging, vehicle maintenance and repair, and data collection. Proterra has worked with multiple transit agencies across the United States. This vast experience will ensure successful implementation.

Proterra will install on-board data loggers in each vehicle to provide performance data on a quarterly basis. Data will include, but not be limited to: fuel/electricity consumption, fueling/charging times, state of charge, battery and odometer readings, relevant telematics, GPS data, hours of operation, temperatures, etc.

Proterra has developed extensive driver and maintenance technician training to ensure successful execution and completion of the proposed pilot project – including, but not limited to, training for vehicle operation, charging, vehicle maintenance and repair, and data collection. The training for both drivers and maintenance technicians includes classroom instruction and hands-on/in-the-seat training. The training will be performed at each end-user location with the appropriate materials available to the participants. The training includes tests that are administered after each classroom session and a certificate of completion after the participants have successfully finished the course. All drivers, maintenance technicians, and transit managers for this proposed project will receive classroom instruction and hands-on training. In addition, Proterra has created a series of “YouTube” style videos that provide an easy reference tool and more background on procedures – such as

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docking the bus successfully, towing the bus safely, using the diagnostic tool, and high-voltage safety.

The Proterra battery-electric bus and charging infrastructure that will be used in the *Public Transit Electrification Project* is the Catalyst E2 extended-range, battery electric vehicle for use on all routes. The Catalyst E2 vehicle, which offers energy capacity of 440 kWh and a nominal range of ~ 250 miles per charge, uses a 62.5 kWh Plug-in Depot Charger that is commercially available with dual charging connectors. Proterra is the only EV bus manufacturer to invest in the standard SAE J1772 CCS for depot charging. This unique offering allows transit agencies to charge their fleet of light duty electric vehicles or offer public charging when the transit buses are not utilizing the chargers.

Using a sophisticated computer model, Proterra can analyze each transit route to ensure that the infrastructure and vehicles are designed and engineered to match the specific minimum charging needs of the 10-bus fleet. The inputs to the route simulation tool include: route distance, speed, stops, layovers, duration, and grade, as well as passenger loading, ambient temperature/HVAC loads, and other accessory devices that use power for the safe and efficient operation of the vehicles. This simulation provides information on charging station needs and location planning, route performance, gradeability and feasibility, fuel savings/cost of operation evaluation, route schedule, and harmful emission reduction calculations.

Proterra has extensive experience installing depot chargers, securing necessary permits with local entities, and addressing electrical needs and grid impacts throughout the country. Proterra will work directly with the end-user in the *Public Transit Electrification Project* and associated utility to ensure that the participating municipality obtains all permits and approvals necessary for the infrastructure, as well as address any grid impacts or electrical needs at the charging location.

Potential Emission Reduction Benefits/Expected Proposed Project Benefits

At Proterra, we're continually refining designs and looking for innovative ways to reduce impact on the environment. Proterra buses produce zero tailpipe emissions and decrease dependency on fossil fuels. Emissions are reduced by an astounding ~ 200,000 lbs. of CO₂ annually each time a dirty diesel vehicle is replaced by a zero-emission bus. Particulate matter from traditional transit buses contains numerous harmful gases and upwards of 40 cancer-causing substances.

A typical diesel bus emits ~ 200,000 lbs. of greenhouse gases annually, while a CNG bus emits ~ 175,000 lbs./year and a diesel hybrid emits ~140,000 lbs./year. A switch to zero-emission buses, which emit no tailpipe pollution, presents a critical opportunity to cut pollution, reduce oil dependence and make Earth a better place.

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Annual Tailpipe Emissions

Emission (lbs/bus/yr)	Proterra	CNG	Hybrid	Diesel
CO	0	1,822	20.59	41.18
CH4	0	792	4.11	4.03
CO ₂	0	169,488	140,976	198,000
GHG (CO₂e)	0	190,080	141,083	198,105
NO _x	0	46.73	92.66	92.66
VOC	0	3.82	3.82	3.82
PM (2.5+10)	0	3.52	3.52	3.52
BC	0	0.15	0.15	0.15

<https://greet.es.anl.gov/>

Assumes 36k miles driven per bus per year.

The well-to-wheel GHG emissions avoided for 10 zero-emission transit buses is approximately 1,062 metric tons CO₂e/year. Based on a conservative 12-year lifespan of the zero-emission, battery-electric buses – the project’s lifetime well-to-wheel GHG emissions avoided is up to 12,746 metric tons CO₂e (for a 10-bus deployment).

All the vehicles in the proposed project are zero-emission battery-electric vehicles that do not have any tailpipe emissions; therefore, there are no additional NO_x, ROG or PM₁₀ emissions associated with the project. The total tailpipe emission reduction for 10 zero-emission transit buses is .42 tons NO_x/year, 0.0173 tons of ROG/year and .01596 of PM₁₀/year. Combined tailpipe weight emission reductions for criteria pollutants is 0.45 tons/year and 5.44 tons over the lifetime of the project. That reduction more than doubles when well-to-wheel criteria pollutants are considered, reducing ~ 1.0 tons/ year and 11.59 tons over the lifetime of the project.

The estimated cost-effectiveness of the total project dollars per ton of combined criteria pollutant and weighted PM emissions reduced, and dollars per ton of GHF emissions reduced during a 12-year operation for all 10 vehicles are the following:

- Total Cost Effectiveness of GHG Emission Reductions
 - (Capital Recovery Factor x Project Cost)/Annual GHG Emission reductions
 - (.095 x \$8,120,000)/1,062 metric tons of CO₂e = \$726.4/metric tons of CO₂e

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- Total Cost Effectiveness of Criteria Pollutants¹
 - $(\text{Capital Recovery Factor} \times \text{Project Cost}) / \text{Annual criteria pollutant emissions reductions}$
 - $(.095 \times \$8,120,000) / .45 \text{ metric tons weighted criteria pollutants} = \$1,714,222.2 / \text{metric tons of weighted criteria pollutants}$

Proterra used the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines for the cost calculations.

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/guidelines/current.htm>.

Economic and Environmental Benefits

The *Public Transit Electrification Project* is both located within and provides direct economic and environmental benefits to one or more municipalities. The proposed project addresses common economic needs of communities, including increasing job readiness and career opportunities, improving transit service, and creating further quality jobs. Proterra will provide on-the-job training and certifications for driver and maintenance technicians to operate, maintain and repair zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles. This will increase job readiness and career opportunities in the growing electric vehicle market and further career opportunities. In addition, Proterra's state-of-the-art zero-emission public transit vehicles will eliminate toxic diesel and other criteria pollutant exposures to passengers – improving transit service within communities. The *Project* will increase quality jobs – including a dedicated Proterra employee to oversee the project, construction jobs to deploy the electric charging stations and other indirect jobs from vehicle component suppliers.

By combining performance, efficiency and design, Proterra's zero-emission, battery-electric transit buses offer the lowest total cost of ownership as compared to conventional diesel transit buses. Proterra's zero-emission transit buses operate with fewer moving parts – reducing maintenance costs associated with oils, filters, fluids, particulate filters, and brakes. In addition, electricity is much less expensive and less volatile than traditional diesel or other petroleum fuel – helping to reduce costs and provide more certainty for operating costs. Proterra's buses have significantly higher fuel efficiency, an average of 1.7 kWh/mile or 23.4 mpg equivalency, which also helps provide significant economic benefits for the participating municipality.

These operational advantages yield at least \$135,000 savings in maintenance costs and \$290,000 in fuel savings as compared to diesel fuel. Therefore, the economic benefits are over \$400,000/bus in savings during the 12-year Federal Transit Agency (FTA) mandated lifetime of the vehicle for the transit agency or agencies participating in the *Public Transit Electrification Project*.

Lastly, we estimate that, over 12 years of operation, the 10 Proterra buses will reduce ~ 1M gallons of diesel fuel. On a per bus basis this equates to 100,000 gallons of diesel saved each year in typical transit operation (e.g., ~36,000 miles per year).

¹ NOx is included in the criteria pollutants and comprises the majority of those pollutants.

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Estimated Project Cost

The estimated total project cost for 10 zero-emission, battery-electric transit buses and 10 multi-use depot charging stations is **\$8,120,000**.² Funding is needed now to further demonstrate that commercially available zero-emission technologies have the lowest cost of ownership, improved maintenance and performance, and better serve a diverse range of communities' public transit needs, including the reduction of GHG and the elimination of criteria emissions.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Taxes</u> <u>0%</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proterra Bus	\$749,000.00	10	\$7,490,000.00		\$7,490,000.00
Depot Charger	\$50,000.00	10	\$500,000.00		\$500,000.00
Regional Service Representative and fringe benefits	\$130,000.00	1	\$130,000.00		\$130,000.00

The recipient of the VW funds would largely be the municipalities. Therefore, Proterra anticipates that 100% of the cost of the vehicles and chargers would be covered by the state, subject to whatever local match funds the municipalities could contribute.

Increase ZEV Awareness and Education

To increase the exposure of the vehicles in the *Public Transit Electrification Project*, Proterra will develop project-specific webpages that will provide information on emission savings, vehicles deployed and funding sources to showcase the environmental and air quality benefits of the *Project* as a model deployment for other regions throughout Idaho and across the nation. Additionally, Proterra will work with the transit agency or agencies to customize bus wraps to include messages that highlight the zero-emission technology and acknowledging the funding sources for the successful deployment.

In addition, Proterra will work directly with any participating municipality and its transit agency to implement an outreach strategy to the community to help raise awareness and education about the health, air quality and other benefits of zero-emission technology. In conjunction with the end-users, Proterra will launch a direct mail and email marketing campaign to generate awareness about the zero-emission transit bus technology in their communities. In addition, Proterra will provide a demonstration bus to circulate prior to the project deployment to help raise awareness and provide education about the vehicle technology. At the launch of service, Proterra will work with the local transit partner to execute a local public relations strategy – including press releases, media outreach

² This cost may vary slightly depending on the applicable tax rate, if any, and how the buses are configured and optioned by the participating transit agency. Finally, installation costs for the depot chargers are not included as they vary widely.

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and a launch event. Proterra will also offer an option to publicly display emissions savings and environmental benefits information on the transit agency's website.

Other

In addition to the above, Proterra strongly recommends that Idaho direct 47% of the VW settlement funds to incentivize the deployment of zero emission, battery electric transit buses and medium duty vehicles to help reduce NOx and GHG emissions and vehicle miles traveled, as well as provide other health and associated benefits throughout Idaho. We also recommend that Idaho dedicate 15% towards EV charging infrastructure.

Beyond this specific project, we propose that Idaho adopt two specific funding programs that have significantly accelerated the adoption of heavy duty EVs and, as a direct result, helped reduce NOx and GHG emissions. First, we urge Idaho to adopt the competitive funding programs in place in California and at the federal level. The CA Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Program – administered through the Air Resources Board - is a competitive funding program that allows all manufacturers of zero-emission technology to partner with transit agencies and compete for project funding. It is very much modeled after the highly competitive Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Program, which has helped fund the purchase of zero-emission transit buses across the US. The CA program is important in that it allows newcomers to receive funding for not only buses, but also chargers. Second, California's Hybrid & Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program (HVIP) is a pool of money that is used by transit agencies on a first come, first served basis to bridge the gap between purchasing a fossil fuel vehicle and a zero-emission vehicle. For example, the transit bus OEM can receive a voucher for up to \$160,000 per EV vehicle, which amount is then deducted from the cost of the bus. New York City (New York Truck Voucher Incentive Program) and Chicago (Drive Clean Truck Voucher Program) have implemented similar programs. These programs have proven valuable in allowing agencies (and commercial properties) to grow their fleets of zero-emission buses.

Conclusion

The *Public Transit Electrification Project* will deploy 10 zero-emission, battery-electric transit buses and 10 multi-use depot charging stations at one or more municipalities to provide electric mobility and serve as a successful pilot project to accelerate the deployment of electric vehicles, reduce NOx emissions, improve air quality and provide health benefits. Proterra is excited to increase zero-emission vehicle awareness and eliminate toxic diesel exposures to both transit riders and non-transit riders throughout Idaho and beyond.