

SFMTA Municipal Transportation Agency

Completing a New Generation of Investment for Our Bus Fleet

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Fleet Plan Overview

- Since 2013, SFMTA has transitioned from an old and unreliable fleet to a state-of-the-art vehicle program
- Current fleet replacement includes over 800 new vehicles, approximately 400 have arrived to date
- Executing the 40ft Trolley option for 185 new buses is the last critical step and will replace SFMTA's oldest vehicles

Fleet Plan Guiding Principles

- Average Fleet Age: Establish a consistent average fleet age of 5-8 years.
- **Sustainability:** Support the San Francisco Climate Action Plan and related City policies by continuing to invest in low and zero emission vehicles
- **Reliability:** Continue to improve service and prioritize reliability when procuring vehicles, maintaining vehicles and designing enhancements
- **Performance-Based Procurements:** Prioritize vehicle safety and reliability and encourage industry innovation and maintainability
- Maintenance Standards: Continue robust maintenance standards and practices established in 2014 including maintaining or exceeding Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) schedules

New Trolleys, More Hybrids, in 2017



814 New Buses Planned and/or Delivered

- 2013-14: First 112 40ft Hybrids delivered
- 2015-18: An additional 200 40ft and 224 60ft Hybrids are underway
- 2015-2018: 60 60ft Trolleys arrive in 2016, 33 more planned by Spring 2018
- 2017-2019: 185 40ft Trolleys proposed

Trolley Contract Phase	40ft Trolley	60ft Trolley	Contract Status
Base	0	60	Exercised
2016 (Contract Mod #1)	0	33	Exercised
2017 (Contract Mod #2)	185	0	Proposed
Trolley Total	185	93	

Worst Performers Drag System Down

- At up to 17 years old, they are oldest in the system, well past useful life of 15 years
- Vehicles suffer from poor reliability - Trolley coaches account for over 40% of equipment related delays
- Parts hard to find since manufacturer out of business





Trolley Coaches Make Sense for SF





Topography – Trolley coaches can operate more easily on hills than motor coaches

Smoother & Quieter ride - Does not produce diesel engine noise that can disturb the neighborhood

No Air Pollution – Trolleys contribute zero green house gases to the community

No Need for Fuel – No diesel and the electricity to power the trolleys is very low cost

Infrastructure Already Exists - Use existing overhead wiring throughout City

Trolley Network

- Approximately 200,000 trolley boardings a day
- Trolley customers make up 30% of total ridership
- 15 routes in the Trolley Network
- Includes some of the highest ridership in the system (e.g., 1 California, 14 Mission, 30 Stockton)



Community & Operator Feedback Informed Design

Bus design incorporates extensive input from Operators, people with disabilities and the general riding public

Key features include:

- Ergonomic Operator compartment
- Air conditioned climate control for passenger comfort
- Easily accessible with low floor design which requires no additional steps at the doors
- Generous amount of priority seating identified with international symbols
- More passenger capacity with perimeter seating
- Flip up seat to accommodate baby stroller
- More hand straps and yellow stanchions throughout for easy visibility





Operational Benefits

- Delivers enhanced reliability within our current operating and infrastructure environment
- Purchasing from New Flyer, who has more than 40 years experience building trolleys coaches



- State of the art battery system allows extended travel without overhead power if needed to support service disruptions, special events and Citywide construction
- Common parts with hybrids helps streamline maintenance

Environmental Benefits

Meets Climate Action Plan goals:

- Green Energy:
 Minimum fuel costs
- Power generated by Hetch Hetchy water reservoir, owned by the city, minimal costs



• **ZERO Emissions:** Definitely will not contribute to global warming

Potentially the Last Trolley Procurement

Battery industry has come a long way, but is not yet ready for San Francisco

- 40ft Trolley routes are our hilliest and most crowded (e.g., 1 California, 30 Stockton)
- Battery range not able to support 24 hour service on routes such as the 22 Fillmore and 24 Divisadero

Significant cost, time and uncertainties associated with support infrastructure

 Current fleet cannot last any longer – customers are already experiencing major breakdowns and only expected to get worse

Cost and Delivery Schedule

Schedule:

- First two buses arrive by the end of 2017!!!
- Production completed by Fall 2019

Cost:

- Cost per bus ~ \$1.2M
- Total cost ~ \$265M

