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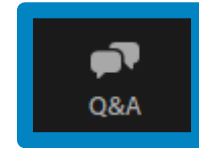
Zero-Emission Bus Resources

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Introduction from Jeff Peel,
Deployment Manager

Brief Presentations from

- Ryan Frasier, NREL
- Mike Jones, NREL

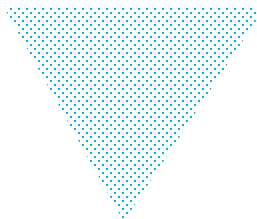
Audience Q&A





Intro from Deployment Manager Jeff Peel

Mission and Vision



Mission

To accelerate an electrified transportation system that is affordable, convenient, equitable, reliable, and safe.

Vision

A future where everyone can ride and drive electric.

BIL Programs Supported by the Joint Office

The Joint Office will provide unifying guidance, technical assistance, and analysis to support the following programs:



National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program (U.S. DOT)

\$5 billion for states to build a national electric vehicle (EV) charging network along corridors



Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program (U.S. DOT)

\$2.5 billion in community and corridor grants for EV charging, as well as hydrogen, natural gas, and propane fueling infrastructure



Low-No Emissions Grants Program for Transit (U.S. DOT)

\$5.6 billion in support of low- and no-emission transit bus deployments



Clean School Bus Program (U.S. EPA)

\$5 billion in support of electric school bus deployments

Clean Transit & School Bus Technical Assistance

An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#) ▾



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ELECTRIC BUS

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**Direct technical assistance
for eligible transit agencies
and school bus fleets to
plan for and deploy clean
buses**

Examples of How We Can Help

Electric utility
coordination

Identifying
available
funding and
incentives

Analyzing
charging
infrastructure
needs

Conducting
route analysis
and planning

Conducting
training and
workforce
development

Bus evaluation

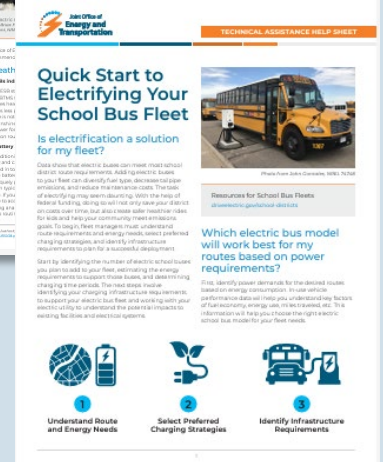
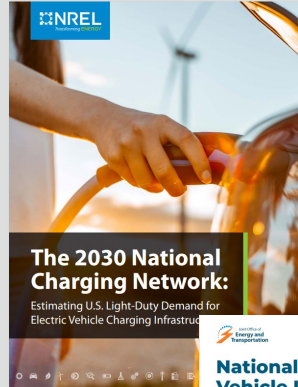
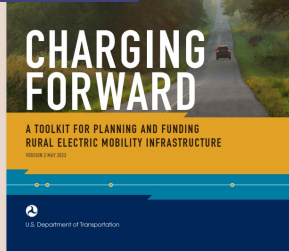
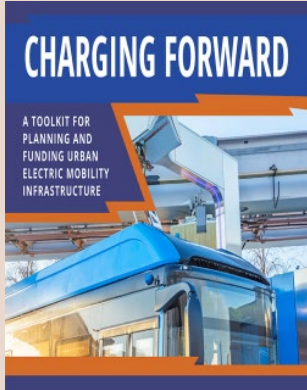
Analyzing
energy needs
and grid
impact

Identifying
solar and
battery storage
opportunities

Rural and Urban EV Toolkits

Forecasts and Reports

Help Sheets and Checklists



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- Request assistance via online form

- Initial response within 48 hours

- General questions and feedback welcome!

The screenshot shows the 'Contact Us' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and menu items: About, Technical Assistance, Data & Tools, Publications, News & Events, and Contact. The main heading is 'Contact Us'. Below it, a paragraph explains the form's purpose: 'Use this contact form to submit a media inquiry, ask a general question about Joint Office of Energy and Transportation resources and activities, or request technical assistance for states, tribal nations, or clean school buses or transit buses.' To the right, there is a 'Find Us on Social' box with icons for LinkedIn and YouTube. The form itself includes a note: 'Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*)'. The fields are: 'Inquiry type *' (a dropdown menu), 'Name *' (a text input), 'Email *' (a text input), 'Subject *' (a text input), and 'Message *' (a large text area). A blue 'Send' button is located at the bottom left of the form.

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Polling Questions

Panelists



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Overview of Zero-Emission Bus Resources

Ryan Frasier, NREL

Clean School Bus Technical Assistance



The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office) is providing **FREE** technical assistance for the EPA's Clean School Bus program

Technical Assistance Offerings:

- **Fleets receiving funds or planning to apply are eligible**
- Proactive and reactive, hands-on assistance tailored to each fleet
- New and updated tools and resources.

Clean School Bus Technical Assistance

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Flipping the Switch on Electric School Buses

- This technical assistance video series is for K-12 schools interested in implementing electric school buses.
- Watch the videos in order or pick and choose the topics most interesting or relevant to you.

The screenshot shows the 'Alternative Fuels Data Center' website. At the top, it features the U.S. Department of Energy logo and navigation links for 'Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy', 'EERE Home | Programs & Offices | Consumer Information', and a search bar. The main header is 'Alternative Fuels Data Center' with a search input and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the header is a green navigation bar with categories: 'FUELS & VEHICLES', 'CONSERVE FUEL', 'LOCATE STATIONS', 'LAWS & INCENTIVES', 'Maps & Data', 'Case Studies', 'Publications', 'Tools', 'About', and 'Home'. The main content area is titled 'Electric School Bus Education' and includes a list of resources such as 'Electric School Bus Introduction', 'Working with Electric Utilities', 'Vehicle Requirements', 'Charging Infrastructure Planning and Solutions', 'Vehicle In Use Performance', 'Driver and Technician Training', and 'Cost Factors'. A large image of a yellow electric school bus is displayed. Below this, there is a section for 'Electric School Bus Introduction' with a video player and a 'Watch Now' button. The page also features 'Webinars' and 'Handouts' sections, with a video player for 'Clean Cities and Technical Assistance: Electric School Bus Introduction' and a document icon for 'Part 1: Electric School Bus Introduction'.

https://afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/electric_school_buses.html

NREL/Joint Office ESB Route Analysis Tool

The Electric School Bus (ESB) Route Analysis Tool is a spreadsheet tool designed to assist school bus fleets in determining the bus energy usage and charger power needs for their unique routes.

Lowest Expected Temperature (°F):

30+

*See NCEI Climate at a Glance for local temperatures:

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/climate-at-a-glance/county/time-series>

Bus Info		Route Info							User Selections		Energy/Power Results		Charger Selection	
Bus Type	ESB Make/Model	Route #	Morning Route Distance (miles)	Morning Depart Time	Morning Return Time	Afternoon Route Distance (miles)	Afternoon Depart Time	Afternoon Return Time	Cabin Heater	Mid-Day Charging	Max Energy Used (kWh)	Estimated Minimum Charger Power Level (kW)	Charger Size (kW)	Expected Minimum SOC (%)
TypeC	IC Bus Electric CE (315 kWh)	1	50	6:30 AM	8:30 AM	60	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Electric	Yes	157.5	20.3	20.0	11%
TypeC	LionC (210 kWh)	2	30	6:30 AM	8:30 AM	40	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Electric	Yes	90.3	13.3	19.2	48%
TypeC	Bluebird Vision Electric	3	35	6:30 AM	8:30 AM	40	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Electric	Yes	86.1	15.2	19.2	20%
TypeC	BYD Type C	4	20	6:30 AM	8:30 AM	40	12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Electric	Yes	109.9	13.8	19.2	58%

Tool and short instructional video available at:
<https://driveelectric.gov/school-districts>

Cold Weather Impacts on Electric School Buses Fact Sheet

A handout that explains how cold weather impacts electric school buses.

<https://driveelectric.gov/school-districts>



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HELP SHEET

Cold Weather Impacts on Electric School Buses



- *Hot Weather Impacts Help Sheet coming soon!*

New Electric School Bus Familiarization Webinar Series

Brought to you by:

- Joint Office of Energy and Transportation
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
- International Transportation Learning Center (ITLC)
- School bus manufacturers

- Four-part module-based series for operators, technicians, and other school bus fleet members.
- Learn fundamentals of electric school bus (ESB) technology.
- Live Q&A during each session.
- Recordings with testing materials for internal training programs.



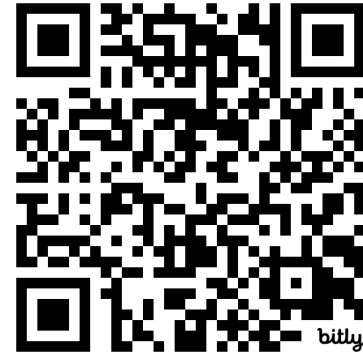
Register for ESB Familiarization Webinars

Webinar topics:

- Operator Overview (April 10)
- Electric School Bus Technology Overview
- High Voltage Safety Considerations
- Charging Considerations

Register at:

driveelectric.gov/webinars



Register for the April 10 Webinar:

Overview for Electric School Bus Operators

driveelectric.gov/webinars/electric-school-bus-operators

EPA Clean School Bus Webinars

Upcoming EPA/JO Technical Assistance Webinar Series
Register at: <https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/events-related-clean-school-bus-program>

Event Date	Event Name
3/27/2024	How to Develop a Training Plan And Where to get Certified Training
4/24/2024	Charging Best Practices, Incorporating Charge Management, Solar, Battery Storage, and Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)
5/22/2024	Equipment Overview, Future Proofing, EVSE RFPs, and Best Practices
6/26/2024	Differences Between ESBs and ICE Buses, ESB Maintenance, and Bus RFP Best Practices

Event Date	Event Name
7/24/2024	Battery Overview, Recycling/End-of-Life Options, and Warranties
8/28/2024	Building a Case For ESBs in your Fleet including Benefits, Total Cost Of Ownership (TCO), and Emissions Calculators
9/25/2024	Electrification Process including a Step-by-Step Guide for New Adopters



Clean Bus Planning Awards (CBPA)

Mike Jones, NREL

CBPA Program Overview

- Funded by the Joint Office and managed by NREL.
- Free technical assistance for comprehensive and customized fleet electrification transition plans.
- Applications open on a rolling basis.
- Eligible fleets generally includes fleets eligible for EPA Clean School Bus and FTA Low-No Grant funding.
- Deployment assistance also available at the completion of the plan, for a period not to exceed 3 years (monthly check in calls, annual plan updates, RFP development, training support etc.)



The Clean Bus Planning Awards Program

Offering **free technical assistance** for developing comprehensive and customized **electrification plans** for transit and school **bus fleets** serving all types of communities.



Who Qualifies?

School bus and transit bus fleets that are eligible under the EPA Clean School Bus Program and FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program. Visit driveelectric.gov/clean-bus-planning-awards for eligibility and priority criteria.



Why Apply?

- Get a step-by-step plan tailored for your fleet electrification.
- Increase the likelihood of success in getting your electrification project funded and off the ground.
- Opportunity to receive free deployment assistance, closing the gap between planning and implementation.



How to Apply?

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Electrification Transition Plans - What's Included*?

- Existing fleet baseline analysis
- Vehicle electrification feasibility analysis
- Infrastructure assessment and optimization
- Procurement and project staging
- Financial analysis/modeling
- Emissions analysis/modeling
- Stakeholder analysis
- Workforce considerations
- Recommended next steps



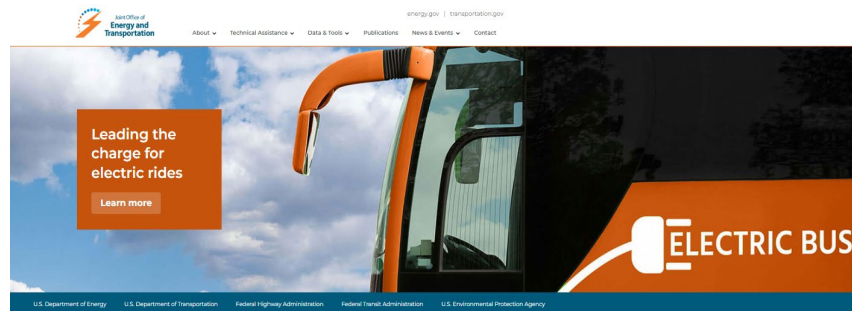
**Plans tailored to the specific circumstances and needs of the fleet.*



Questions and Answers

Resources

- Clean Bus Planning Awards - <https://driveelectric.gov/clean-bus-planning-awards>
- RideElectric.gov - <https://driveelectric.gov/ride>
- DriveElectric.gov Technical Assistance - <https://driveelectric.gov/technical-assistance>
- FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/lowno>
- EPA Clean School Bus Program - <https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus>



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