

Proposition 1B Guidelines Changes for TRU Projects- January 2017 and Later Solicitations

The California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Executive Order G-17-004 made changes to the Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program Guidelines (Program Guidelines) that may benefit refrigerated fleets and grocery store chains that use transport refrigeration units (TRU) for cold storage behind grocery stores. This type of use happens when grocery stores run out of built-in cold storage space in the weeks and months before the major holidays.

Here is a direct link to Executive Order G-17-004:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/bonds/gmbond/docs/executive%20order%20g-17-004.pdf>

Executive Order G-17-004 refers to TRUs in Attachment B, at the bottom of page 5, which reads:

Transport Refrigeration Units (TRU) – See Attachment E.

- Expand funding options to include the installation of an electric plug and replacement of an insulated trailer that is at least 10 years old and is used for cold storage at grocery or retail stores that sell groceries (i.e. big box retailers)
- Reduce the minimum number of 10 electric power plugs to 1.

Executive Order, Attachment E, starting on Page F-1, provides TRU Project Specifications for solicitations that occur after January 2017. What is important for grocery stores is that they can now apply for partial funding (the lower of 50% or \$3,000 per plug) to purchase and install small numbers of electric power plugs for TRUs at loading docks or parking areas behind grocery stores. Prior to these changes, the Program Guidelines required a minimum of 10 plugs, which was not amenable to grocery stores only needing one or two plugs. What is also important for grocery stores that use TRU-equipped trailers for stationary cold storage is that partial funding (the lower of 50% or \$40,000) is now available for the purchase of new insulated trailers, when replacing 10-year-old and older trailers that are used for stationary cold storage during the weeks or months before major holidays.

Larger numbers of electric power plugs can continue to be funded at distribution centers or freight facilities.

Here is a link to the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program Website:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/bonds/gmbond/gmbond.htm>

California's large local air districts are periodically soliciting applications for project proposals. Their contact information is listed at the Goods Movement Website (link above) under the heading "Resources".

Interested parties can also contact ARB's Proposition 1B liaisons, which are listed under the heading "ARB Program Contacts". They can be reached through the Goods movement Information Line at (916) 444-6637.