

May 24, 2018

Mail-Out #MSC 18-15

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED INNOVATIVE  
CLEAN TRANSIT REGULATION

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The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) proposal. The ICT proposal aims for transition to zero-emission technologies without compromising transit services and recognizes enhanced mobility options. Staff will describe the changes made to the proposal based on numerous comments received in person and via the online docket since the prior workshop held on December 15, 2017 and the release of the Update on the ICT Discussion Document, dated March 27, 2018. Staff will also focus on the scope of the regulation, compliance schedules, compliance requirements, and opportunities for incentives.

The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (PST)  
Place: Cal/EPA Headquarters  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

The workshop will be available via webcast for those unable to attend in person on the day of the workshop at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>. During the workshop, participants may submit questions or comments by email at [Coastalrm@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:Coastalrm@calepa.ca.gov). Staff's presentation and related materials will be posted before the workshop on the ICT webpage at: <https://arb.ca.gov/msprog/ict/meeting.htm>.

## Background

California faces challenging mandates to reduce air pollutants in order to meet federal air quality standards, State climate change goals, and public health protection goals. Achieving California's long-term goals will require transformative changes in transportation systems and a transition from conventional combustion technologies to zero-emission technology everywhere feasible and near-zero emission powered by low-carbon renewable fuels everywhere else. Transit buses are one of the first

heavy-duty applications where zero-emission technologies have been demonstrated viable, and have achieved significant sales volumes, leading and supporting technology development in the heavy-duty sector as a whole.

The ICT proposal would achieve air quality, climate, and public health goals, and provide the cleanest transportation to transit dependents riders, residents of disadvantaged communities, and individuals living in close proximity to transit centers, while providing transit agencies the flexibility to continue meeting expanding needs for effective, efficient, and affordable regional transit services across California. This effort is part of a broader strategy to increase clean, affordable transportation options such as advanced clean vehicle technologies, biking, walking and ride sharing, and other innovative methods to improve mobility and efficiency of transit systems in California.

This workshop is part of the ongoing regulatory process to amend the Fleet Rule for Transit Agencies (Transit Fleet Rule). Adopted in 2000, the Transit Fleet Rule offered transit agencies two compliance pathways based on fuel type: diesel and alternative. Transit agencies that chose to follow the diesel path option in the Transit Fleet Rule were required to demonstrate zero-emission buses by 2009. In addition, the Transit Fleet Rule required that 15 percent of all new annual urban bus purchases be zero-emission for large transit agencies with a fleet size of 200 or more urban buses. The purchase schedule was to begin with model year 2011 for agencies on the diesel path and with model year 2012 for agencies on the alternative fuel path, continuing through 2026. However, at the July 2009 Board meeting, through Resolution 09-49, the Board directed the Executive Officer to delay the zero-emission bus purchase requirement pending a technology and cost assessment and directed staff to report back to the Board following this assessment with a recommendation to further amend the rule. In January 2010, CARB issued an advisory (Mail-Out #MSC 10-04) with the postponement of the purchase requirement for zero-emission buses. Please note that the advisory can be found at:  
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/mailouts/msc1004/msc1004.pdf>.

## **Contact**

We welcome and encourage your participation in this public workshop. If you have questions regarding the workshop or the Innovative Clean Transit proposal, please contact Ms. Shirin Barfjani, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-6017 or by email at [Shirin.Barfjani@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Shirin.Barfjani@arb.ca.gov).

Transit agencies and other interested members of the public may also submit comments on the proposal until Monday, July 23, 2018, at 11:59 PM (PST)

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electronically at:

[https://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=cleantransits&comm\\_period=1](https://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=cleantransits&comm_period=1).

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting.
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language.
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language assistance, please contact Ms. Isabel Guerra, Air Resources Technician II, at (916) 323-4068 or by facsimile at (916) 323-5526 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma.
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Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a Ms. Isabel Guerra, Air Resources Technician, al (916) 323-4068 o envíe un fax a (626) 459-4480 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de diez días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

/s/

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