# Zero-Emission Transition Financial Analysis:

City of Corona Transit Service

Riverside County Transportation Commission ZEB Implementation & Rollout Plan Project



### **About CTE**



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Improve the health of our climate and communities by bringing people together to develop and commercialize clean, efficient, and sustainable transportation technologies



#### PORTFOLIO

\$900 million

- Research, demonstration, deployment
- 100 Active Projects totaling over \$400 million



#### OUR FOCUS

Zero-Emission Transportation Technologies



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### Introduction

Today's Objective is to review the financial projections for ZEB technology transition scenarios including:

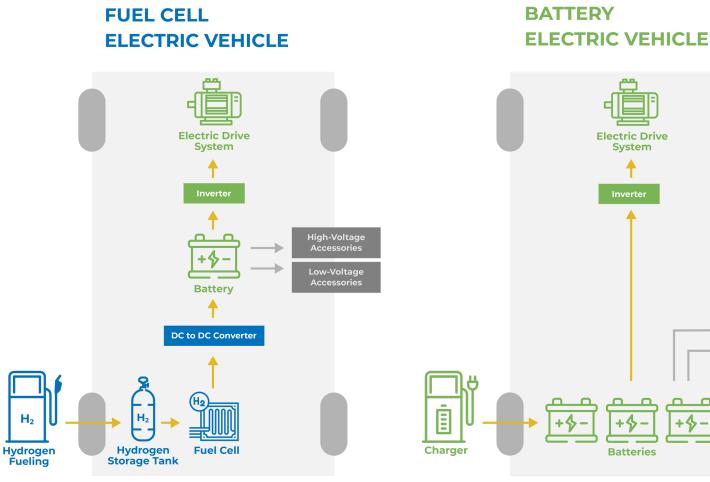
- Fleet Procurements and Capital Cost
- Fuel Costs
- Maintenance Costs
- Preliminary Infrastructure Projects & Costs
- Total Cost of Ownership



### **Zero Emission Buses —What's** Different?

Legend

- **Propulsion System** 
  - Traction Motor instead of engine
- **Energy Storage** System
  - Battery instead of fuel tank
  - Hydrogen storage tanks
- HVAC
  - No "free" heat
  - Electric heater
- Time to "Re-fuel"
  - FCEB: 10 minutes
  - BEB: ~3 hours



Battery Electric Components

Hydrogen Fuel Cell Components

High-Voltage Accessories

**Batteries** 

Shared Vehicle Components



# Fleet Capital Cost Assessment



# CARB Innovative Clean Transit Regulation

- 100% ZEB Fleet by 2040 is not a mandate, but a goal
- There is only a purchasing rule:

Starting January 1	ZEB Percentage of Total New Bus Purchases
2026	25%
2027	25%
2028	25%
2029	100%



- Small CA Transit Agencies (<100 buses) are required to submit a board-approved ZEB Rollout Plan by July 1, 2023.
- CCTS has 0 ZEB bonus credits.

# Service Assessment & Feasibility Assumptions

- For fixed-route service, all large 32ft truck-style cutaways are modeled as 35ft generic BEBs.
  - These vehicles are most analogous to one another based on passenger loading and on-board energy.
  - On-route charging is required to maintain fixed-route service in 2028 with the first BEB procurement in the BEB scenario.
- All demand response service is performed by 25-26ft cutaways that will require midday or opportunity-charging at the depot.
  - Electrified cutaway service implies required schedule modifications.
  - On-route charging (pantograph or inductive) has not yet been demonstrated for this size vehicle.

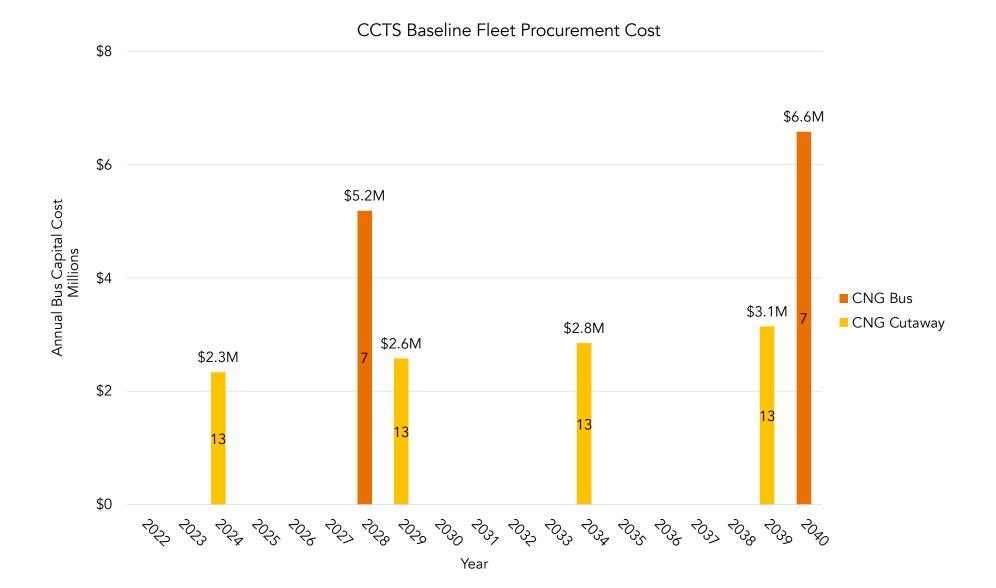
# Fleet Assessment Overview & Assumptions

- Procurements cycles are based on the FTA minimum service life terms of the vehicle types.
  - 25-26ft cutaways are replaced on a 5 year cycle per the service life of van style cutaways.
  - 32ft truck-style cutaway are replaced on a 12 year cycle per 35ft bus service life minimum rules.
- Vehicles prices for legacy fueled vehicles are based on agency reporting and ZEV pricing is based on the 2022 CA State Contract
  - A 7.75% sales tax is included in the capital price of the vehicle.
  - An PPI inflation rate of 2% is applied year over year for the whole transition period.
- CCTS begins zero-emission vehicle purchases as required by the ICT procurement schedule.
  - 25% of total annual procurement number must be ZEV, if 25% of the total is less than .5, no ZEVs must be purchased. The first ZEB purchase is required in 2028.



### **Bus Procurement Timeline & Annual Costs**

### Baseline

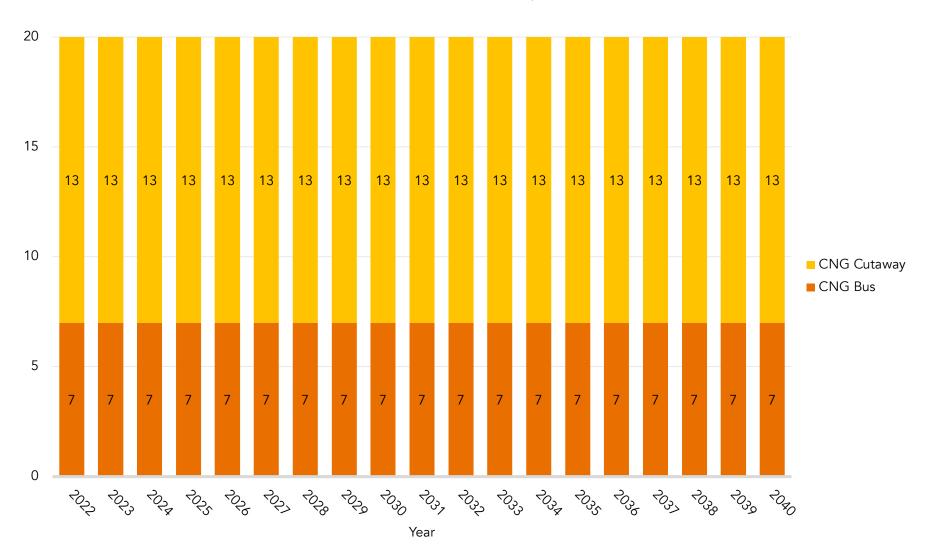




### **Fleet Composition**

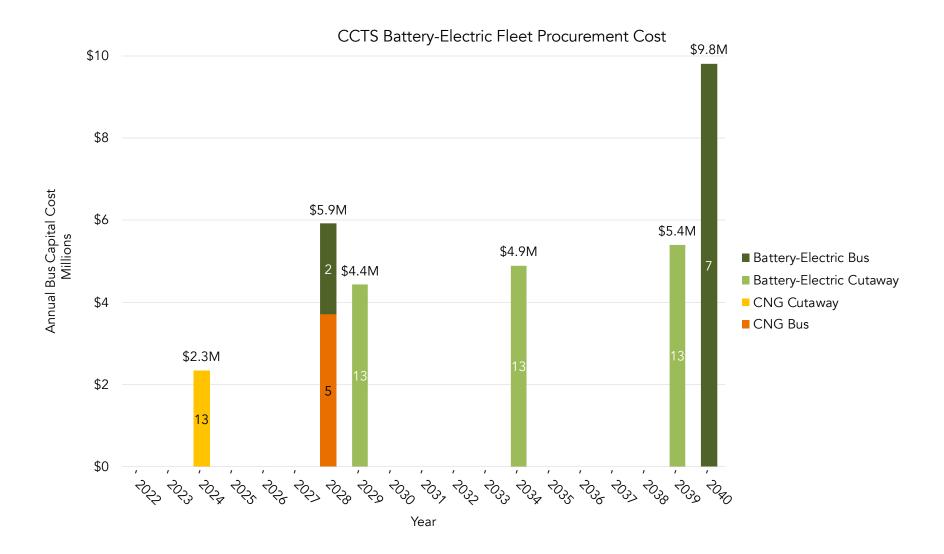
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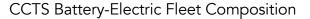
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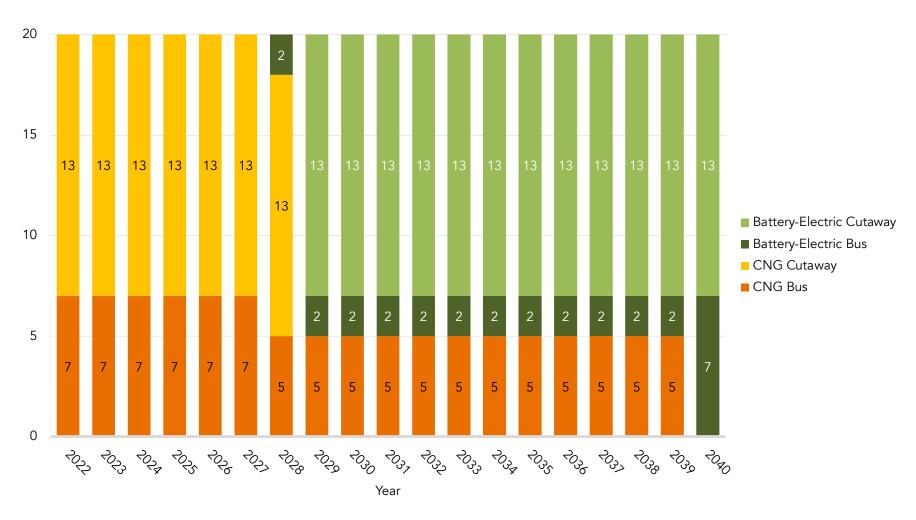




### **Fleet Composition**



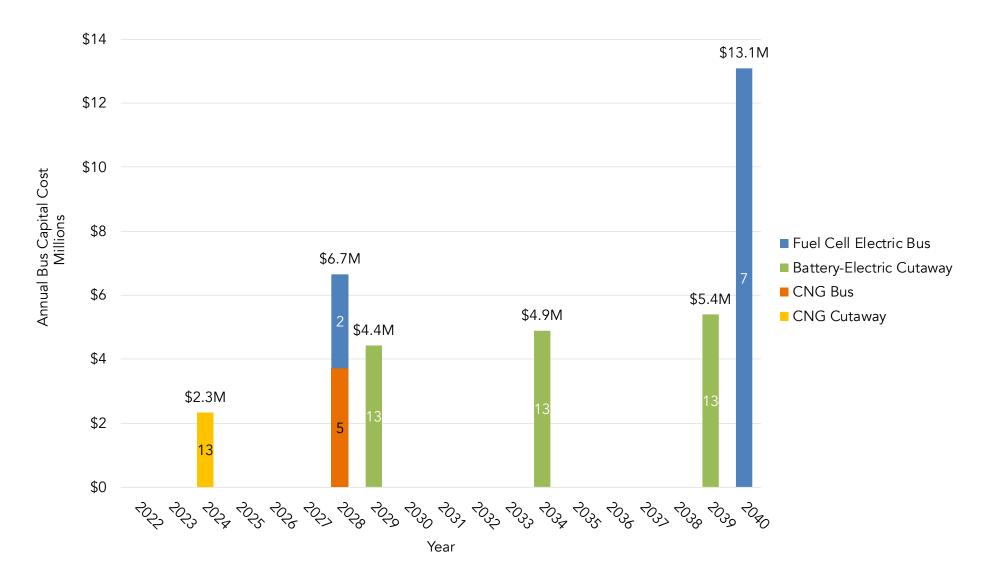






# **Bus Procurement Timeline & Annual Costs**Mixed Fleet

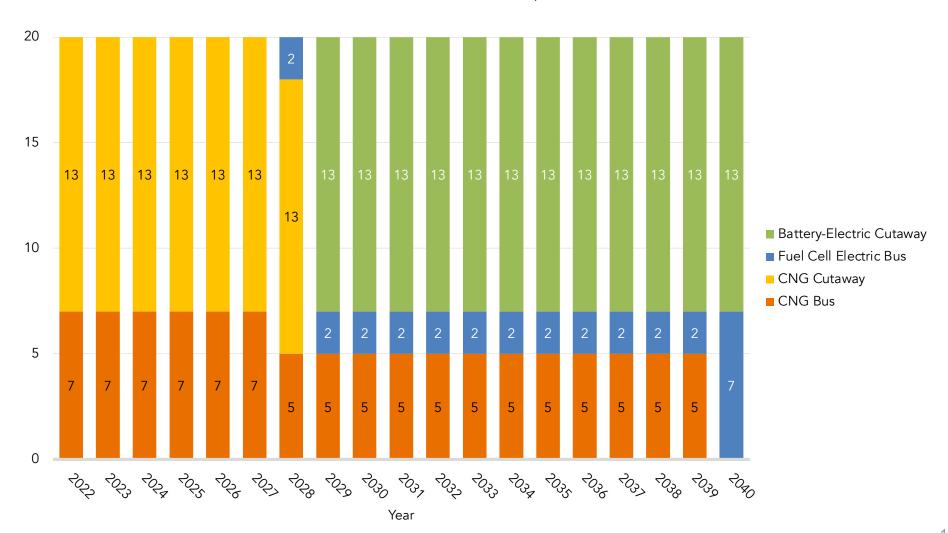
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# Fleet Composition Mixed Fleet

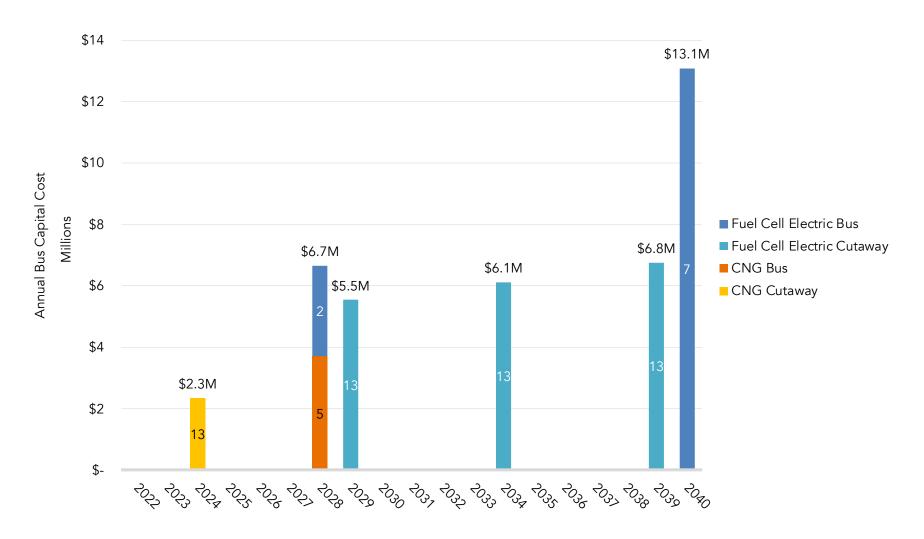
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# **Bus Procurement Timeline & Annual Costs** FCEB

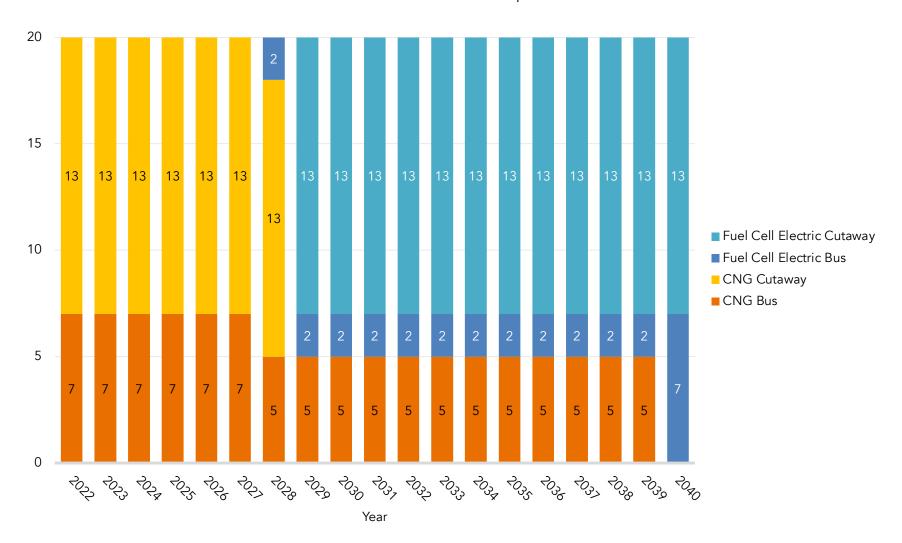
#### CCTS Fuel Cell Fleet Procurement Cost





# Fleet Composition FCEB

#### **CCTS Fuel Cell Fleet Composition**

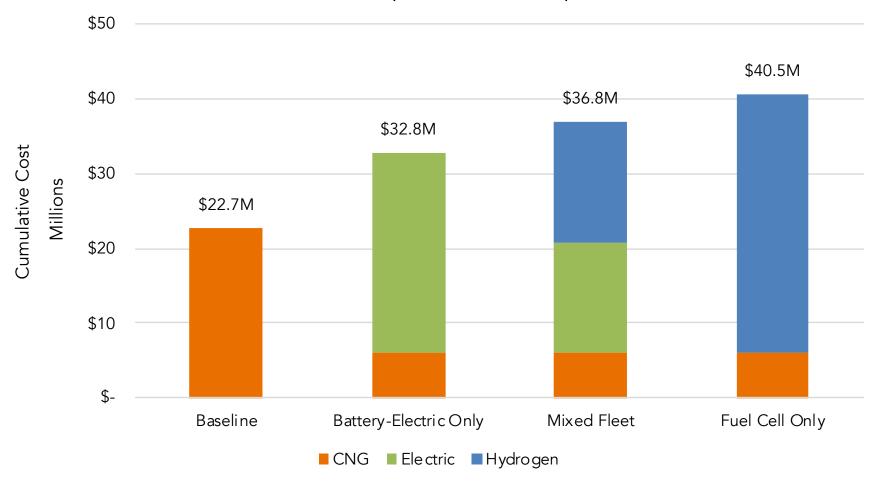




### **Comparative Fleet Capital Costs**

### **Entire Transition Period, All Scenarios**

### **CCTS Fleet Capital Cost Comparison**





# **Fuel Cost Analysis**



### **Fuel Cost Assumptions**

- Assumes no change to annual fleet vehicle miles traveled.
- All costs are based on 2021 dollars, with **EIA** inflation for transportation fuels projected through 2040.

Fuel Type	Cost per unit	Avg. Cost per Mile for uniform propulsion fleet for 18- year period	Notes
CNG	\$1.81/GGE	• \$0.36/mile	<ul> <li>Average of agency-reported fuel prices across the entire fleet</li> </ul>
H <sub>2</sub>	\$8.68/kg	• \$0.69/mile	<ul> <li>Average of 2022 prices for CA hydrogen fuel for transit end-users contractual agreements. Price contains station O&amp;M costs.</li> </ul>
Electricity	SCE TOU- EV-9 rate structure	• \$0.42/mile	• See next slide



### **Assumptions for Electricity Costs**

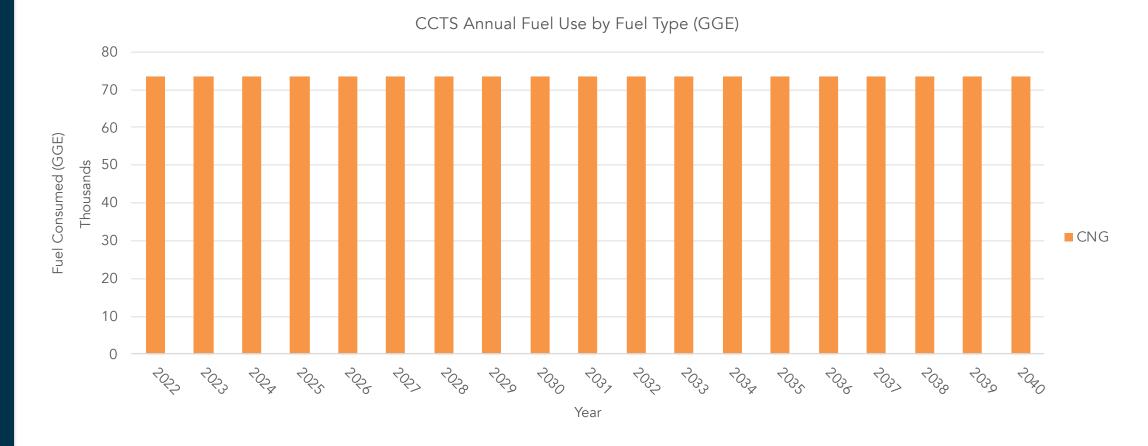
- Electricity costs based on SCE's TOU-EV-9
  - 50% of the agency's DAR requirements can be satisfied with overnight depot charging, and 50% can be satisfied with opportunity depot charging
  - 56% of the agency's fixed route requirements can be satisfied with overnight depot charging, and 44% can be satisfied with on-route opportunity charging

Electric	TOU Rates	Summer (\$/kWh) (4m)	Winter (\$/kWh) (8m)	Annual
Utility	On-Peak	\$0.47		\$0.47
Rates - SCE	Mid-Peak	\$0.29	\$0.33	\$0.32
TOU-EV-9	Off-Peak	\$0.17	\$0.18	\$0.18
_	Super-Off		\$0.11	\$0.11
	Fixed Recovery Charge	\$		0.00066
	\$/Meter/Month	\$		368.25



### **Annual Fuel Consumption**

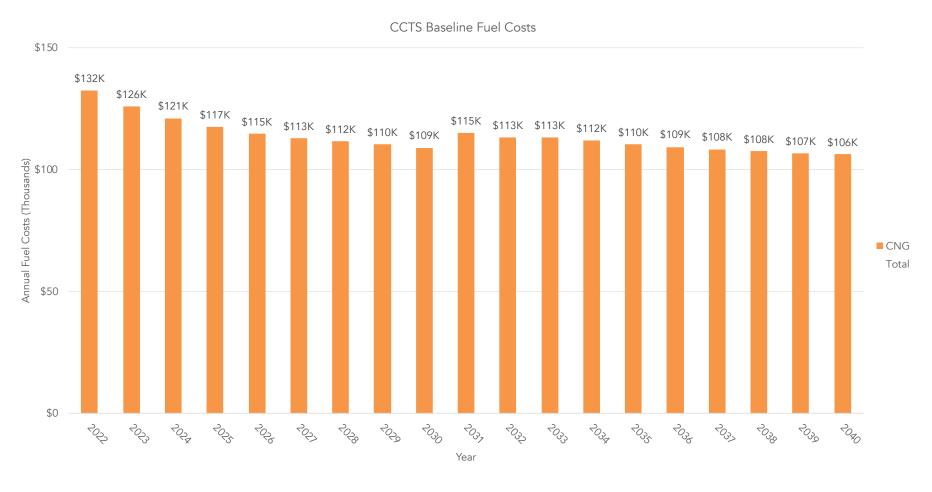
### **Baseline**





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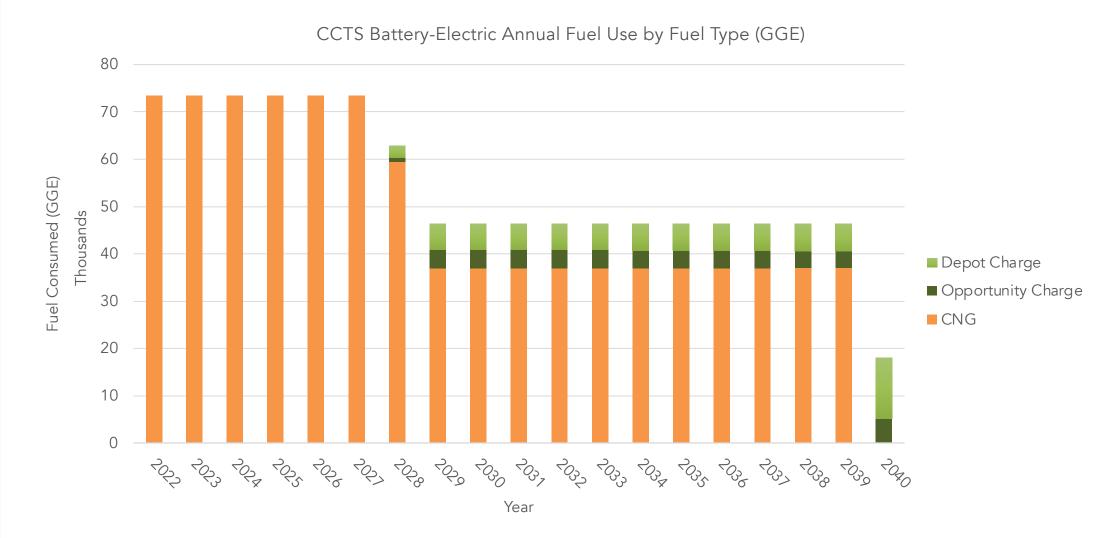
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The average fuel cost per mile for all fuels utilized in the course of the transition period for this scenario is \$0.36/mile.

# Annual Fuel Consumption BEB





## Annual Fuel Consumption Costs BEB

CCTS Battery-Electric Fuel Costs



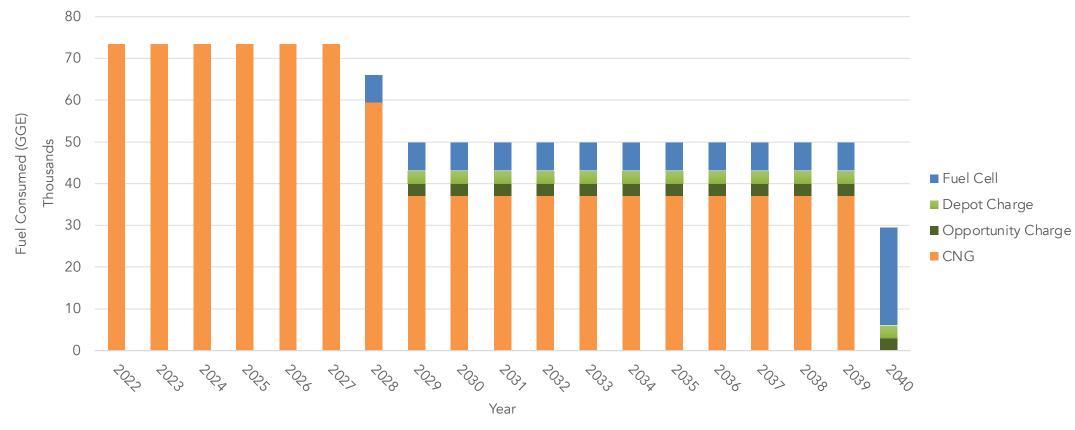




The average fuel cost per mile for all fuels utilized in the course of the transition period for this scenario is \$0.41/mile.

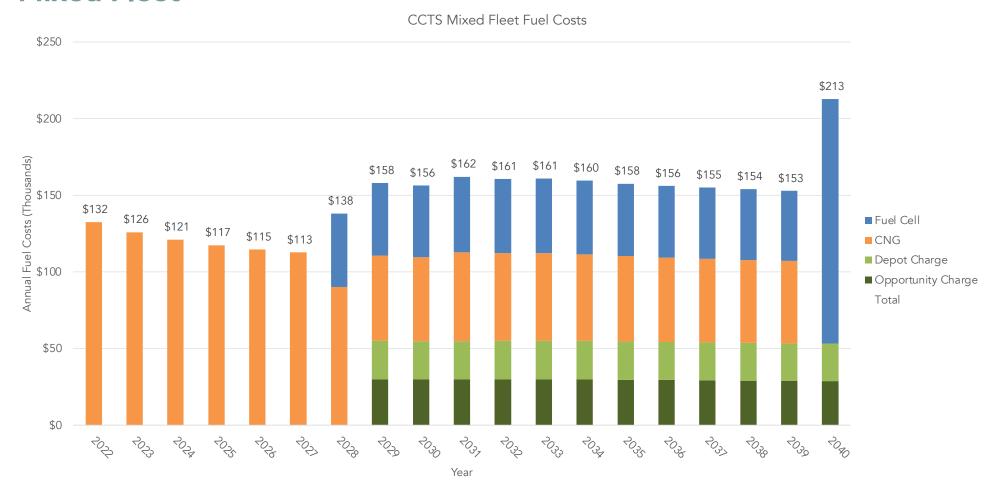
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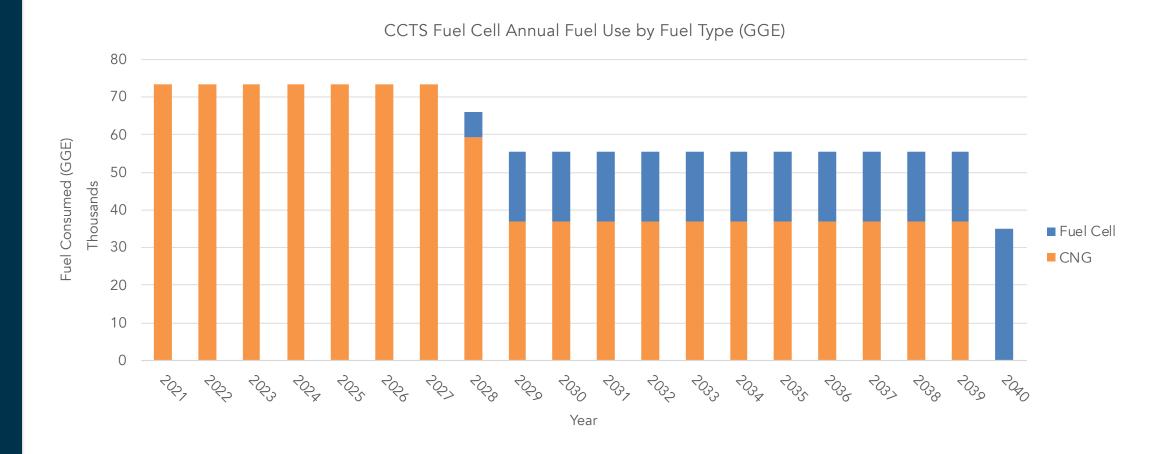
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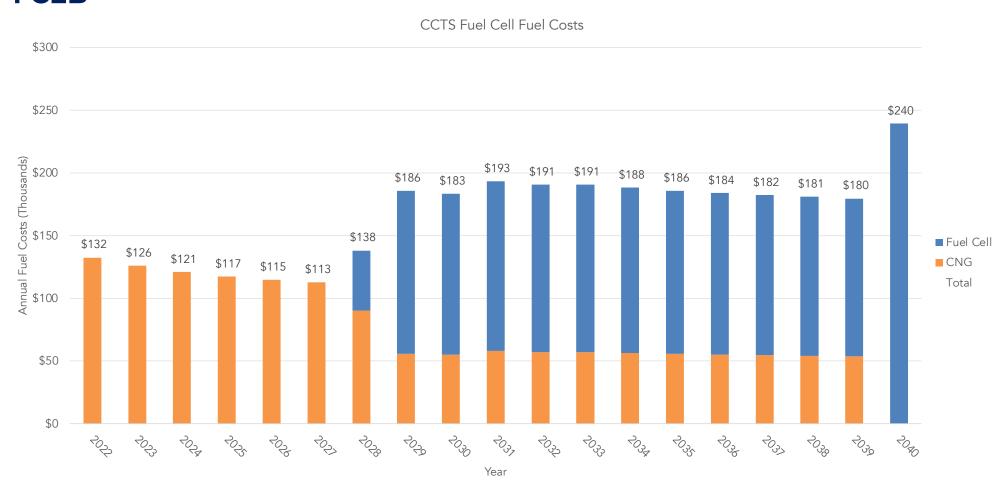
The average fuel cost per mile for all fuels utilized in the course of the transition period for this scenario is \$0.46/mile.

# **Annual Fuel Consumption** FCEB





# **Annual Fuel Consumption Costs FCEB**



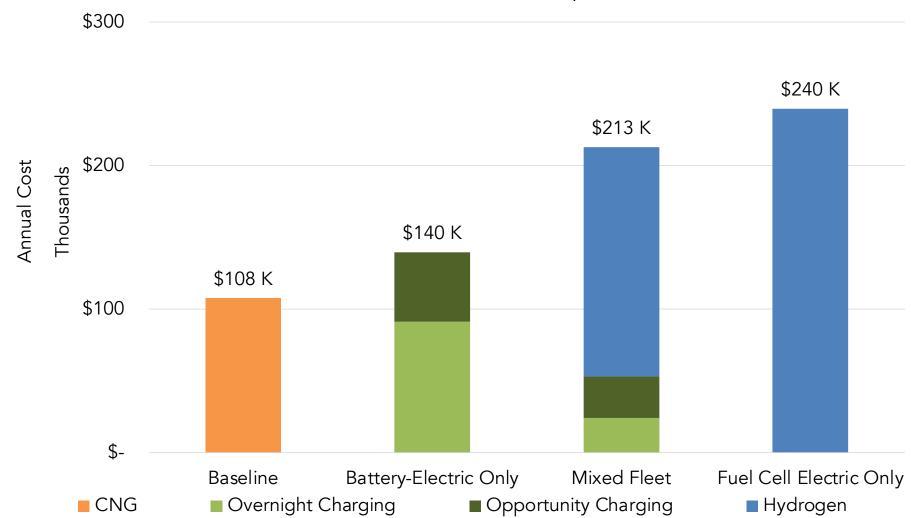


The average fuel cost per mile for all fuels utilized in the course of the transition period for this scenario is \$0.52/mile.

### **Comparative Annual Fuel Costs**

### For Transitioned Fleet 2040, All Scenarios – Single Year of Operations







# Maintenance Cost Analysis



### **Maintenance Cost Assumptions**

### **Annual Vehicle Parts & Labor**

- Basic calculation framework is established by NREL reports of per-mile costs for standard buses.
- Calculation items based on mileage-weighted averages from the NREL study data, adjusted to year 2021 dollars.
- Applied a common service life and curb weight for each operator for each class of vehicle.
- This maintenance assessment includes only vehicle maintenance costs for the transition.
  - Hydrogen and CNG infrastructure maintenance is included in the fuel price in the fuel assessment.
  - Charger maintenance is included in the infrastructure assessment.
  - Many other operational and administrative costs are not included.
- Inflation is applied to the costs per mile at 3% per year per the CPI Index.



### **Maintenance Costs Composition**

NREL Category and ATA VMRS Items	CNG Cost per Mile	BEB Cost per Mile
Exhaust System Repairs (43)	\$0.00706	\$0.00000
Fuel System Repairs (44)	\$0.01909	\$0.00000
Power Plant Repairs (45)	\$0.04035	\$0.00694
Electric Propulsion Repairs (46)	\$0.00000	\$0.03376
Air Intake System Repairs (41)	\$0.00507	\$0.00013
Cooling System Repairs (42)	\$0.02025	\$0.01631
Hydraulic System Repairs (65)	\$0.00017	\$0.00000
General Air System Repairs (10)	\$0.00658	\$0.00472
Transmission Repairs (27)	\$0.00532	\$0.01045
HVAC System Repairs (01)	\$0.01559	\$0.01495
Axle, Wheel, and Driveshaft Repairs (11, 18,		
22, 24)	\$0.00964	\$0.01157
Electrical System Repairs (30, 31, 32, 33)	\$0.04318	\$0.04318
Lighting System Repairs (34)	\$0.00692	\$0.00692
Tire Repairs (17)	\$0.02918	\$0.02918

	Adjusted Model
NREL Category (with ATA VMRS codes)	Formulation
Brake System Repairs (13)	CNGs at \$0.0014 per curb weight ton-mile (CWTM). BEBs were assumed to be 45% of CNGs based on ICT Appendix G
Preventive Maintenance Inspections (101)	\$1425/\$1500 per vehicle (cutaway/standard) plus \$0.000072 per CWTM
Car, Body, and Accessory Systems Repairs (02, 50, 71)	Replaced by a new 'Combined Mechanical' category
Frame, Steering, and Suspension Repairs (14, 15, 16)	Replaced by a new 'Combined Mechanical' category
Combined Mechanical (02, 11, 18, 22, 24, 50, 71)	\$0.0072 per CWTM



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### **Maintenance Cost Assumptions**

### **Annual Vehicle Maintenance Parts & Labor**

Legacy Vehicle Type	Maintenance Cost (Per Mile)
Gas Cutaway	\$ 0.35
CNG Cutaway	\$ 0.35
30'/35'/40' CNG Bus	\$ 0.38

Zero-Emission Vehicle Type	Maintenance Cost (Per Mile)
Battery Electric Cutaway	\$ 0.32
30'/35'/40' Battery Electric Bus	\$ 0.34
Fuel Cell Electric Cutaway	\$ 0.51
30'/35'/40' Fuel Cell Electric Bus	\$ 0.56



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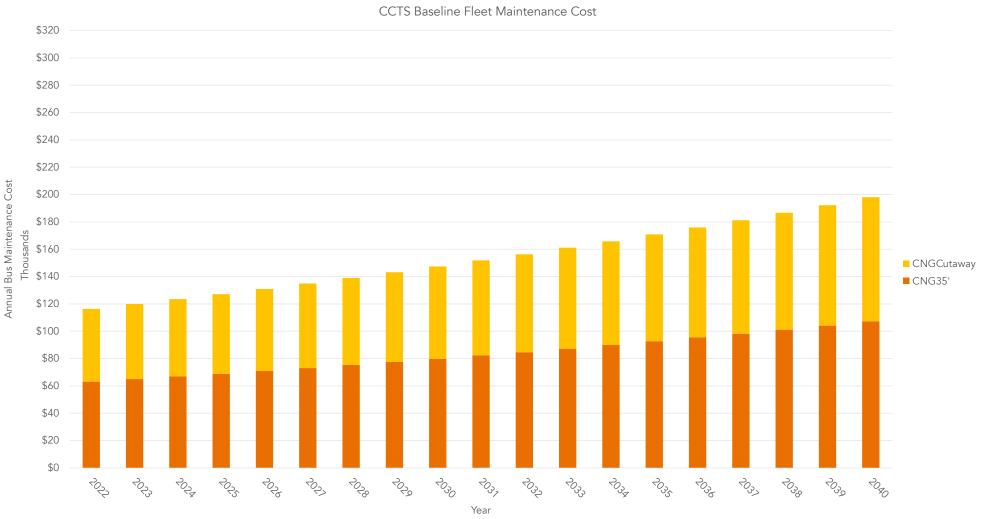
### **Capital Expenditure in Maintenance Parts & Labor**

Vehicle Type	Overhaul (FC/Transmission) Cost Per vehicle life	Battery Warranty Cost Per vehicle life
CNG Cutaway	\$0	\$0
30'/35'/40' CNG Bus	\$30,000	\$0
Battery Electric Cutaway	\$0	\$24,000
30'/35' 40' Battery Electric Bus	\$0	\$75,000
30'/35'/40' Fuel Cell Electric Bus	\$40,000	\$17,000
Fuel Cell Electric Cutaway	\$0	\$10,000



### **Annual Maintenance Costs**

#### **Baseline**

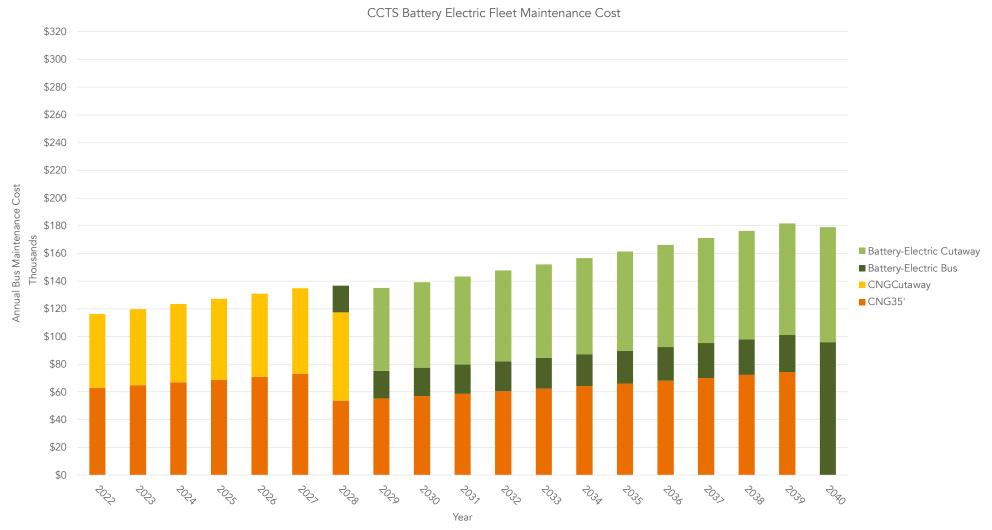




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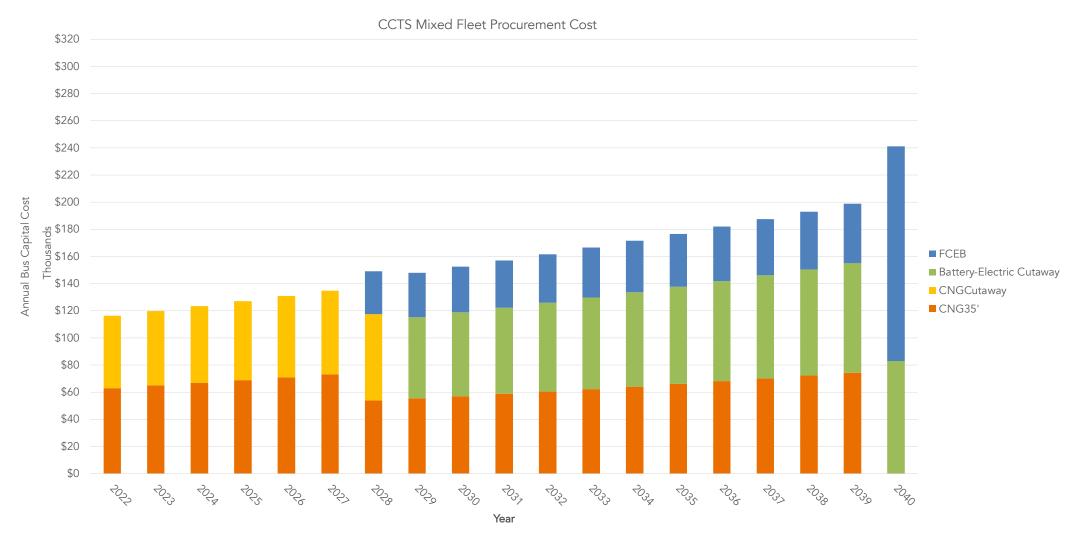
**BEB** 





Capital expenditure for vehicle battery warranties and fuel cell (if applicable) & CNG overhauls for the course of the transition is approx. \$1.8M and covers the cost of this maintenance practice for 66 vehicles.

## **Annual Maintenance Costs Mixed Fleet**

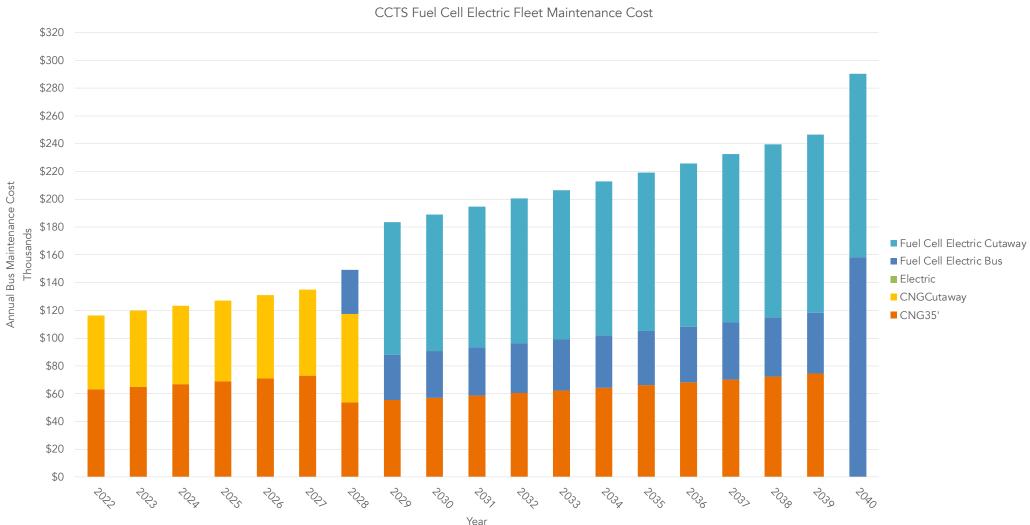




Capital expenditure for vehicle battery warranties and fuel cell (if applicable) & CNG overhauls for the course of the transition is approx. \$1.6M and covers the cost of this maintenance practice for 66 vehicles.

#### **Annual Maintenance Costs**

#### **FCEB**

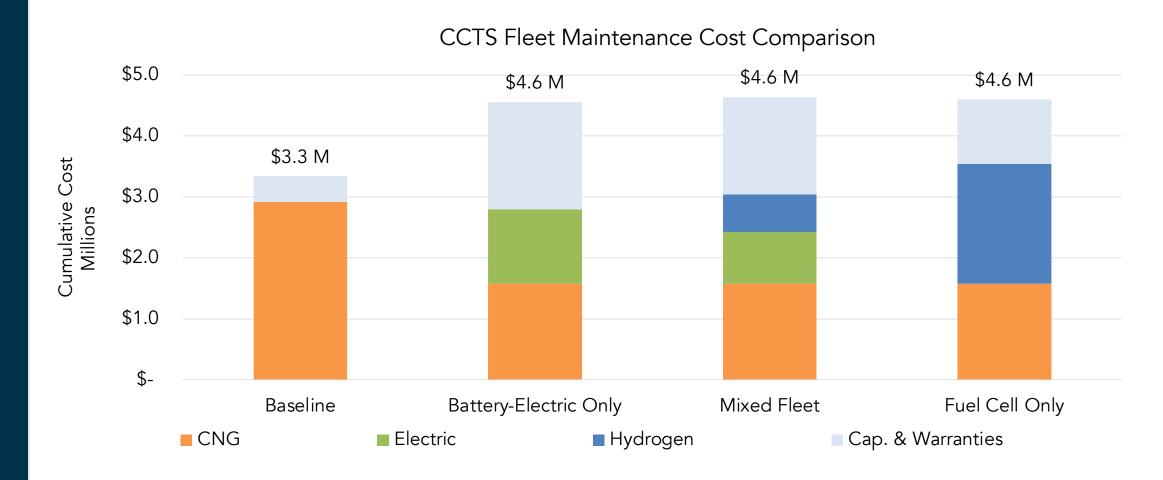




Capital expenditure for vehicle battery warranties and fuel cell (if applicable) & CNG overhauls for the course of the transition is approx. \$1.1M and covers the cost of this maintenance practice for 66 vehicles.

#### **Comparative Maintenance Costs**

#### **Entire Transition Period, All Scenarios**





# Preliminary Facilities Cost Analysis



### **Facilities Concept Assumptions**

- No land acquisition costs are included in the project costs.
- Infrastructure for baseline is not included since it is a continuation of today's operations.
- Assume 100% of buses will operate, so every bus has a dispenser.
- Assumes 2 dispensers per 150 kW charger and a 2 bus to 1 charger ratio
  - Only one transit bus can charge at a time.
  - Two cutaways can charge simultaneously at one charger, each charging at 75kW.
- Depot & Station MW capacity is assumed to start at 0.
- On-Route chargers assume each charger can serve 4 buses per hour to allow for each bus to have
   15 minutes on the charger in any given hour.
  - Each on-route charger has just one dispenser (assumed to be pantograph- usable only by transit buses).
- Costs are applied in <u>the year prior</u> to non-ZEBs are replaced with ZEBs requiring the infrastructure to represent the actual year of expenditure for the RCTC implementation plan.



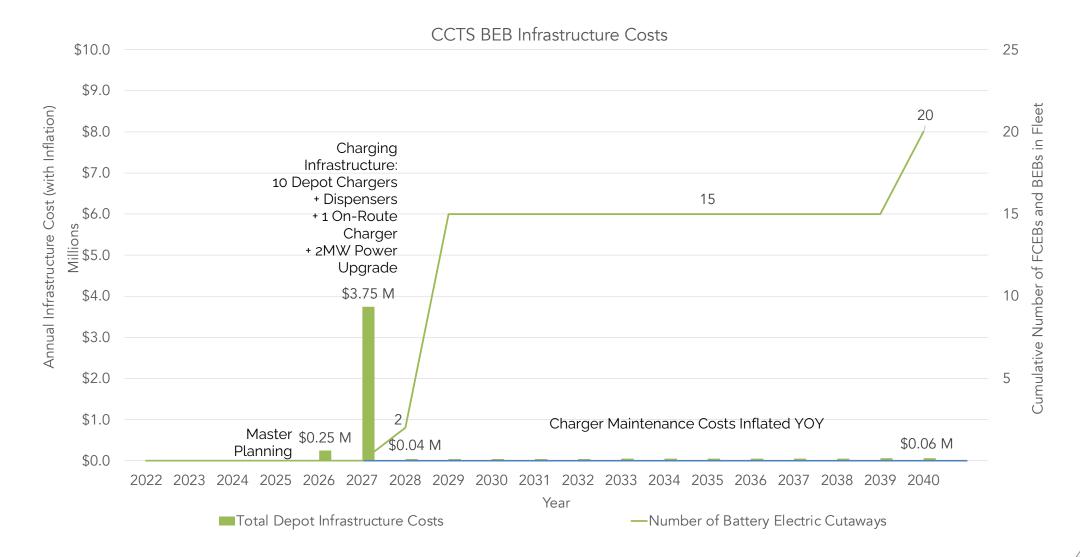
### **Facilities Cost Assumptions**

- Construction projects are inflated 5.4% per year per Caltrans Construction Index (CCI).
- Hydrogen fueling projects are determined based on annual consumptions and known fueling technologies. All operators fueling solutions are decided based on fuel consumption need and approximately right-sized.
- Hydrogen infrastructure maintenance and operations is covered in the price of fuel in the fuel assessment.
- Charger maintenance is included as a \$3,000/per charger per year inflated at 3% per year.
- Infrastructure project pricing is determined through averages of recent CTE deployment projects as well as transit client procurement and industry product insights (proprietary).
  - IBI Group will explore site assessments and infrastructure recommendations for each operator's *selected* transition scenario further in tasks 4.3 & 4.4.



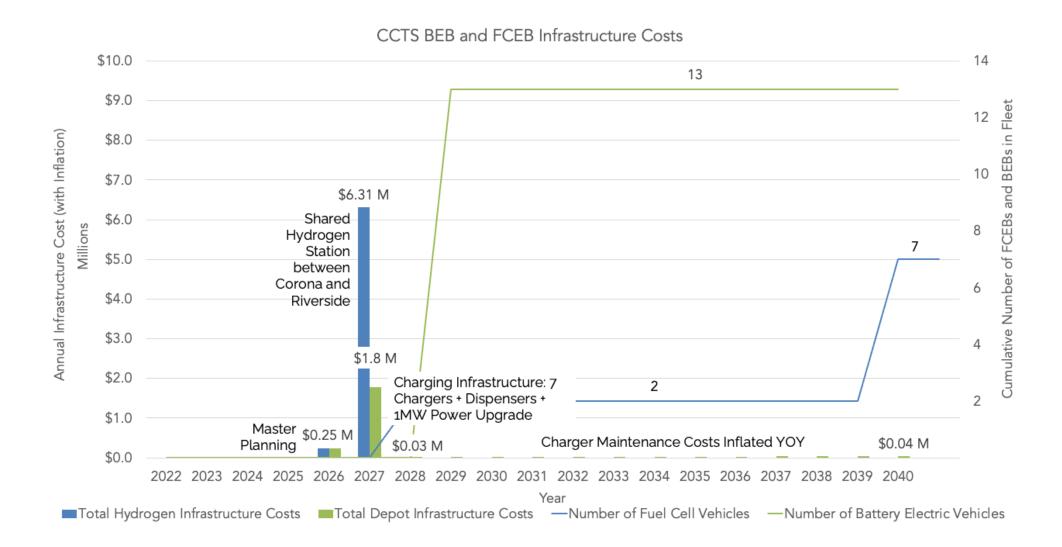
#### **Annual Infrastructure Timeline & Costs**

#### **BEB**



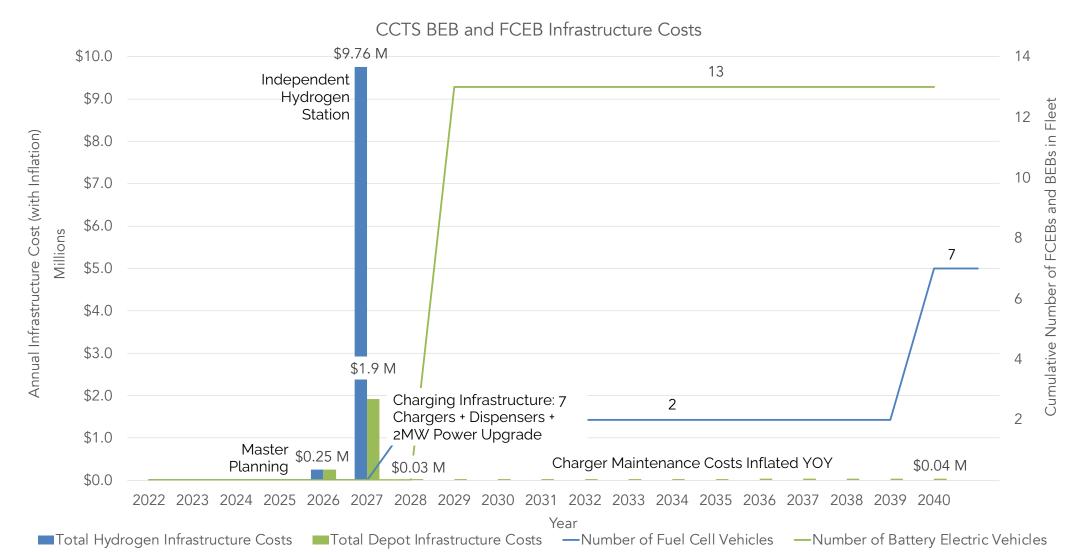


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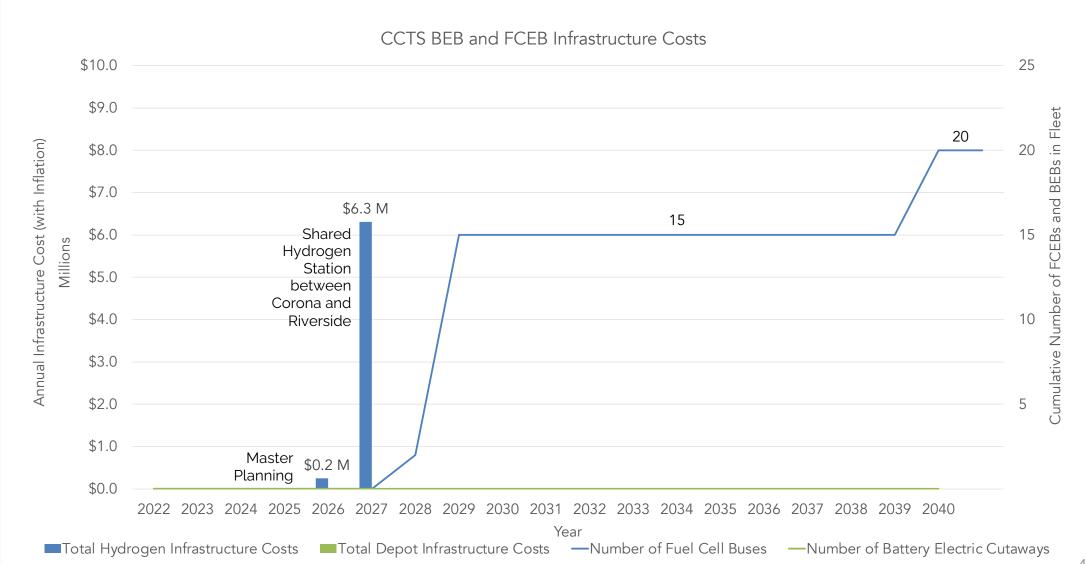
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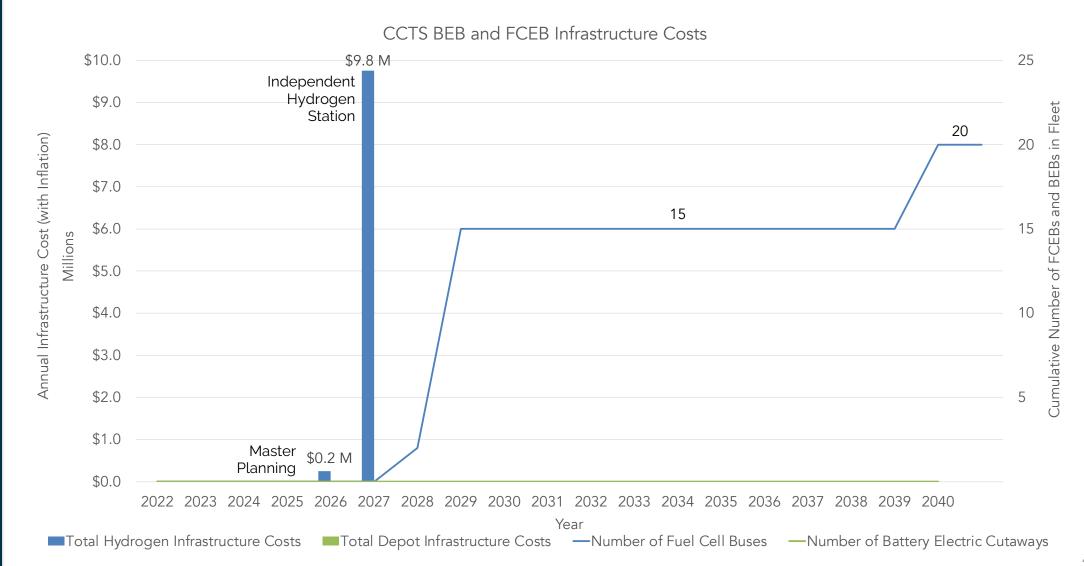
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#### **Shared Hydrogen Infrastructure Serving Fuel Cell Fleet**





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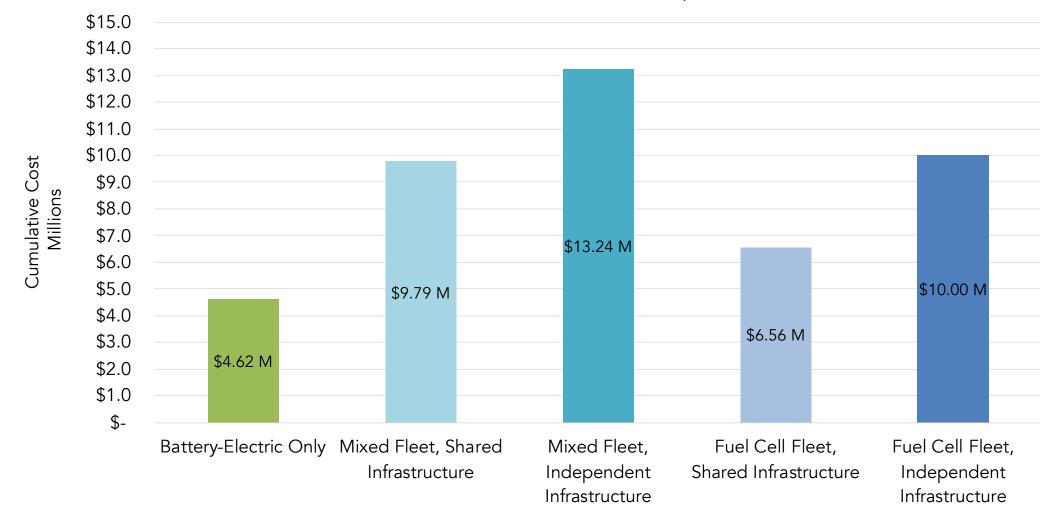




### **Comparative Infrastructure Costs**

#### **Entire Transition Period, All Scenarios**

#### CCTS Infrastructure Cost Comparison





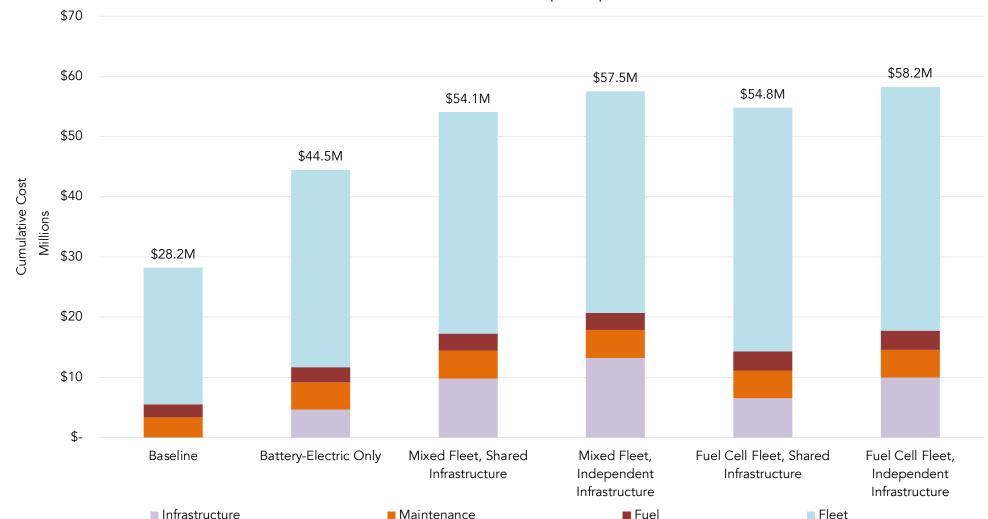
# Total Cost of Ownership Analysis



### **Comparative Total Cost of Ownership**

#### **Entire Transition Period, All Scenarios – Cumulative Costs**







### **Other Considerations**

- These analyses are based on the Existing Conditions Report published in October 2022.
- Transition plans are living documents that are meant to be revisited as the market matures.
- There are operational costs and impacts that may increase the need for personnel such as ZE project managers, operations staff, trainings, grants managers, which are not included in this analysis.
- Scheduling changes are not included in this assessment. Operators can review operational modifications that may simplify their transitions to ZEV.
- Prices used in the analysis are a snapshot of today's market, while they are evidencebased predictions, the hydrogen market is nascent and will likely see large pricing drops with increased supply and commercialization.



### **Other Considerations Continued**

- While shared infrastructure offers cost savings, there is potential for increased deadhead with shared infrastructure.
- EV Rate Schedules do have end dates projected, so electricity prices are likely to rise.
- Selecting a single technology can increase operational simplicity and cost savings.
- Selecting multiple technologies does make a fleet more resilient to griddown or fuel supply shortage scenarios.



# Next Steps for ZEB Transition Planning Project

- Study Session for Board Members February 15
- Corona Staff Recommendations
- Council Meeting for Technology Selection March 15
- ICT Rollout Plan Approval June 7
- Implementation Plan with Selected Transition(s) for all operators –
   October 11

