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Executive Summary

This report describes the results of a life cycle cost analysis conducted using a spread sheet-based Lifecycle Cost Model developed to allow the user to evaluate the differential costs of different transit bus propulsion technologies. The model is set up to allow analysis of bus/technology types that operate on various liquid and gaseous fuels¹.

The model includes six input worksheets into which the user is required to enter various fleet data assumptions, and four output worksheets which display the costs calculated by the model for the bus/technology types analyzed.

The user can chose up to eight different bus/technology types at a time for analysis, organized by fuel type. The model allows simultaneous analysis of two different bus types operating on each of two different liquid fuels and two different bus types operating on each of two different gaseous fuels. The five fuel/technology combinations analyzed and presented here are shown in Table 1.

Fuel	Propulsion Technology					
Liquid Fuel 1 – Standard Diesel Fuel (ULSD)	Standard Diesel Propulsion (Diesel) Diesel Hybrid Electric Propulsion (Diesel Hybrid)					
Liquid Fuel 2 – NONE	None					
Gaseous Fuel 1 – Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)	Standard Natural Gas Propulsion (CNG)					
Gaseous Fuel 2 – Compressed Hydrogen (C-H ₂)	Fuel Cell Electric Drive (Fuel Cell) Fuel Cell Hybrid Drive (Fuel Cell Hybrid)					

Table 1 Fuel/Technology Combinations Analyzed

These fuel/technology combinations were chosen to be illustrative of currently available and developing technologies, and to demonstrate the utility of the life cycle cost model used. These fuel/technologies combinations do not represent the only ones that could have been analyzed.

For all fuel and technology combinations the base vehicle is assumed to be a new 40-foot low-floor urban transit bus. The analysis assumes that all bus sub-systems other than the power plant, drive system, and fuel system (e.g. brakes, suspension, air conditioning, customer amenities, etc.) are identical on all of the bus types analyzed.

Elements of total life cycle cost included in the analysis include the following capital and annual operating costs:

¹ This model is documented in the report *Fuel Cell Bus Life Cycle Cost Model*, May 2007, prepared by M.J. Bradley & Associates for the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center.

CAPITAL COSTS

- bus purchase
- purchase/installation of required fueling infrastructure
- purchase/installation of required depot modifications, special tools, and special infrastructure
- initial operator, mechanic and manager training;

ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS

- annual operator labor costs
- annual bus maintenance costs
- annual bus fuel costs
- annual maintenance and operating cost of required fueling infrastructure, depot modifications, special tools, and special infrastructure
- periodic bus overhaul costs
- annual refresher training costs.

The "base case" analysis is intended to evaluate current costs for fuel cell buses compared to other technology options, recognizing that fuel cells are still an emerging technology while the other analyzed options are more mature. Many of the cost assumptions used in the base case analysis are based on data reported by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) Advanced Vehicle Testing Activity. Seven NREL reports were reviewed, which covered three small-scale fuel cell bus demonstration deployments, two diesel hybrid-electric bus deployments, and two natural gas bus deployments. Other assumptions are based on data reported in the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database, and discussions with vehicle and technology manufacturers and transit maintenance managers.

The base case analysis shows that current total capital costs, first year annual costs, average annual costs, and total life cycle costs are significantly higher for a fleet of 100 Fuel Cell or Fuel Cell Hybrid buses than for a 100-bus fleet of Diesel, CNG, or Diesel Hybrid buses. The net present value of projected total life cycle costs averages approximately \$6 million per bus for Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses compared to \$2 million per bus for Diesel, CNG, and Diesel Hybrid buses. Projected average total permile costs for Fuel Cell buses are \$15.78/mile and for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses are \$14.70/mile, compared to \$5.58 - \$5.90/mile for Diesel, CNG, and Diesel Hybrid buses.

The single largest contributor to the increased life cycle costs for Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses is the increased capital cost to purchase buses and install necessary infrastructure. However, all cost elements other than operator labor costs are significantly higher for fuel cell buses than for the other bus types, including life time overhaul costs (~3x higher), annual maintenance costs (~2 x higher), and fuel costs (~3x higher for Fuel Cell Hybrid).

If only local costs are included, by removing the portion of capital costs paid with federal funds, average per-mile life cycle costs for Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses fall to

\$9.15/mile and \$8.10/mile, respectively. These per-mile local costs are still 60-90% higher than local per-mile costs for operation of diesel buses.

Operator costs make up approximately 60% of current total life cycle costs for Diesel, CNG, and Diesel Hybrid buses; the second largest cost element is amortization of capital costs, at approximately 15%. With Fuel Cell buses amortization of capital costs accounts for over 50% of total life cycle costs, pushing operator costs down to only 21% of the total. Though higher in absolute value for Fuel Cell buses than for the other bus types the other cost categories (overhaul costs, maintenance costs, fuel costs, and depot costs) comprise a similar percentage of the total.

If only local costs are included, operator labor accounts for over 68% of total costs for diesel buses, while fuel accounts for over 14% of costs and capital amortization only accounts for a little over 3% of costs. By contrast operator labor only accounts for about 36% of local costs for Fuel Cell Buses while fuel accounts for 25% of local costs and capital amortization accounts for almost 18% of local costs.

The life cycle cost model was also used to conduct a near-term "best case" analysis, which is based on meeting the Federal Transit Administration's National Fuel Cell Bus performance objectives, and the U.S. Department of Energy's 2015 goal for the cost of hydrogen fuel. These goals include a 50% reduction in the purchase price of fuel cell buses, a doubling of fuel cell stack life, a significant improvement in fuel economy, and greater than 50% reduction in the cost of hydrogen fuel compared to the base case. To meet the FTA fuel economy targets it was assumed that any fuel cell bus would have to use a hybrid electric propulsion system.

Under the best case scenario, total per-mile life cycle costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses fall by 40% compared to the base case, to \$8.88/mile. If only local costs are included best case average per-mile life cycle costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses fall to \$5.49/mile - \$0.58/mile more than local life cycle costs for Diesel buses.

Under the best case scenario the single largest contributor to higher life cycle costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses is still capital amortization due to a higher bus purchase price and higher infrastructure costs for hydrogen fueling. Under the best case scenario capital amortization accounts for almost 48% of total life cycle costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses, compared to 15% for diesel buses. With all other best case assumptions held constant, a Fuel Cell Hybrid bus would have to cost no more than \$350,000 (less than the price of current CNG buses) for total life cycle costs for Diesel buses a Fuel Cell Hybrid bus could cost no more than \$500,000 (approximately the current price of diesel hybrid buses).

Under the best case scenario life cycle fuel costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses are significantly lower than for Diesel buses, partially off-setting increased life cycle costs for capital amortization, maintenance, and overhauls. The lower the price of hydrogen fuel, the greater the reduction. However, the life cycle cost model shows that even if hydrogen fuel were free the fuel cost savings from Fuel Cell Hybrid buses would not fully off-set the increases in other cost categories compared to diesel buses.

1. Life Cycle Cost Base Case Assumptions

This section describes the fuel/technology combinations analyzed and the major cost assumptions used in the base case analysis for each; the sources of all major assumptions are noted.

Many of the cost assumptions used in this analysis are based on data reported by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) Advanced Vehicle Testing Activity. Seven recent NREL reports were reviewed, which covered three fuel cell bus deployments, two diesel hybrid-electric bus deployments, and two natural gas bus deployments. Other assumptions are based on data reported in the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database, and discussions with vehicle and technology manufacturers and transit maintenance managers.

1.1 Vehicles/Technologies and Fuels Analyzed

The five fuel/technology combinations analyzed here represent the most common existing and emerging options for powering U.S. transit buses. Currently approximately 82% of U.S. transit buses are powered by diesel engines and 15% are powered by natural gas engines². Hybrid-electric drive is also growing in popularity as an alternative to standard propulsion for buses, with over 1,600 diesel hybrid buses in service in 2007 and almost 900 more on order³.

Fuel cells are an emerging technology for buses. To date only small scale demonstration fleets have been put into service, and there are currently eight fuel cell transit buses operating in California and Connecticut⁴.

The five fuel/technology combinations chosen for analysis do not represent the only options currently in service or under development. They were chosen to be illustrative of available options and to demonstrate the utility of the life cycle cost model used. Other fuel/technology combinations that could have been analyzed using the model include gasoline hybrid-electric propulsion, and internal combustion engines operating on hydrogen fuel.

Table 2 shows the major elements of the propulsion system assumed to be included on each of the bus types analyzed. All other bus systems are assumed to be identical.

Both the Diesel and Diesel Hybrid buses are assumed to operate on standard on-highway diesel fuel, which since late 2006 has been "ultra-low sulfur diesel" (ULSD) with less than 15 parts per million sulfur.

CNG buses are assumed to operate on natural gas which is delivered to and stored on the vehicle in compressed form at maximum pressures of 3,600 pounds per square inch (standard in the transit industry).

² American Public Transportation Association. 2006 survey data. http://www.apta.com/research/stats/bus/power.cfm>

³ 2006 APTA survey and discussion with bus manufacturers.

⁴ These buses are operated by the Alameda Contra Costa Transit District (3), the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the Sunline Transit Agency (1), and Connecticut Transit (1)

The engines used in the Diesel, Diesel Hybrid, and CNG buses are assumed to be compliant with 2007 EPA emissions standards for new heavy-heavy duty engines.

Both Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses are assumed to operate on hydrogen gas which is delivered to and stored on the vehicle in compressed form at maximum pressures of 5,000 pounds per square inch (standard for current fuel cell buses).

Bus Type	Powerplant	Drive System	Fuel System
Diesel	Compression ignition internal combustion engine (diesel)	5-speed automatic transmission	Diesel fuel storage system
Diesel Hybrid	Compression ignition internal combustion engine (diesel)	Series hybrid drive system ⁵ • traction generator • electric traction motor • energy storage system • inverter/power electronics	Diesel fuel storage system
CNG	Spark ignition internal combustion engine (natural gas)	5-speed automatic transmission	Compressed natural gas storage system (3,600 psi)
Fuel Cell	Proton exchange membrane fuel cell engine	 Electric drive system electric traction motor inverter/power electronics 	Compressed hydrogen gas storage system (5,000 psi)
Fuel Cell Hybrid	Proton exchange membrane fuel cell engine	Series hybrid drive system electric traction motor energy storage system inverter/power electronics 	Compressed hydrogen gas storage system (5,000 psi)

 Table 2
 Propulsion System Components

1.2 Data Inputs

The following describes the sources of the major cost assumptions used in the analysis for each fuel/technology combination.

1.2.1 Depot Baseline Data (Worksheet I1)

For this analysis buses are assumed to be assigned to a notional 100-bus depot facility, which is a typical size for many U.S. transit operations. To maximize necessary depot

⁵ Series hybrid technology was chosen to provide a more direct comparison to electric drive systems used in Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses. Parallel hybrid drive systems are also commercially available for transit buses.

and fueling investments it is assumed that all buses assigned to the depot will be of the same type.

Depot personnel assignments for a 100-bus depot are assumed to be as follows:

- Bus operators 300 (assuming 24-hr operations and 85% employee availability)
- Bus mechanics 20 (consistent with maintenance cost assumptions noted below)
- Managers 30 (one manager, including foremen, for every ten hourly employees)

Note that in the model these personnel assignment numbers are only used to calculate training costs.

Bus mechanics are assumed to have a fully-loaded labor rate of \$50/hour. This is consistent with the data used to determine average bus maintenance costs, as discussed in Section 1.2.2 below. Bus operators are also assumed to have a fully-loaded labor rate of \$50/hour and managers are assumed to have a fully-loaded labor rate of \$75/hour.

The assumptions used in this analysis for diesel fuel and natural gas commodity costs were taken from the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report for March 2007. That report shows that in March 2007 the average price of diesel fuel at 333 public gas stations surveyed was \$2.63/gallon (and it ranged from an average of \$2.48/gallon on the Gulf Coast to \$2.96/gallon on the West Coast). Compressed natural gas was also sold at 123 of the same stations, and it's price averaged \$2.17/diesel-equivalent gallon (ranging from \$1.56/DEG in the mid-west to \$2.83/DEG in New England).

Three of four U.S. transit agencies currently operating fuel cell buses report that the cost of producing and delivering compressed hydrogen to their buses ranges from 4.26/kg to 9.06/kg (see Table 4 below). This is equivalent to 4.81 - 10.23/DEG⁶. This analysis assumes that compressed hydrogen will cost 6.70/kg, or 7.57/DEG.

Capital Cost Share is assumed to be 80% for the federal government and 20% for a local match. This is typical for capital funding provided by the Federal Transit Administration.

Annual inflation is assumed to be 2.3% for fuel and 2.3% for labor and materials (including bus overhaul costs). This is in line with current market expectations for long-term inflation, as calculated by the difference in the yields of long-term nominal U.S. treasury notes and treasury inflation-protected securities $(TIPS)^7$.

A 5% discount rate is used for net-present-value calculations. This includes the expected inflation noted above plus a 2.7% "real discount rate" to account for risk return on invested capital. This risk return value is equivalent to the current rate of return on treasury inflation-protected securities ⁸.

⁶ Assuming 128,400 btu/gallon for diesel and 113,628 btu/kg for hydrogen = 1.13 kg/diesel gallon.

⁷ See information from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland <http://www.clevelandfed.org/ research/inflation/TIPS/index.cfm>

⁸ See Daily Treasury Real Long Term rates as calculated by the U.S. Treasury. http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/domestic-finance/debt-management/interest-rate/real_yield_historical.shtml

The analysis also assumes that no programmed overhauls will be performed within two years of retirement of any bus. This precludes the model from assuming that a major investment will be made in any bus just prior to retirement.

1.2.2 Annual Bus Costs (Worksheet I2)

In this analysis the useful life for all buses is assumed to be 12 years. This is the minimum in-service age at which transit agencies which use federal funds for bus purchase can retire buses, per FTA rules, and is a standard widely used in the transit industry for planning and financial analysis.

To determine appropriate assumptions for annual mileage per bus, and average in-service speed, data on bus operations reported to the National Transit Database⁹ was analyzed. This data is summarized in Table 3. As shown, for over 42,000 buses operated by 374 U.S. transit agencies the average in-service speed in 2005 was 12.4 mph, and the average annual mileage was 32,602 miles per bus. These assumptions were used in the analysis for all bus types.

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Diesel - CNG Mixed	18	3,290	21,661	35,220	43,703	10.2	12.5	17.9	2.0	2.9	4.3		
>75% NG	22	4,391	18,679	34,620	54,266	9.6	12.2	21.4	1.8	2.4	4.1		
TOTAL	374	42,184	32,602 12.4 3.0										
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Table 3	Summary - 200)5 National ⁻	Transit Database	- Bus Mode
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[3] Miles per diesel equivalent gallon

Assumptions about average fuel economy for Diesel and CNG buses were also taken from the NTD data. As shown in Table 3 predominantly diesel fleets (>75% of reported fuel use diesel) report significantly higher average fuel economy than predominantly CNG fleets (>75% of reported fuel use NG) - 3.2 MPG versus 2.4 MPG. The analysis used these average values for Diesel and CNG bus fuel economy. High and low values were entered as +/- 20% of these averages, to account for variability from fleet to fleet. For both predominantly diesel and predominantly NG fleets in the NTD database, average fuel economy data covering approximately 80% of reported buses is within +/-20% of the total fleet average. These assumptions are also in agreement with data reported by NREL for operations with similar average speed (~12 mph) – see Tables 4 and 5 below.

The model calculates basic annual bus maintenance costs based on \$/mile cost factors for propulsion system-related and non-propulsion-related maintenance. To determine appropriate assumptions for these maintenance cost factors, and for Hybrid and Fuel Cell

⁹ Federal Transit Administration, 2005 National Transit Database, Tables 17 and 19. http://www.ntdprogram.com/ntdprogram/pubs.htm

bus average fuel economy, seven NREL bus evaluation reports were reviewed. The data from these reports is summarized in Tables 4 and 5.

As shown in these tables non-propulsion related maintenance costs for most of the buses covered by these analyses ranged from 0.23 - 0.54/mile¹⁰. For this analysis we assumed that all buses would have non-propulsion related maintenance costs of 0.40/mile +/- 0.15/mile.

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Cost	Fuel System	\$/mi	\$	0.01	\$	0.02	<u>\$</u>	0.48	<u>\$</u>	0.02	<u>\$</u>	-	<u>\$</u>	0.01	
	TOTAL PROPULSION	\$/mi	\$	0.06	\$	0.12	\$	2.38	\$	0.20	\$	0.17	\$	0.06	
	NON-PROPULSION	\$/mi	\$	0.54	\$	0.23	\$	1.17	\$	0.34	\$	0.27	\$	0.19	
	TOTAL	\$/mi	\$	0.60	\$	0.35	\$	3.55	\$	0.54	\$	0.44	\$	0.25	
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NOTES			Van Hool buses. Fuel cell buses use ISE drive system with ZEBRA batteries			Fuel station includes one dispenser and 10 min fill; designed for 6 buses Fuel station vent and boil off losses ~50%				Van Hool buses. Fue cell buses use ISE dri system with ZEBRA batteries			Fuel E drive RA		
							New Flyer buses. Fuel cell buses use Ballard drive system				H2 maintenance facility is a tent - two bays				
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			AC Transit NREL/TP-560-41041 March 2007												
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Table 4	Summary of Results from NREL Fuel Cell Bus Evaluations
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With the exception of both CNG and hybrid buses at NYCT total propulsion-related maintenance costs for diesel, natural gas, and hybrid buses in these studies ranged from \$0.06 - \$0.20/mile. A direct comparison of natural gas and hybrid bus costs to diesel bus costs at the same agency indicates that both natural gas and hybrid buses have the same, or only marginally higher, propulsion-related maintenance costs as diesel buses. For this

¹⁰ The exceptions were both hybrid and CNG buses at NYCT – whose costs were similar, but higher than at other agencies – and fuel cell buses at VTA, which had significantly higher costs than the comparison diesel buses.

study we assumed that diesel buses have propulsion-related maintenance costs of \$0.15/mile +/- \$0.05/mile. Both CNG and Hybrid buses were assumed to have propulsion-related maintenance costs \$0.01/mile higher than diesel buses.

Propulsion-related maintenance costs reported by NREL for fuel cell buses were much more variable. At AC Transit reported \$/mile costs for propulsion-related maintenance were actually lower for the fuel cell buses than for the comparison diesel buses, while at Sunline they were almost three times higher, and at VTA they were almost 12 times higher (\$2.38/mile).

Capital (\$ mill)	Diesel Fuel Station NG Fuel Station Hybrid Depot Modifications NG Depot Modifications Hybrid Bus Purchase NG Bus Purchase Duty Cycle	Unit total total total ea ea MPH	6/98 - 1/00 40-ft LNG 40-ft Diesel not reported \$ 7.50 NA incl in NG fuel station NA not reported 13.7 - 14.4			9/01 - 9/04 40-ft CNG 40-ft Diese/ not reported \$ 4.00 NA \$ 11.60 NA \$ 0.34				4/05 - 3/06 60-ft Diesel Hybrid 60-ft Diesel NA None NA \$ 0.645 NA 11.6 - 12.4 2.17				10/04 - 8/05 40-ft Diesel Hybrid 40-ft CNG not reported \$ 7.40 /depot - 2 battery cond not reported not reported not reported 6.2 - 6.5			
Fuel Economy	Hybrid Fuel Economy NG Fuel Economy	MPG MPDEG		2.7	4 70		2.32 -	9		3. N	17 A			3. 1.	2 7		
Fuel Cost	Diesel Fuel Economy NG Cost	MPG \$/DEG	\$	3.8	30	0.82	2.8 \$	4	1.50		2.: N	50 A		\$	2.30 -	2.40	1.74
	Diesel Cost	\$/gal	\$	NG	n	0.90 Jiesel	\$ CNG	ſ	1.33 Diesel	\$ - Hi	durid	0	1.98 Jasai	} \$		1.78	
	PMI	\$/mi	5	0.07	\$	0.07	\$0.12-\$0.14	5	0.17	\$	0.05	\$	0.05	\$	0.17	\$	0.12
	Powerplant	\$/mi	\$	0.08	\$	0.06	\$0.11-\$0.12	\$	0.11	\$	0.11	\$	0.12	\$	0.17	\$	0.25
Maintenance	Drive System	\$/mi	\$	0.02	\$	0.01	\$0.01-\$0.03	\$	0.04	\$	0.01	\$	-	\$	0.18	\$	0.04
Cost	Fuel System	\$/mi	<u>\$</u>	0.01	<u>\$</u>	0.01	<u>\$0.01-\$0.02</u>	\$	0.01	\$	0.01	\$	-	\$	0.02	\$	0.06
	TOTAL PROPULSION	\$/mi	\$	0.11	\$	0.08	\$0.13-\$0.17	\$	0.16	\$	0.13	\$	0.12	\$	0.37	\$	0.35
	NON-PROPULSION	\$/mi	\$	0.29	\$	0.45	\$0.39-\$0.41	\$	0.43	\$	0.31	\$	0.34	\$	0.86	\$	0.94
	TOTAL	\$/mi	\$	0.40	\$	0.53	\$0.52-\$0.58	\$	0.59	\$	0.44	\$	0.46	\$	1.23	\$	1.29
NOTES			Capit LNG modi depo Warra includ	al costs fuel stati fications ts anty cost ded	aref ons attw sno⊓	'or two and vo t	CNG cost inclu \$0.14/DEG for compression (and \$0.17/DE station O&M (\$ Warranty costs included	ides elec for 360, not	tricity) fuel 000/yr)	All bi D601 Allisi \$0.2 and Dies oper depo com 21-2 for h	uses 60 _F. Hybr on EP50 anty cos 0/mi for hybrid br el and h ated from ts. A dir parison 2% incre ybrids	'Nev ids in sts of both uses ybrid ect n shov ease	w Flyer ncluded ystem f \$0.17 - diesel s d buses fferent oute wed a e in FE	CNG scfm mill f to de CNG \$0.3 com static All bi VIL F Hybr Warr inclu	fuel sta . Cost in or NG lir pot cost inc 5/DEG fo pression on maint uses we Hybrids i iDrive™ anty cos ded	lion is clude ie ext i and enan re 40 nclud syste ts no	3 6,600 ≥s \$2 ension 5 fuel ce 'Orion led BAE m t
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Table 5 Summary of Results from NREL Hybrid and Natural Gas Bus Evaluations

At both AC Transit and Sunline virtually all propulsion-related maintenance during the study period was done by the manufacturer under warranty and is not included in the reported costs. VTA took greater responsibility for fuel cell bus maintenance and their reported costs are likely more representative. Based on availability and reliability statistics for the AC Transit and Sunline fuel cell buses it is clear that they too required significantly more maintenance than the comparison diesel buses during the study period.

Despite requiring more maintenance the actual \$/mile costs reported for VTA fuel cell buses are somewhat misleading because these buses only accumulated one fifth the mileage of the comparison diesel buses during the study period. For this analysis we used a conservative, forward-looking assumption of \$1.00/mile +/- \$0.25/mile for propulsion-related maintenance costs for both Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses.

Assumptions about Diesel Hybrid, Fuel Cell, and Fuel Cell Hybrid fuel economy were also taken from the NREL data. As shown in Table 5 the Diesel Hybrid buses operated by KC Metro had 21 - 27% better fuel economy than the comparison diesel buses, on a duty cycle very similar to the one chosen for this analysis (~12.4 mph). The Diesel Hybrid buses operated by NYCT had even higher relative fuel economy (36% better than diesel and 88% better than CNG), but on a much slower duty cycle (6.2 - 6.5 mph) which is advantageous to hybrid buses. For this analysis we assumed that Diesel Hybrid buses will have 25% better fuel economy than Diesel buses.

As shown in Table 4 the Fuel Cell buses operated by VTA had 12% worse fuel economy than the comparison diesel buses (miles per diesel equivalent gallon, MPDEG); this is the assumption that was used for this analysis. As shown in Table 4 the Fuel Cell Hybrid buses operated by AC Transit had 55% better fuel economy (MPDEG) than the comparison diesel buses and the Fuel Cell Hybrid buses operated by Sunline had 149% better fuel economy than the comparison CNG buses . This analysis assumes that Fuel Cell Hybrid buses will get 60% better fuel economy than diesel buses and 112% better fuel economy than CNG buses. The fuel economy assumptions used in the analysis for all bus types are shown in Table 6.

Bue Type	Fuel Economy, Miles per Diesel Equivalent Gallon								
Bus Type	Low	AVG	High						
Diesel	2.6	3.2	3.8						
Diesel Hybrid	3.3	4.0	4.8						
CNG	1.9	2.4	2.9						
Fuel Cell	2.3	2.8	3.3						
Fuel Cell Hybrid	4.2	5.1	6.1						

Table 6 Fuel Economy Assumptions Used in the Analysis

The model calculates the cost of brake relines separately from base \$/mile maintenance costs because hybrid propulsion systems have been shown to significantly extend brake reline intervals due to regenerative braking. In addition, CNG and Fuel cell buses are typically up to 25% heavier than diesel buses due to the greater weight of the gaseous fuel system and other components, which reduces reline intervals since the braking system needs to do more work to stop the bus.

Table 7 contains the values used in the analysis for front and rear reline interval, front and rear reline material cost, and front and rear reline labor hours for Diesel buses. These assumptions are based on an informal poll of maintenance staff at six transit agencies conducted by the author in 2004¹¹. For all other bus types the brake reline material costs and labor hours are assumed to be the same as for Diesel buses.

For CNG buses brake reline intervals are assumed to be 10% shorter (worse) than for Diesels due to the greater bus weight. For Fuel Cell buses brake reline intervals are assumed to be 15% shorter.

Given that significant numbers of hybrid buses have not been in service for more than a few years, hard data on brake life does not yet exist. However, anecdotal evidence from several maintenance managers with hybrid experience indicates that brake lining life on hybrids may be more than double brake lining life on conventional buses. This is consistent with in-use fuel economy results for hybrids. A 20% reduction in fuel use for a hybrid bus implies that the braking system is recapturing about half the energy normally dissipated in braking, and that therefore the braking system is only doing about half the work that it would on a conventional buse¹², which implies that the bus should only

	Unit	Value
Front Interval	mi	35,000
Rear Interval	mi	30,000
Front Matl Cost	\$	\$400
Rear Matl Cost	\$	\$400
Front Labor	hr	5
Rear labor	hr	8

Table 7Brake Maintenance Assumptions,
Diesel Buses

require relines half as often. This analysis uses a conservative assumption of a 75% increase in reline interval for Diesel Hybrid buses and a 60% increase in reline interval for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses (the difference is due to the greater weight of fuel cell hybrids).

The model also allows a user to specify up to five different "technologyspecific" maintenance costs, over and above base propulsion-related costs, in order to better evaluate the differences

¹¹ The agencies polled included: Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, TX, Toronto Transit Commission, Toronto, ON, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Washington, DC, MTA New York City Transit, Brooklyn, NY, Coast Mountain Bus Company, Vancouver, BC, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles, CA.

¹² On a typical transit bus approximately 20% of the energy supplied by the engine is used to operate accessory loads, and 80% is supplied to the bus wheels. Of the energy supplied to the bus wheels, approximately one half (40% of the total) is dissipated as friction between the tires and the road, and half (40% of total) is dissipated in the brake system. Assuming that all of the fuel savings from a hybrid bus comes from energy recovered through regenerative braking, a 20% savings implies that the brake system in only dissipating half the energy that it would on a standard bus.

between technologies. In this analysis only one technology-specific maintenance item was included - diesel particulate filter cleaning - which is applicable to Diesel and Diesel Hybrid buses.

Diesel particulate filters (DPF) are required on all 2007 model year and later diesel engines, to reduce emissions of particulate matter. DPFs must be removed periodically to have accumulated ash removed. This ash accumulates as engine lubricating oil is burned in the cylinder, since inorganic components of the oil can not oxidize out of the filter along with collected carbon. The actual cleaning interval will depend on duty cycle and how much oil the engine burns. However, most filter manufacturers recommend a base cleaning interval of once per year. This annual interval is the assumption used in this analysis.

Based on the author's experience at New York City Transit, the cost of this annual cleaning is \$300 to \$400 per bus. This includes two hours for removal/replacement of the DPF and a third-party cleaning fee of \$200 - \$300 per DPF. The model applies this annual DPF cleaning cost to Diesel buses and Diesel Hybrid buses.

All hybrid-electric propulsion systems use an energy storage sub-system to act as a load leveler during vehicle operation (supplying peak electrical power and absorbing electrical power during braking). There are a number of different energy storage technologies commercially available, including lead-acid batteries, nickel-metal hydride batteries, sodium/nickel chloride batteries, lithium ion batteries, and ultra-capacitors. Different manufacturers have made different commercial decisions about which battery technology to supply with their hybrid drive systems¹³. Some battery technologies require periodic maintenance, while others do not¹⁴. To provide a consistent comparison this analysis assumes that both Diesel Hybrid and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses will be equipped with either nickel-metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries, neither of which require regular maintenance. It is the author's judgment, based on current commercial developments, that these are the most likely energy storage technologies to be used for future hybrid bus deliveries in 2008 and beyond.

Operator labor rates were assumed to be \$50/hr for all bus types, equivalent to labor rates for bus mechanics.

¹³ The three leading U.S. heavy-duty drive system suppliers all use different technologies. BAE Systems Controls currently supplies commercial hybrid systems with lead-acid battery packs, but recently announced that they would switch to lithium-ion batteries beginning in 2008. Allison Electric Drives supplies commercial systems with nickel-metal hydride battery packs, while ISE has recently supplied systems using both ultra-capacitors and sodium/nickel chloride batteries.

¹⁴ Lead-acid batteries used in a hybrid system typically require twice-yearly "conditioning" charging to reverse negative plate sulfation. Sodium/nickel chloride batteries operate at approximately 260°C, and often must be plugged into grid electrical power to maintain this temperature if the bus will not be used for an extended period. The other battery technologies do not require regular maintenance or charging in a hybrid application.

1.2.3 Bus Purchase & Overhaul Costs (Worksheet I3)

To determine average vehicle purchase costs for Diesel, CNG, and Diesel Hybrid buses data was gathered from the American Public Transportation Association 2006 Transit Vehicle Database¹⁵. Table 9 summarizes this data on the weighted average price for 35-ft and 40-foot buses purchased for delivery in 2005 and 2006. The 2006 values for 40-ft buses were used in the analysis for the purchase cost of Diesel, CNG, and Diesel Hybrid buses.

			Weighted Average Bus Price												
Y	ear	3!	5 Ft Buses	6	40 Ft Buses										
		Diesel	NG	% Diff	Diesel	NG	D-Hybrid	% Diff NG	% Diff HYB						
2005	Price	\$276,487	NA	NA	\$329,076	\$358,673	\$541,281	9%	64%						
2005	Num	231	0		991	463	183								
2000	Price	\$277,357	\$331,001	19%	\$327,450	\$376,667	\$502,082	15%	53%						
2006	Num	62	14		1,030	54	86								

Table 8 Weighted Average Bus Purchase Prices (2006 APTA Transit Vehicle Database)

In this analysis both Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses are assumed to cost \$3.2 million each. This is consistent with pricing reported by NREL for the three most recent fuel cell bus deliveries (see Table 4).

In order to maintain their buses in service for twelve years or more most transit agencies regularly overhaul them. The life cycle cost model used for this analysis allows the user to separately specify overhaul costs and overhaul intervals (in miles or hours of operation) for the following six bus sub-systems:

- Engine/power plant overhaul
- Transmission/drive system overhaul
- Bus overhaul (non-propulsion related systems)
- Technology Specific overhaul A
- Technology Specific overhaul B
- Technology Specific overhaul C

The technology-specific overhaul categories are designed to allow the user to separately identify items such as hybrid battery system replacements, which is the only technology-specific overhaul category used in this analysis.

For all bus types the analysis assumes that a Bus Overhaul will happen at 200,000 miles (6 years, or mid-life of the bus) and cost \$50,000. Table 9 contains the values used in this analysis for the cost and interval of engine/powerplant and transmission/drive

¹⁵ American Public Transportation Association, Transit Vehicle Database, May 2006, www.apta.com/references/info/pubs

system overhauls and hybrid battery replacement for the different bus types. These assumptions on Diesel and CNG engine and transmission overhauls are based on an informal poll of maintenance staff at six transit agencies conducted by the author in 2004¹⁰. The assumptions for hybrid drive system overhaul, hybrid battery replacement, and fuel cell powerplant overhaul are based on discussions with system manufacturers and review of manufacturer literature.

	Engine/P	ower plant	Transmission/	Drive System	Hybrid Battery Replacement					
Technology	Hours *	Cost	Miles	Cost	Miles**	Cost				
Diesel	20,000	\$17,500	100,000	\$7,900	NA	NA				
CNG	20,000	\$22,500	100,000	\$7,900	NA	NA				
Diesel Hybrid	22,000	\$12,500	200,000	\$7,000	200,000	\$30,000				
Fuel Cell	10,000	\$100,000	200,000	\$7,000	NA	NA				
Fuel Cell Hybrid	10,000	\$100,000	200,000	\$7,000	200,000	\$30,000				
* To calculate mileage interval multiply by 12.4 mph = 250,000 mi for a diesel or CNG bus and 275,000 mi for hybrid										

Table 9 Overhaul Assumptions

* Nickel-metal hydride and Li-ion batteries are expected to last 6 years in a hybrid propulsion system

Given that large numbers of hybrid buses have not been in service long enough to reach expected system overhaul intervals the assumptions about hybrid drive system overhauls used in this analysis have a significant amount of uncertainty. For a series hybrid system the primary activity during hybrid drive system overhaul will be replacement of the traction motor and generator bearings. As relatively simple electric machines they should be able to go for at least twice as long as a standard automatic transmission before an overhaul is required, and bearing replacement is relatively inexpensive.

The assumed reduced cost of engine overhaul for Diesel Hybrid buses compared to Diesel buses is due to the fact that hybrid systems can use smaller and less expensive medium-duty diesel engines that would normally be installed in a pick-up truck, as opposed to the heavy-heavy duty diesel engines typically installed in Diesel transit buses.

During a Fuel Cell powerplant overhaul the major activity will be a complete replacement of the fuel cell stacks. The assumption used in this analysis of a 10,000 hour replacement interval and \$100,000 replacement cost for fuel cell stacks is a forward-looking assumption.

1.2.4 Variable Overhaul Intervals (Worksheet I4)

The model used for this analysis allows the user to specify variable overhaul costs and variable overhaul intervals throughout a bus' life. For example, one could assume that as Fuel Cell technology matures fuel cell powerplant overhaul intervals will increase (i.e. fuel cell stacks will become more durable) and replacement cost will decrease, within the life time of a bus.

For this base case analysis all overhaul costs and intervals were assumed to be constant. No sub-systems for any bus type were assumed to have variable overhaul intervals or costs.

1.2.5 Depot Infrastructure Costs (Worksheet I5)

The assumptions used in this analysis for the cost of CNG fuel station installation, and depot changes required for CNG buses, is taken from the Transit Costs 1.0 model developed for the U.S. Department of Energy by TIAX, LLC¹⁶. This model assumes that CNG fuel stations have a fixed cost of \$200,000 and a variable cost of \$800 per standard cubic foot per minute (scfm) station capacity. The required scfm capacity of the station is based on the number of buses, the amount of fuel each bus will use every day, the maximum allowable fill time per bus, and the total available fueling hours per day at the bus depot. Station scfm is calculated using equations 1 and 2.

$$\# Nozzles = \frac{\# bus \times t_{fill}(\frac{\min}{day})}{avail.hrs \times 60(\frac{\min}{hr})}$$
(equation 1)
$$SCFM = \frac{\frac{miles}{yr} \times 126 \frac{scf}{DEG}}{312 \frac{day}{yr} \times \frac{miles}{DEG} \times t_{fill}(\frac{\min}{day})} \times \# Nozzles$$
(equation 2)

Assuming 100 assigned buses, a six minute "fast fill" for each bus, and six to eight hours per day available for fueling, two CNG fueling nozzles will be required. Assuming 33,000 annual miles per bus and CNG bus fuel economy of 2.4 MPDEG, the fuel station will need to have a capacity of 1,850 scfm, rounded up to 2,000 scfm. The cost of the CNG fuel station will therefore be \$1.8 million. This does not include any costs for extending natural gas lines to the location of the CNG fuel station. Depending on current installed capacity of the local natural gas utility these costs can be significant, but are unique to each facility location.

Facility design for compressed natural gas operations generally requires installation of a building methane detection system and additional building ventilation for gas purging, as required. It also requires that all potential ignition sources (including standard electrical fixtures and conduit) not be located within 18-24 inches of ceiling level, and that the building roof structural design not allow for dead pockets at ceiling level where released gas could collect without being purged by the building's ventilation system. Many existing facilities built for diesel vehicles require modifications to both HVAC and electrical systems when CNG buses are introduced.

Transit Costs 1.0 assumes that these CNG facility requirements have a fixed cost of \$100,000 plus a variable cost of \$2,500 per bus if buses will be stored out doors and \$4,000 per bus if they will be stored in doors. This results in a cost of \$350,000 - \$500,000 for CNG facility modifications for a 100-bus fleet.

¹⁶ Kassoy, E.; Kamakate, F.; Leonard, J.; TIAX LLC, *Transit Costs1.0;* September 2003; Developed under contract to U.S. Department of Energy; www.eere.gov/afdc/apps/toolkit/docs/Mod09b_Transitcost.xls

Diesel and Hybrid buses use diesel fuel. They require the installation of a diesel fuel storage system with dispenser(s) and do not require any other special building systems¹⁷. Based on the author's experience at MTA New York City Transit the cost of diesel fuel stations are generally approximately one tenth the cost of CNG fuel stations which can handle the same number of buses. This analysis therefore assumes that the cost of a diesel fuel station that can accommodate 100 buses will be \$180,000.

Because hybrid systems incorporate a significant number of batteries, this analysis also assumes that the bus depot will require modifications/expansion of its existing battery room to accommodate Diesel Hybrid and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses. The assumption used for the cost of these modifications is \$20,000.

The model also assumes that CNG, Diesel Hybrid, Fuel Cell, and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses will require the installation of an overhead crane at the maintenance facility, since all of these bus types usually incorporate more roof-mounted equipment than standard Diesel buses. The assumption used for the cost of this crane is \$25,000.

Given the limited U.S. experience with Fuel Cell buses and hydrogen fueling infrastructure it is more difficult to determine appropriate assumptions for the cost of installing a hydrogen fuel station and modifying a depot to handle hydrogen-fueled buses. Fueling station costs will also depend on the method used for fueling.

NREL reports that VTA purchased their hydrogen fuel station, which is designed to handle a maximum of six buses, for \$640,000. The VTA fuel station stores liquid hydrogen which is then vaporized and compressed onto the buses.

Sunline and AC Transit both chose to create hydrogen on site using a natural gas reformer. NREL reports that Sunline purchased, for \$750,000, a commercial unit that can create and store up to 9 kg/hr of hydrogen at 5,000 psi.

Other researchers have estimated the cost of hydrogen fueling infrastructure in the context of analyses of the "transition costs" to a hydrogen economy. All of these analyses are based on conversion of privately-owned public gas stations to hydrogen operations to service a relatively small number of light-duty fuel cell cars. Their estimates range from \$800,000 to over \$5 million for the construction of a single hydrogen station capable of producing and dispensing between 24 kg and 3,000 kg per day or hydrogen. The analyses which evaluated the cost of both small (< 100 kg/day) and large (>1,000 kg/day) stations generally assumed large economies of scale, with the relative capital cost per unit of capacity (daily kg) falling by 50% or more as station size increased from 100 to 1,000+ kg/day.

Based on the fuel economy assumptions used in this analysis a Fuel Cell bus would consume 0.40 kg hydrogen/mile and a Fuel Cell Hybrid bus would consume 0.22 kg/mile. In this analysis all buses are assumed to travel approximately 100 miles/day, so that each Fuel Cell bus would consume 40 kg/day of hydrogen, and a fleet of 100 Fuel

¹⁷ While building codes have specific requirements for facilities that will house diesel fueled vehicles, most bus facilities are, or would be, designed for the use of diesel fuel absent the introduction of natural gas or hydrogen vehicles. The cost of diesel fuel design is therefore assumed to be included in the base facility costs and the cost of CNG- and hydrogen-specific systems included in the model is for the incremental cost of designing for these operations.

Cell buses would consume 3,400 kg/day¹⁸. Each Fuel Cell Hybrid bus would consume 22 kg/day of hydrogen, and a fleet of 100 Fuel Cell Hybrid buses would consume 1,870 kg/day.

	SUM	MARY - PRO	JECTED HYDROGE	N FUEL STATIO	N COSTS FOR	100-BUS FLEE	т			
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SOURCE	RCE VTA Sunline LOW A.D. Little (2002) HIGH A.D. (2002) NREL (2005) NREL (2005) NREL (2006)									
Fuel Cell Buses	Cell Buses \$5.3 \$7.1 \$3.1 \$5.1 \$5.9 \$14.7 \$3.9									
Fuel Cell Hybrid Buses	Hybrid ses \$2.9 \$3.9 \$1.7 \$2.8 \$3.2 \$8.1 \$2.2							\$1.7 - \$4.0		
Fuel Station	n Size: 3,400 kg/day for f	Fuel Cell Buse:	s and 1,870 kg/day	for Fuel Cell Hybr	id Buses					
Sources:										
	VTA	NREL/TP- 560	0-40615							
	Suntine NRED/19-560-41001									
	SEA Pacific	NREL/SR-540	-32525 Hydrogen :	Supply Cost Estin	pon nate for Hydrog	en Pathways - S	Coning Analysi	ie		
	NREL 2005	NREL/CP-540	-37903, Analysis o	f Hydrogen Infrast	ructure Needed	to Enable Com	mercial Introdu	ction of Fuel		
	NREI 2006 NREL/TP-540-38351, Hydrogen Infrastructure Transition Analysis									
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 Table 10 Projected Hydrogen Fuel Station Costs for 100-Bus Fleet

Table 10 shows the projected capital costs of hydrogen fuel stations this large, based on the cost of the VTA and Sunline fuel stations, and based on the other published cost estimates discussed above. For each projection the published cost estimate was multiplied by a scaling factor based on the required volume (kg/day) to service 100 buses, compared to the station volume used to develop the estimate. When scaling estimates based on small stations, total costs were reduced by 50% to account for economies of scale. Based on these projected estimates, the base case assumes that a hydrogen fuel station sized to accommodate 100 Fuel Cell buses would cost \$3.5 – \$7.0 million, and one sized to accommodate 100 Fuel Cell Hybrid buses would cost \$1.7 - \$4.0 million. These assumed costs are two to four times greater than the assumed base case cost of a CNG fuel station.

The same types of modifications required at a depot to safely handle natural gas are also required to handle hydrogen. Unlike for natural gas, however, the building codes relevant to hydrogen are not well developed at this time. This has lead to a wide range of facility modification costs for the fuel cell bus demonstration projects implemented to date. For example, VTA reports spending \$4.4 million on facility modifications to handle three fuel cell buses, while AC Transit reports spending \$1.5 million for the same number of buses, and Sunline reports spending only \$50,000 to accommodate one fuel cell bus (see Table 4). For this analysis we assumed that the cost of facility modifications to accommodate a 100-bus fleet of Fuel Cell or Fuel Cell Hybrid buses

¹⁸ This calculation assumes that only 85 buses out of 100 will be in service each day.

would be double the costs to accommodate the same number of CNG buses – or \$700,000 - \$1,000,000.

This analysis assumes that all infrastructure investments will have a useful life of 20 years.

For all infrastructure investments (fuel station, depot modifications) this analysis assumes that the annual cost of operations and maintenance would be 5% of installed capital costs.

1.2.6 Bus Technology Training Requirements (Worksheet I6)

This analysis assumes that bus mechanics will require an average of 20 hours each of initial training on Diesel buses and five hours of annual refresher training, while bus operators will require two hours of initial training and no annual refresher training.

The analysis assumes that bus mechanics will require more training, both initial and annual, for Diesel Hybrid, CNG, Fuel Cell, and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses, due to unfamiliarity with these systems. Incremental initial and annual CNG and Fuel Cell training requirements for bus operators and managers are primarily for safety training related to natural gas and hydrogen fuel. All of the training assumptions used in the analysis are shown in Table 11.

Initial Training (hrs)	Diesel	Diesel Hybrid	CNG	Fuel Cell	FC Hybrid
Bus Mechanics	20	30	25	35	35
Bus Operators	2	3	3	3	3
Managers	0	2	2	2	2
Annual Training (hrs)					
Bus Mechanics	5	7	7	7	7
Bus Operators	0	1	1	1	1
Managers	0	0	1	1	1

Table 11 Assumed Training Requirements

2. Base Case Results

The following describes the results of the Base Case analysis, which uses all of the assumptions noted in Section 1. All input and output sheets from the base case analysis are included in Appendix A.

2.1 First Year Annual Costs (Worksheet O1)

Per Bus Costs:

The base case analysis shows that first-year annual operating costs for Diesel buses will range from \$167,000 to \$190,000 per bus, with an average of \$178,988. Costs for Diesel Hybrid buses will be marginally lower (-3%), and costs for CNG buses will be marginally higher (+9%). The analysis shows that annual costs for Fuel Cell buses will average \$269,832/bus (+62% compared to diesel) and annual costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses will average \$227,601 (+36%).

Increased fuel costs account for the majority of the increase in annual costs with Fuel Cell buses compared to Diesel buses. Fuel Cell Hybrid buses have much lower annual operating costs than Fuel Cell buses due to a significant savings in fuel use and fuel costs. The Base Case results for first year annual costs are summarized in Table 12.

			Avera					age Cost per Bus					
				Diesel		Diesel Hybrid		CNG	F	uel Cell	F	uel Cell Hybrid	
Operator Labor				131,452	\$	131,452	\$	131,452	\$	131,452	\$	131,452	
		Power Plant	\$	4,890	\$	5,216	\$	5,216	\$	32,600	\$	32,600	
	Propulsion Related	Drive System	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
		Fuel System	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Annual Maintenance	Non-propulsion Related		\$	13,040	\$	13,040	\$	13,040	\$	13,040	\$	13,040	
	Brake Reline	s	\$	1,487	\$	850	\$	1,652	\$	1,749	\$	929	
	Technology-	Specific Cost	\$	350	\$	350	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
	SUB	TOTAL	\$	19,767	\$	19,456	\$	19,908	\$	47,389	\$	46,569	
	Fuel				\$	21,922	\$	30,778	\$	90,991	\$	49,580	
то	TOTAL PER BUS			178,988	\$	172,829	\$	182,138	\$	269,832	\$	227,601	

Table 12 Base Case Average First Year Annual Costs per Bus

Depot Costs:

The base case analysis shows that first-year technology-specific annual operating costs for a 100-bus depot housing Diesel buses will be \$14,000. Costs will increase to \$24,250 if Diesel Hybrid buses will be assigned there, due to an increase in annual training costs. CNG buses will incur additional training costs as well as additional costs for fuel station O&M and incremental depot systems O&M, so that total costs will be \$136,750. Depot

costs for Fuel Cell buses will total \$330,500 and for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses 211,500, due to even higher fuel station and incremental depot systems O&M costs. Costs are lower for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses due to fact that the required hydrogen fuel station will be smaller and less expensive, and will therefore have lower annual O&M costs.

The Base Case results for first year annual depot costs are summarized in Table 13.

			Avera	ge	Cost per	De	pot		
	I	Diesel	Diesel Tybrid		CNG	F	uel Cell	F	uel Cell Hybrid
Fuel Station O&M	\$	9,000	\$ 9,000	\$	90,000	\$	262,500	\$	142,500
Incremental Depot Systems Maintenance	\$	-	\$ 1,000	\$	21,250	\$	42,500	\$	43,500
Maintenance of Special Tools	\$	-	\$ 1,250	\$	1,250	\$	1,250	\$	1,250
Maintenance of Special Infrastructure	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Annual Refresher Training	\$	5,000	\$ 22,000	\$	24,250	\$	24,250	\$	24,250
TOTAL FOR DEPOT	\$	14,000	\$ 33,250	\$	136,750	\$	330,500	\$	211,500

 Table 13 Base Case Average First Year Annual Costs per Depot

2.2 Capital Costs (Worksheet O2)

The base case analysis shows that capital costs to purchase a 100-bus Diesel fleet and make technology-specific infrastructure investments total \$32.93 million. With an 80% federal cost share this will require \$6.59 million in local capital funds. Capital costs for the purchase of 100 CNG buses and necessary infrastructure total \$40 million (+21%), while they total \$50.5 million (+51%) for Diesel Hybrid buses.

 Table 14 Total Capital Costs for 100-Bus Fleet and Infrastructure Investments

		Average Cost per Bus										
	1	Diesel Diesel CNG Fuel Cell							F	uel Cell Hybrid		
Bus Purchase (mil\$) (1)	\$	32.70	\$	50.20	\$	37.70	\$	320.00	\$	320.00		
Fuel Station (mil\$)	\$	0.18	\$	0.18	\$	1.80	\$	5.25	\$	2.85		
Depot Changes (\$mil)	\$	-	\$	0.02	\$	0.43	\$	0.85	\$	0.87		
Special Tools (\$mil)	\$	-	\$	0.03	\$	0.03	\$	0.03	\$	0.03		
Special Infrastructure (\$mil)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Initial Training (\$mil)	\$	0.05	\$	0.08	\$	0.07	\$	0.08	\$	0.08		
TOTAL (\$mil)	\$	32.93	\$	50.50	\$	40.02	\$	326.21	\$	323.83		
LOCAL SHARE	\$	6.59	\$	10.10	\$	8.00	\$	65.24	\$	64.77		
FEDERAL SHARE	\$	26.34	\$	40.40	\$	32.02	\$	260.97	\$	259.06		

	Average Cost per Bus										
_	Diesel Diesel CNG Fuel Cell								Fuel Cell Hybrid		
Bus Purchase (\$mil) (1)	\$ 3.69	\$	5.66	\$	4.25	\$	36.10	\$	36.10		
Fuel Station (\$mil)	\$ 0.01	\$	0.01	\$	0.14	\$	0.42	\$	0.23		
Depot Changes (\$mil)	\$ -	\$	0.00	\$	0.03	\$	0.07	\$	0.07		
Special Tools (\$mil)	\$ -	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00		
Special Infrastructure (\$mil)	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Initial Training (\$mil)	\$ 0.01	\$	0.01	\$	0.01	\$	0.01	\$	0.01		
TOTAL ANNUALIZED	\$ 3.71	\$	5.69	\$	4.44	\$	36.61	\$	36.41		

Table 15 Annualized Capital Costs for 100-Bus Fleet and Infrastructure Investments

The purchase of 100 Fuel Cell buses and necessary infrastructure will cost \$326.2 million, almost ten times more than the purchase of Diesel buses, and will require over \$65 million in local capital funding. The purchase of 100 Fuel Cell Hybrid buses and necessary infrastructure will cost several million dollars less because the required hydrogen fuel station can be smaller and therefore less expensive.

The equivalent annualized cost for this amount of capital spending is \$3.71 million for Diesel buses, \$4.44 million for CNG buses, \$5.69 million for Diesel Hybrid buses, \$36.61 million for Fuel Cell buses and \$36.41 million for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses. This figure takes into account the fact that infrastructure investments have a longer useful life (20 years) than buses (12 years).

The Base Case results for total capital costs and annualized capital costs are summarized in Tables 14 and 15.

2.3 Overhaul Costs Per Bus (Worksheet O3)

The Base Case results for total life-time overhaul costs are summarized in Table 16. Overhauls for diesel and CNG buses include one base bus and one engine overhaul (in years seven and eight, respectively) and three transmission overhauls (in years four, seven, and ten). Hybrid bus overhauls include a base bus overhaul, drive system overhaul, and battery replacement in year seven and an engine overhaul in year nine. Both Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid overhauls include fuel cell stack replacement in years four and eight, and a base bus and drive system overhaul in year seven. Fuel Cell Hybrid also includes a hybrid battery replacement in year seven.

		Life Time Overhaul Costs per Bus								
		Diesel		Diesel Hybrid		CNG	F	uel Cell	F	uel Cell Hybrid
	Total	\$ 105,035	\$	114,712	\$	110,898	\$	289,647	\$	324,032
ſ	NPV of Total	\$ 73,962	\$	80,533	\$	77,930	\$	213,871	\$	238,309

Table 16	Life Time	Overhaul	Costs	per	Bus
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As shown in Table 16 total overhaul costs are marginally higher for Hybrid and CNG buses than for Diesel buses. Overhaul costs for Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses are approximately three times higher than for diesel buses.

2.4 Total Life Cycle Costs (Worksheet O4)

The total life cycle costs of the various bus/technology types analyzed are summarized in Figures 1-5. Figure 1 shows *total* life cycle costs per bus (net present value) for each bus/technology type, while Figure 2 shows the *local* life cycle costs per bus. The difference between these two figures is that local costs in Figure 2 do not include the portion of capital costs paid by the federal government.

Figure 3 shows the average total annual costs per bus (in current dollars). Figure 4 shows average total life cycle costs per mile (in current dollars) and Figure 5 shows the average local life cycle costs per mile (in current dollars). Figures 4 and 5 also includes 'error bars' showing the range of costs projected by the life cycle cost model based on the high and low values input for each cost assumption.

As shown in Figure 1 Diesel, Diesel Hybrid, and CNG buses have similar total life cycle costs of \$2.2 million, \$2.3 million, and \$2.3 million per bus, respectively. Life time Fuel Cell bus costs are almost three times higher at \$6.2 million per bus. Life time Fuel Cell Hybrid bus costs are slightly lower at \$5.8 million per bus.



Figure 1 Average Total Life Cycle Costs per Bus (net present value)

Estimated Average Total Lifecycle Costs Per Bus





Estimated Average LOCAL Lifecycle Costs Per Bus *

As shown, the single biggest contributor to the increased life cycle costs for Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses is the increased capital cost to purchase buses and install necessary infrastructure. However, all cost elements other than operator labor costs are significantly higher for fuel cell buses than for the other bus types, including life time overhaul costs (~3x higher), annual maintenance costs (~2 x higher), and fuel costs (~3x higher for Fuel Cell Hybrid).

As shown in Figure 2, if only locally paid costs are included (not including the portion of capital costs paid with federal funds), life cycle costs per bus fall to \$1.9 million for Diesel and Diesel Hybrid buses, \$2.0 million for CNG buses, \$3.6 million for Fuel Cell buses, \$3.2 million for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses.

As shown in Figure 3 average annual costs for Diesel, CNG, and Diesel Hybrid buses are approximately \$200,000 per bus, while they are approximately \$514,000 per bus for Fuel Cell buses and \$479,000 for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses.

As shown in Figure 4 total per mile costs for Diesel buses range from \$5.28 to \$5.89, with an average of \$5.58 per mile. CNG bus costs average \$5.87/mile (+5%) and Diesel Hybrid costs average \$5.90/mile (+5%). Fuel Cell bus costs range from \$14.97 to \$16.59/mile, with an average of \$15.78/mile. Fuel Cell Hybrid bus costs are slightly lower, averaging \$14.70/mile, with a range of \$14.09 to \$15.31/mile

As shown in Figure 5, if only locally paid costs are included, per mile life cycle costs fall to \$4.91 for Diesel buses, \$4.86 for Diesel Hybrid Buses, \$5.06 for CNG buses, \$9.15 for Fuel Cell Buses, and \$8.10 for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses.





Estimated Average Annual Total Costs Per Bus



Estimated Total Lifecycle Costs per Mile





Figure 5 Average Local Life Cycle Costs per Mile (current dollars)

Estimated LOCAL Lifecycle Costs per Mile *

* Does not include capital costs paid with Federal funds

Figures 6 and 7 show the percentage distribution of total lifecycle costs and local life cycle costs, respectively, for Diesel and Fuel Cell buses. As shown in Figure 6 operator costs make up 60% of total life cycle costs for Diesel buses; the second largest cost element is amortization of capital costs, at 15%. The distribution of costs is similar for both Diesel Hybrid and CNG buses.

With Fuel Cell buses amortization of capital costs accounts for over 50% of total life cycle costs, pushing operator costs down to only 21% of the total. Though higher in total for Fuel Cell buses, the other cost categories (overhaul costs, maintenance costs, fuel costs, and depot costs) comprise a similar percentage of the total for both Diesel and Fuel Cell buses.

As shown in Figure 7, if only locally paid costs are included operator costs account for over 68% of total costs for Diesel buses; the second highest cost category is fuel costs at 14.4%, and capital costs only account for 3.4% of local costs. By contrast, operator costs only account for 36.5% of local costs for fuel cell buses. Capital costs still account for almost 18% of local costs and fuel accounts for over 25% of local costs.



Figure 6 Percentage of Total Life Cycle Costs by Cost Category

Figure 7 Percentage of Local Life Cycle Costs by Cost Category



3. Future Cost Scenarios

This section describes the results of a "best case" analysis, and sensitivity analyses conducted using the life cycle cost model.

The best case scenario was intended to evaluate the potential for near-term fuel cell bus cost reductions if current federal performance goals can be met. The sensitivity analyses were intended to explore the effect on total life cycle costs of several major fuel cell bus cost drivers, including bus purchase cost and hydrogen fuel cost.

3.1 "Best Case" Assumptions

The assumptions used for the best case scenario are primarily based on meeting the Federal Transit Administration's near-term National Fuel Cell Bus performance objectives, and the U.S. Department of Energy's 2015 goal for the cost of hydrogen fuel.

The FTA fuel cell bus performance objectives include:

- Fuel Cell bus purchase $cost \le 5x$ diesel bus purchase cost
- Fuel Cell stack durability of 20,000 30,000 hrs
- Double the fuel economy of a diesel bus

DOE's 2015 goal for the delivered cost of hydrogen is \leq \$3.00/kg (untaxed) in 2005 dollars. This is equivalent to \$3.39/DEG, a greater than 50% reduction compared to the base case assumption.

In order to meet the FTA fuel economy goal, the best case scenario assumes that any fuel cell bus would need to be a Fuel Cell Hybrid bus.

	UNIT	Best Case Fuel Cell Hybrid	Base Case Fuel Cell Hybrid	Base Case Fuel Cell
Bus Purchase	\$ mill	\$1.6	\$3.2	\$3.2
Fuel Cell Stack Life	hrs	20,000 - 30,000	10,000	10,000
Fuel Cell Stack Cost	\$	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Fuel Economy	MPDEG	5.2 - 7.6	4.2 - 6.1	2.3 - 3.3
Hydrogen Cost	\$/kg	\$3.00	\$6.70	\$6.70
Propulsion Maintenance	\$/mi	\$0.20 - \$0.40	\$0.75 - \$1.25	\$0.75 - \$1.25
Hydrogen Fuel Station	\$ mill	\$1.8	\$1.7 - \$4.0	\$3.5 - \$7.0
Hybrid Battery Cost	\$	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

While not included in the FTA and DOE goals, the best case scenario also assumes that hydrogen infrastructure and fuel cell bus maintenance costs will be reduced compared to the base case. The best case scenario assumes that % propulsion maintenance costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses will be $\le 2x \%$ mi propulsion maintenance costs for diesel

buses, that hydrogen fuel station costs will be $\leq 2x$ the cost of a similar capacity CNG fuel station, that fuel cell stack replacement will cost one half of the base case cost, and that hybrid battery replacement will cost two thirds of the base case cost.

Table 17 shows all of the assumptions used in the best case analysis, compared to the parallel base case assumptions. All other assumptions used by the model that are not listed in Table 17 are the same for the base case and the best case.

3.2 "Best Case" Results

Under the best case scenario, total per-mile life cycle costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses fall by 40% compared to the base case, to \$8.88/mile. If only local costs are included best case average per-mile life cycle costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses fall to \$5.49/mile - \$0.58/mile more than local life cycle costs for Diesel buses.

The results of the best case analysis are shown in Figures 8 -10.



Figure 8 Best Case Total Life Cycle Costs (\$/mi)



Figure 9 Best Case Local Life Cycle Costs (\$/mi)





3.3 Sensitivity Analysis – Capital and Fuel Costs

Under the best case scenario the single largest contributor to higher life cycle costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses is still capital amortization due to a higher bus purchase price and higher infrastructure costs for hydrogen fueling. Under the best case scenario capital amortization accounts for almost 48% of total life cycle costs for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses, compared to 15% for diesel buses.

The life cycle cost model was used to evaluate the "break-even" capital cost for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses. With all other best case assumptions held constant, a Fuel Cell Hybrid bus would have to cost no more than \$350,000 (less than the price of current CNG buses) for total life cycle costs to fall to the level of costs for Diesel buses. In order to match local life cycle costs for Diesel buses a Fuel Cell Hybrid bus could cost no more than \$500,000 (approximately the current price of diesel hybrid buses).

Under the base case scenario all life cycle cost elements are higher for Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Hybrid buses than for Diesel buses. Under the best case scenario, while all other cost elements are still higher, life cycle *fuel* costs are significantly lower for Fuel Cell Hybrid buses than for Diesel buses. This fuel cost savings partially off-sets the increased life cycle costs for capital amortization, maintenance, and overhauls: The lower the price of hydrogen fuel, the greater the reduction.

The life cycle cost model was used to evaluate the effect of hydrogen fuel price on total life cycle costs. This analysis is summarized in Figure 11. As shown, even if hydrogen fuel were free the fuel cost savings from Fuel Cell Hybrid buses would not fully off-set the increases in other cost categories compared to diesel buses.



Figure 11 Effect of Hydrogen Cost on Best Case Life Cycle Costs



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1	358,600	28,919	358,600	28,919	retired	retired	retired	retired	358,600	28,919	retired	retired	358,600	28,919	358,600	28,919
12	391,200	31,548	391,200	31,548	retired	retired	retired	retired	391,200	31,548	retired	retired	391,200	31,548	391,200	31,548
13	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
14	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
15	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
16	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
17	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
18	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
19	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
20	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
21	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
77	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
23	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
24	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
25	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired

			For each t	echnology f	ill in purcha	se price, ann	nual mainter	ance costs,	INPU and useful I	T 5 - DEPOT ife (yrs) for e	r INFRASTF	RUCTURE C	COSTS of infrastruc	ture. Also fil	ll in labels fo	r each elem	ent in cells (C11 - C17.				
PURCHASE &		Fuel			Liquid UL	l Fuel 1 .SD				Liquid No	l Fuel 2 one				Gaseou C	is Fuel 1 NG				Gaseou Cl	s Fuel 2 12	
	Tec	hnology	Useful Life (vr)	Die	esel	Diesel	Hybrid	Useful Life (vr)	[nc	one]	[nc	ine]	Useful Life (vr)	С	NG	[nc	ne]	Useful Life (vr)	Fuel	Cell	Fuel Ce	ll Hybrid
		unit	с,	Low	High	Low	High	<i></i>	Low	High	Low	High	g,	Low	High	Low	High	u ,	Low	High	Low	High
Fuel S	Station	\$ total	20	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000						20	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000			20	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 4,000,000
	NG Mods	\$ total	20										20	\$ 350,000	\$ 500,000			20				
Depot Changes	H2 mods	\$ total	20					0					20	0				20	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,000,000
	Battery room	\$ total	20			\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0					20	0				20			\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Special Tools	Overhead crane	\$ total	20			\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000						20	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000			20	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
		\$ total	20					0					20	0				20				
Special Infrastructure		\$ total																				
		\$ total	0					0					(0				C				
Fill in labels																						
ANNUAL MAINT	ENANCE			Liquid	Fuel 1			Liquid	Fuel 2			Gaseou	is Fuel 1			Gaseou	s Fuel 2]			
& OPERATION:	5		Die	sel	Diesel	Hybrid	[nc	one]	u [no	one]	C	NG	nG [n	one]	Fue	l Cell	Fuel Ce	ell Hybrid				
		Unit	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High				
Fuel S	Station	\$ annual	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00					\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00			\$175,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$200,000.00				
	NG Mods	\$ annual									\$ 17,500	\$ 25,000										
Depot Systems	H2 mods	\$ annual													\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000				
	Battery room	\$ annual			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000											\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000				
Special Tools	Overhead crane	\$ annual			\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250					\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250			\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	-			
· ·		\$ annual																				
Special		\$ annual																	-			
		\$ annual																				

							INPUT 6	- TRAININ	IG COST	S							
	Fuel		Liquid	Fuel 1			Liquid	l Fuel 2			Gaseou	s Fuel 1			Gaseous	; Fuel 2	
			UL	.SD			No	one			C1	IG			СН	2	
Te	chnology	Die	sel	Diesel	Hybrid	(no	ne]	(na	ne]	CN	IG	(na	ne]	Fuel	Cell	Fuel Cel	l Hybrid
Initial Training	unit	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Bus Mechanics	hrs	18.0	22.0	25.0	35.0					20.0	30.0			30.0	40.0	30.0	40.0
Bus Operators	hrs	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0					3.0	3.0			3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Managers	hrs	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0					2.0	2.0			2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	أمرزع		Standard I	Diesel Fuel		1	Alternative	Diesel Fue	el –		Gasseou	is Fuel 1			Gasseou	s Fuel 2	
			UL	.SD			No	one			CI	łG			CH	2	
Te	chnology	Die	sel	Diesel	Hybrid	(no	ne]	[na	ne]	CN	IG	(na	ne]	Fuel	Cell	Fuel Cel	l Hybrid
Annual Refresher Training	unit	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Bus Mechanics	hrs	5.0	5.0	7.0	7.0					7.0	7.0			7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Bus Operators	hrs	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0					1.0	1.0			1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Managers	hrs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					1.0	1.0			1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

										OUTPUT	1 - FIRST	YEAR AN	NUAL CO	STS											
			Li	iquid Fuel 1	ULSD				L	iquid Fuel 2	None				Gas	eous Fuel 1	CNG				Gas	eous Fuel 2	CH2		
FIRST TEAR	ANNUAL PER BUS CUSTS		Diesel			Diesel Hybri	d								CNG						Fuel Cell		Fi	iel Cell Hybr	id
		Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High
0	perator Labor	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452							\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452				\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452	\$ 131,452
	Power Plant	\$ 3,260	\$ 4,890	\$ 6,520	\$ 3,586	\$ 5,216	\$ 6,846							\$ 3,586	\$ 5,216	\$ 6,846				\$ 24,450	\$ 32,600	\$ 40,750	\$ 24,450	\$ 32,600	\$ 40,750
	Propulsion Related Drive System																								
	Fuel System																								
Annual Maintenance	Non-propulsion Related	\$ 8,150	\$ 13,040	\$ 17,930	\$ 8,150	\$ 13,040	\$ 17,930							\$ 8,150	\$ 13,040	\$ 17,930				\$ 8,150	\$ 13,040	\$ 17,930	\$ 8,150	\$ 13,040	\$ 17,930
Mannenance	Brake Relines	\$ 1,293	\$ 1,487	\$ 1,681	\$ 739	\$ 850	\$ 961							\$ 1,436	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,868				\$ 1,521	\$ 1,749	\$ 1,978	\$808	\$ 929	\$ 1,051
	Technology-Specific Cost	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400																		
	SUB-TOTAL	\$ 13,003	\$ 19,767	\$ 26,531	\$ 12,775	\$ 19,456	\$ 26,137							\$ 13,172	\$ 19,908	\$ 26,644				\$ 34,121	\$ 47,389	\$ 60,658	\$ 33,408	\$ 46,569	\$ 59,731
	Commodity Cost	\$ 22,563	\$ 27,769	\$ 32,976	\$ 17,862	\$ 21,922	\$ 25,981							\$ 24,366	\$ 30,778	\$ 37,190				\$ 74,742	\$ 90,991	\$ 107,239	\$ 40,434	\$ 49,580	\$ 58,726
Fuel	Compression Cost																								
	SUB-TOTAL	\$ 22,563	\$ 27,769	\$ 32,976	\$ 17,862	\$ 21,922	\$ 25,981							\$ 24,366	\$ 30,778	\$ 37,190				\$ 74,742	\$ 90,991	\$ 107,239	\$ 40,434	\$ 49,580	\$ 58,726
т	TAL PER BUS	\$ 167,017	\$ 178,988	\$ 190,959	\$ 162,088	\$ 172,829	\$ 183,569							\$ 168,990	\$ 182,138	\$ 195,285				\$ 240,315	\$ 269,832	\$ 299,349	\$ 205,294	\$ 227,601	\$ 249,909
										1				1				11							
				Liquid	Fuel 1					Liquid	Fuel 2					Gaseou	s Fuel 1					Gaseou	s Fuel 2		
FIRST YEAR	ANNUAL DEPOT COSTS		Diesel	Lidara		Diesel Hybri	d			Liquia					CNG	00000					Fuel Cell	00000	Fi	iel Cell Hybr	id
		Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High
Fuel Station C	&M	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000							\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000				\$ 175,000	\$ 262,500	\$ 350,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 142,500	\$ 200,000
Incremental D	enot Systems O&M				\$ 1000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1.000							\$ 17.500	\$ 21.250	\$ 25,000				\$ 35,000	\$ 42.500	\$ 50,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 43,500	\$ 51.000
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Special Tools	O&M				\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250							\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250				\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
Special Infras	tructure O&M																								
Annual Refres	her Training	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000							\$ 24,250	\$ 24,250	\$ 24,250				\$ 24,250	\$ 24,250	\$ 24,250	\$ 24,250	\$ 24,250	\$ 24,250
TOT	AL FOR DEPOT	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 33,250	\$ 33,250	\$ 33,250							\$ 133,000	\$ 136,750	\$ 140,500				\$ 235,500	\$ 330,500	\$ 425,500	\$ 146,500	\$ 211,500	\$ 276,500
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														OUTP	JT 2 - CAPI	TAL COST	s														
				Lie	quid Fuel	1	ULSD						Liquid Fuel 2	None					Ga	seous Fuel 1	CNG					G	iseous Fue	el 2	CH2		
TOTAL COST			Diesel	I				Diesel	Hybrid										CNG							Fuel Cell			Fue	el Cell Hybri	id
		Low	Averag	e	High		Low	Ave	rage	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Lo	w /	Average	High	Low	Average	High	l	.ow	Average	High		Low	Average	High
Bus Purchase (mil\$) (1)	\$	32.70	\$ 32.	70 8	\$ 32.70) \$	50.20	\$	50.20	\$ 50.20							\$ 3	37.70 \$	37.70	\$ 37.70				\$	320.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.	00 \$	320.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00
Fuel Station (mil\$)	\$	0.18	\$ 0.	18	\$ 0.18	3 \$	0.18	\$	0.18	\$ 0.18							\$	1.80 \$	i 1.80	\$ 1.80				\$	3.50	\$ 5.25	\$ 7.	00 \$	1.70	\$ 2.85	\$ 4.00
Depot Changes (\$mil)						\$	0.02	\$	0.02	\$ 0.02							\$	0.35 \$	i 0.43	\$ 0.50				\$	0.70	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.	00 \$	0.72	\$ 0.87	\$ 1.02
Special Tools (\$mil)						\$	0.03	\$	0.03	\$ 0.03							\$	0.03 \$	i 0.03	\$ 0.03				\$	0.03	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.	03 \$	0.03	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03
Special Infrastructure (\$mil)																															
Initial Training (\$mil)	\$	0.05	\$ 0.	05	\$ 0.05	5 \$	0.07	\$	0.08	\$ 0.08							\$	0.07 \$	0.07	\$ 0.08				\$	0.08	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.	09 \$	0.08	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09
TOTAL (\$mil)	\$	32.93	\$ 32.	. 93 9	\$ 32.93	3 \$	50.50	\$	50.50	\$ 50.5°							\$:	39.94 \$	40.02	\$ 40.10				\$	324.30	\$ 326.21	\$ 328.	11 \$	322.52	\$ 323.83	\$ 325.13
						T .											1.														
LOCAL SHARE	\$	6.59	\$ 6.	.59 :	\$ 6.59	9 \$	10.10	\$	10.10	\$ 10.1	'						\$	7.99 \$	\$.00	\$ 8.02				\$	64.86	\$ 65.24	\$ 65.	62 \$	64.50	\$ 64.77	\$ 65.03
FEDERAL SHARE	\$	26.34	\$ 26.	.34	\$ 26.35	5\$	40.40	\$	40.40	\$ 40.4	r						\$	31.96 \$	32.02	\$ 32.08				\$	259.44	\$ 260.97	\$ 262.	49 \$	258.02	\$ 259.06	\$ 260.11
	Liquid Fuel 1 ULSD												Liquid Fuel 2	None					Ga	seous Fuel 1	CNG					G	nseous Fue	el 2 CH	12		
ANNUALIZED COST (2)			Diesel	I				Diesel	Hybrid										CNG							Fuel Cell			Fue	el Cell Hybri	d
		Low	Averag	e	High		Low	Ave	rage	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Lo	w /	Average	High	Low	Average	High	L	.ow	Average	High		Low	Average	High
Bus Purchase (\$mil) (1)	\$	3.689	\$ 3.6	89 9	\$ 3.689	9 \$	5.664	\$	5.664	\$ 5.664							\$ 4	4.254 \$	4.254	\$ 4.254				\$	36.104	\$ 36,104	\$ 36.1	04 \$	36.104 🗧	\$ 36,104	\$ 36.104
Fuel Station (\$mil)	\$	0.014	\$ 0.0	114 (\$ 0.014	\$	0.014	\$	0.014	\$ 0.014							\$ (D.144 <mark>\$</mark>	0.144	\$ 0.144				\$	0.281	\$ 0.421	\$ 0.5	62 \$	0.136	§ 0.229	\$ 0.321
Depot Changes (\$mil)						\$	0.002	\$	0.002	\$ 0.002							\$ (0.028 \$	0.034	\$ 0.040				\$	0.056	\$ 0.068	\$ 0.0	80 \$	0.058	\$ 0.070	\$ 0.082
Special Tools (\$mil)						\$	0.002	\$	0.002	\$ 0.002							\$ 0	0.002 \$	0.002	\$ 0.002				\$	0.002	\$ 0.002	\$ 0.0	02 \$	0.002	\$ 0.002	\$ 0.002
Special Infrastructure (\$mil)																															
Initial Training (\$mil)	\$	0.005	\$ 0.0	106 (\$ 0.006	6 \$	0.008	\$	0.009	\$ 0.010							\$ (0.008 \$	0.008	\$ 0.009				\$	0.009	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.0	10 \$	0.009	6 0.010	\$ 0.010
TOTAL ANNUALIZED	\$	3.71	\$ 3.	.71	\$ 3.71	\$	5.69	\$	5.69	\$ 5.69							\$	4.44 \$	4.44	\$ 4.45				\$	36.45	\$ 36.61	\$ 36.	76 \$	36.31	\$ 36.41	\$ 36.52

						o	UTPUT 3 -	OVERHAU	L COSTS P	ER BUS						
		Liquid Fuel 1	ULSD			Liquid Fuel 2	None		G	aseous Fuel 1	CNG			Gaseous Fuel 2	CH2	
	Die	esel	Diesel	Hybrid					CI	١G			Fuel	Cell	Fuel Ce	ll Hybrid
YEAR	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
1	\$	\$-	ş -	\$ -	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$ -	\$ -	retired	retired	ş -	ş -	\$-	\$-
2	\$-	\$-	ş -	\$ -	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$ -	\$-	retired	retired	ş -	\$-	\$-	\$-
3	\$-	\$ -	ş -	\$ -	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$ -	\$ -	retired	retired	ş -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
4	\$ 8,458	\$ 8,458	ş -	\$-	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$ 8,458	\$ 8,458	retired	retired	\$ 107,060	\$ 107,060	\$ 107,060	\$ 107,060
5	\$-	\$-	ş -	\$ -	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$ -	\$-	retired	retired	ş -	\$-	\$-	\$-
6	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ -	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$-	\$-	retired	retired	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
7	\$ 66,364	\$ 66,364	\$ 99,718	\$ 99,718	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$ 66,364	\$ 66,364	retired	retired	\$ 65,332	\$ 65,332	\$ 99,718	\$ 99,718
8	\$ 20,520	\$ 20,520	ş -	\$ -	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$ 26,382	\$ 26,382	retired	retired	\$ 117,254	\$ 117,254	\$ 117,254	\$ 117,254
9	\$-	\$-	\$ 14,994	\$ 14,994	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$-	\$-	retired	retired	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$-
10	\$ 9,694	\$ 9,694	\$ -	\$ -	retired	retired	retired	retired	\$ 9,694	\$ 9,694	retired	retired	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
11	Phase Out	Phase Out	Phase Out	Phase Out	retired	retired	retired	retired	Phase Out	Phase Out	retired	retired	Phase Out	Phase Out	Phase Out	Phase Out
12	Phase Out	Phase Out	Phase Out	Phase Out	retired	retired	retired	retired	Phase Out	Phase Out	retired	retired	Phase Out	Phase Out	Phase Out	Phase Out
13	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
14	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
15	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
16	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
17	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
18	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
19	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
20	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
21	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
22	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
23	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
24	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
25	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired	retired
TOTAL	\$ 105,035	\$ 105,035	\$ 114,712	\$ 114,712	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 110,898	\$ 110,898	\$-	\$-	\$ 289,647	\$ 289,647	\$ 324,032	\$ 324,032
NPV TOTAL	\$ 73,962	\$ 73,962	\$ 80,533	\$ 80,533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,930	\$ 77,930	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213,871	\$ 213,871	\$ 238,309	\$ 238,309

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									c	OUTPUT 4	- TOTAL LI	FE CYCLE	COSTS											
			L	iquid Fuel 1.	ULSD				L	iquid Fuel 2	None			Ga	iseous Fuel 1	CNG				Ga	seous Fuel 2	CH2		
ΤΟΤΑΙ	LCOSTS		Diesel			Diesel Hybrid								CNG						Fuel Cell		F	uel Cell Hyb	id
\$ M	lillions	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average	High
NPV of Annua Costs (1)	lized Capital	\$ 32.9	\$ 32.9	\$ 32.9	\$ 50.4	\$ 50.4	\$ 50.4							\$ 39.3 \$ 39.4	\$ 39.4				\$ 323.1	\$ 324.4	\$ 325.8	\$ 321.8	\$ 322.7	\$ 323.7
NPV of Bus Ov	verhaul Costs (1)	\$ 7.4	\$ 7.4	\$ 7.4	\$ 8.1	\$ 8.1	\$ 8.1							\$ 7.8 \$ 7.8	\$ 7.8				\$ 21.4	\$ 21.4	\$ 21.4	\$ 23.8	\$ 23.8	\$ 23.8
NPV of Annua Costs (1)	l Operator Labor	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7							\$ 130.7 \$ 130.7	\$ 130.7				\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7	\$ 130.7
NPV of Annua Maintenance	l Bus Costs (1)	\$ 12.9	\$ 19.7	\$ 26.4	\$ 12.7	\$ 19.3	\$ 26.0							\$ 13.1 \$ 19.8	\$ 26.5				\$ 33.9	\$ 47.1	\$ 60.3	\$ 33.2	\$ 46.3	\$ 59.4
NPV of Annua (1)	l Bus Fuel Costs	\$ 22.4	\$ 27.6	\$ 32.8	\$ 17.8	\$ 21.8	\$ 25.8							\$ 24.2 \$ 30.6	\$ 37.0				\$ 74.3	\$ 90.5	\$ 106.6	\$ 40.2	\$ 49.3	\$ 58.4
NPV of Annua	l Depot Costs (1)	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.3							\$ 1.3 \$ 1.4	\$ 1.4				\$ 2.3	\$ 3.3	\$ 4.2	\$ 1.5	\$ 2.1	\$ 2.7
	DEPOT FLEET	\$ 206.5	\$ 218.4	\$ 230.3	\$ 220.0	\$ 230.7	\$ 241.4							\$ 216.5 \$ 229.6	\$ 242.8				\$ 585.8	\$ 617.4	\$ 649.1	\$ 551.2	\$ 575.0	\$ 598.7
NPV Of	PER BUS (2)	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.18	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.31	\$ 2.41							\$ 2.16 \$ 2.30	\$ 2.43				\$ 5.86	\$ 6.17	\$ 6.49	\$ 5.51	\$ 5.75	\$ 5.99
TOTAL COSTS	AVG ANNUAL PER BUS (\$)	\$ 172,065	\$ 181,986	\$ 191,906	\$ 183,320	\$ 192,224	\$ 201,128							\$ 180,383 \$ 191,357	\$ 202,331				\$ 488,134	\$ 514,508	\$ 540,883	\$ 459,360	\$ 479,157	\$ 498,953
	PER MILE (\$) \$ 5.28 \$ 5.58 \$ 5.89 \$ 5.62 \$ 5.90 \$													\$ 5.53 \$ 5.87	\$ 6.21				\$ 14.97	\$ 15.78	\$ 16.59	\$ 14.09	\$ 14.70	\$ 15.31
LOCAL CO \$ M	STS ONLY (3) Iillions																							
	DEPOT FLEET	\$ 180.2	\$ 192.1	\$ 204.0	\$ 179.6	\$ 190.3	\$ 201.0							\$ 185.0 \$ 198.1	\$ 211.3				\$ 327.3	\$ 357.9	\$ 388.4	\$ 293.8	\$ 316.8	\$ 339.8
NPV Of	PER BUS (2)	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.92	\$ 2.04	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.01							\$ 1.85 \$ 1.98	\$ 2.11				\$ 3.27	\$ 3.58	\$ 3.88	\$ 2.94	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.40
COSTS	AVG ANNUAL PER BUS (\$)	\$ 150,148	\$ 160,067	\$ 169,986	\$ 149,697	\$ 158,598	\$ 167,498							\$ 154,172 \$ 165,107	\$ 176,042				\$ 272,744	\$ 298,215	\$ 323,685	\$ 244,814	\$ 263,991	\$ 283,168
	PER MILE (\$)	\$ 4.61	\$ 4.91	\$ 5.21	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.14							\$ 4.73 \$ 5.06	\$ 5.40				\$ 8.37	\$ 9.15	\$ 9.93	\$ 7.51	\$ 8.10	\$ 8.69
		NOTES																						
		1 For	100	buses and in	frastucture inv	estments over t	he useful life	of the buses																
		2 Mayb	e over different	numbers of y	ears for each l	bus type, deper	nding on defir	ned useful life.																
		3 Does n	ot include capi	tal costs paid	l with Federal f	funds. See work	ksheet O2.																	