

Section 5.1 (Current Use of Transit Buses)

Please explain how the applicant’s current buses are used and why they require replacement. Where possible, provide data on ridership, bus condition and other factors that support replacement. Applicant may attach supporting documentation to its application for each bus requested for replacement including:

- Copies of estimates for planned or anticipated major repairs.
- List of recent major repairs.
- Photos of visible condition of the vehicle showing rust, dents and/or other issues.

Metric	Point Range	Description	Max Score	Evaluator Score
Excellent	15 - 20	Clearly demonstrates, through detailed examples and narrative, how buses are currently used and why they require replacement. Includes sufficient and relevant data, pictures, reports, repair invoices or other supporting documentation that clearly communicates the use of the buses and their poor condition which warrant replacement.	20	
Good/Fair	8 - 14	Provides good narrative and some supporting documentation showing bus use and condition. It is apparent how the buses are used and that bus conditions are suboptimal, but may not thoroughly communicate condition and use of all buses proposed for replacement. Supporting documentation is included but may not be clearly relevant or complete.		
Poor	1 - 7	Provides a brief narrative of bus use and/or condition. Very limited or no supporting documentation. May be missing key examples or descriptions that communicate how buses are used and why they need replacement.		
Missing or irrelevant	0	Applicant did not include any information or the information included is entirely irrelevant to the section.		

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Section 5.2 (Future Use of Transit Buses)

Please explain how the new bus(es) will be used in the future. Please include information on whether the applicant expects ridership will increase, decrease, or maintain current levels. Applicant may attach supporting documentation to its application.

Metric	Point Range	Description	Max Score	Evaluator Score
Excellent	18 - 25	Clearly demonstrates, through detailed examples and narrative, how new buses will be used in the future. Includes sufficient and relevant narrative and data that clearly communicates if the applicant expects ridership to increase, decrease or maintain current levels. Supporting documentation is robust, with a clear and logical connection to the planned future use of buses.	25	
Good/Fair	10 - 17	Provides good narrative and some supporting documentation describing the future use of buses. Supporting documentation is included but may not be clearly relevant or complete. Describes expected changes in ridership.		
Poor	1 - 9	Provides a brief narrative of future bus use. Very limited or no supporting documentation. May be missing key examples or descriptions that communicate how the applicant plans to use buses in the future.		
Missing or irrelevant	0	Applicant did not include any information or the information included is entirely irrelevant to the section.		

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Section 5.3 (Transportation to Employment)

Please explain how the new bus(es) will connect employees with employers. Applicant may attach supporting documentation to its application.

Metric	Point Range	Description	Max Score	Evaluator Score
Excellent	21 - 30	Clearly demonstrates, through detailed examples and narrative, how new buses will connect employees with employers. Includes sufficient and relevant narrative and data that clearly communicates how the applicant expects buses to connect employees with employers. Supporting documentation is robust, with a clear and logical connection to connecting employees with employers.	30	
Good/Fair	11 - 20	Provides good narrative and some supporting documentation describing how buses will connect employees and employers. Supporting documentation is included but may not be clearly relevant or complete.		
Poor	1 - 10	Provides brief narrative of how buses will connect employees and employers. Very limited or no supporting documentation. May be missing key examples or descriptions of how buses will connect employees and employers.		
Missing or irrelevant	0	Applicant did not include any information or the information included is entirely irrelevant to the section.		

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Section 5.4 (NOx Reduction)

Using the US Environmental Protection Agency Diesel Emissions Quantifier (DEQ) tool, please state the projected NOx benefit as a result of replacing the identified bus(es). Include a description of how bus replacement will mitigate the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of these emissions. Applicant may attach supporting documentation to its application.

Metric	Point Range	Description	Max Score	Evaluator Score
Excellent	11 - 15	Clearly demonstrates, through detailed examples and narrative, projected NOx reduction benefit of the entire bus replacement proposal. Includes accurate and complete DEQ calculations and results. Discusses how the replacement project will mitigate NOx emissions impacts on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of NOx emissions.	15	
Good/Fair	6 - 10	Provides good narrative and some supporting documentation describing NOx benefits of replacing buses. DEQ results are included and appear accurate. Supporting documentation is included but may not be clearly relevant or complete. Discusses how the project will mitigate impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts, but may be brief, incomplete or not include references.		
Poor	1 - 5	Provides brief narrative of the projected NOx benefit. Very limited or no supporting documentation. May be missing DEQ results. Does not, or insufficiently, describe how the project will mitigate the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of these emissions.		
Missing or irrelevant	0	Applicant did not include any information or the information included is entirely irrelevant to the section.		

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Section 5.5 (Project Timeline)

Please provide a detailed timeline for the replacement of each bus for which funding is requested. Include anticipated dates for ordering, delivery, placement in service and scrapping. All work must be completed by June 30, 2025.

Metric	Point Range	Description	Max Score	Evaluator Score
Excellent	8 - 10	Clearly, and in detail, describes timeline for replacement of each bus. Timeline includes estimated dates for ordering, delivery and placement in revenue service. Timeline includes estimated scrapping of each replaced bus. It is clear that the timeline allows for all project work to be completed before June 30, 2025. The timeline is realistic.	10	
Good/Fair	5 - 7	Provides a good timeline describing the replacement of buses. The timeline is not as detailed as it could be, but is not missing any major milestones. It is clear that the timeline allows for all project work to be completed before June 30, 2025. The timeline is realistic.		
Poor	1 - 4	Provides a brief timeline of when buses will be replaced. The timeline may be missing important milestones, have errors or not include relevant information. It is possible the timeline is not realistic.		
Missing or irrelevant	0	Applicant did not include any information or the information included is entirely irrelevant to the section.		

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