

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)

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. For BEB projects also requesting battery electric bus supply equipment (e.g. infrastructure), include details on project costs, location, management, and implementation.

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 (Disproportionate Burden Impact and NOx Reduction)

Please provide accurate and complete fleet data on Appendix A – Project Budget. DOA will calculate the projected NOx reduction as a result of replacing the identified bus(es) using the US Environmental Protection Agency Diesel Emissions Quantifier (DEQ) tool. Please 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, 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. Projected NOx reduction, as calculated by DOA use of EPA DEQ, is significant and/or demonstrates the potential to provide air quality benefits, especially on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of these emissions.	15	
Good/Fair	6 - 10	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. Projected NOx reductions, as calculated by DOA use of the EPA DEQ, are moderate and may provide a positive impact on the communities where the transit buses(es) operate. Supporting documentation is included but may not be clearly relevant or complete.		
Poor	1 - 5	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. Very limited or no supporting documentation. DEQ results, as calculated by DOA use of EPA DEQ, are inconclusive due to lack of applicant-supplied information or are negligible.		
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)

Complete Appendix A Section 4: Project Budget of the application using the Excel spreadsheet. The Excel spreadsheet must be submitted in accordance with instructions in section 2.3. 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	Appendix A - Project Budget includes all requested timeline dates. Dates are reasonable considering scope of project and do not conflict. Dates demonstrate applicant has carefully considered and estimated timing of ordering, delivery and scrapping. Dates allow for all project work to be completed before June 30, 2025. The timeline is realistic. Additional narrative and supporting documentation is relevant and comprehensive.	10	
Good/Fair	5 - 7	Appendix A - Project Budget includes all or most requested dates. The dates may conflict or additional clarifying information may be required to develop a full understanding of the project scope, but the dates are realistic. The dates allow for all project work to be completed before June 30, 2025. Additional narrative or supporting documentation, if any, may not be completely relevant or comprehensive.		
Poor	1 - 4	Appendix A - Project Budget is missing most dates or dates do not seem to be based on careful consideration of project scope. It is possible the timeline is not realistic or the timeline includes dates that are past June 30, 2025. Additional narrative or supporting documentation is minimal or missing.		
Missing or irrelevant	0	Applicant did not include any information or the information included is entirely irrelevant to the section.		

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