



# Feasibility Study of Alternative Fueled Buses

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# OVERVIEW

- Purpose
- Project Goals
- Technology Options and Evaluation
- Recommendations



# PURPOSE OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS




- ▶ Evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of alternative fuel vehicles based on commercially-available technology.




- ▶ Focus for Jaunt: vans and cutaway style buses, possible conversion of demand-response and ADA fleets

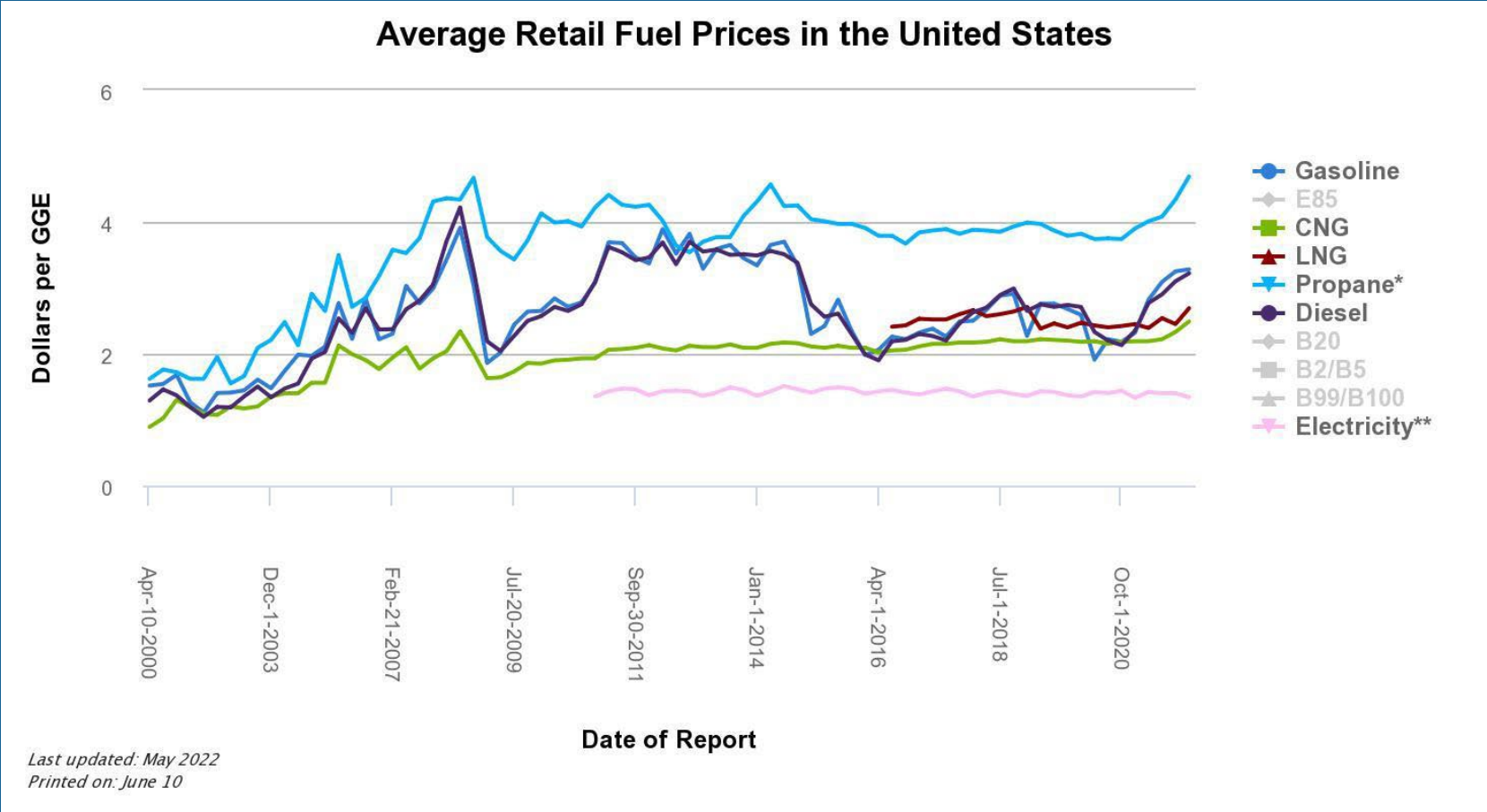
# PROJECT GOALS

- ▶ Achieve 45% GHG reduction by 2030
    - ▶ Net zero GHG by 2050
  - ▶ Determine a preferred cleaner fuel type for Jaunt
    - ✓ Consider trade-offs including operating and capital cost, emissions impact, and operational viability
    - ✓ Balance the current level of service with practicality of low or no emissions vehicles (minimize impact to operations)
    - ✓ Consider well-to-wheel impact of propulsion technology on emissions
  - ▶ Determine high level implementation strategy and timeline of the preferred fuel type
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# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION

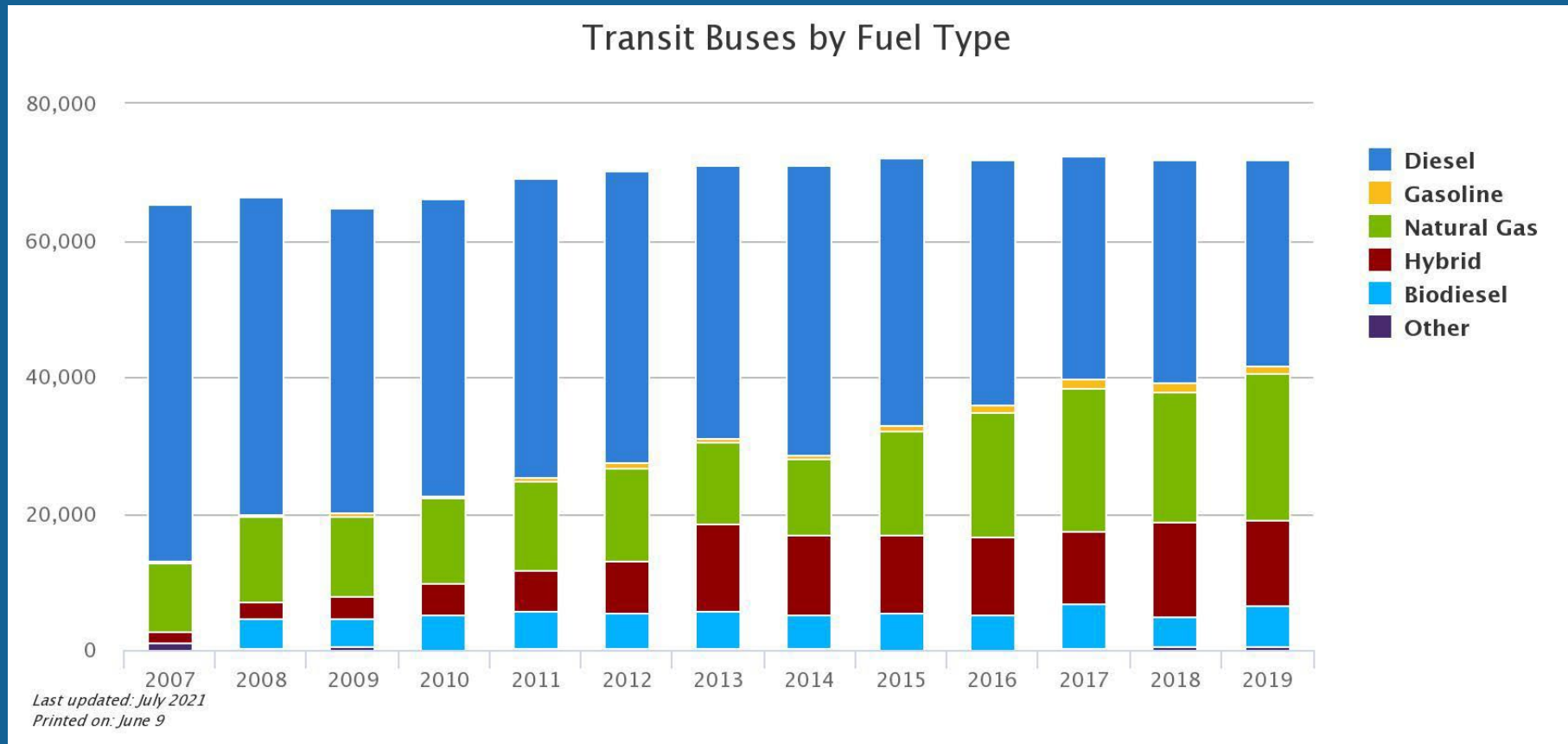
- ▶ 'Traditional' Diesel or Gasoline Fossil Fuel
  - ▶ Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)- *Natural or Renewable*
  - ▶ Battery Electric- *Depot and fast charging*
  - ▶ Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric
  - ▶ Other types:
    - Hybrid Electric
    - Propane
    - Biodiesel
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# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: COST OF FUEL PER GASOLINE GALLON EQUIVALENT (GGE)



Source: Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Reports | Electricity prices are from EIA's Real Prices Viewer.  
Notes: Fuel volumes are measured in gasoline gallon equivalents (GGEs).

# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: CURRENT SHARE OF TRANSIT BUS FUEL TYPES

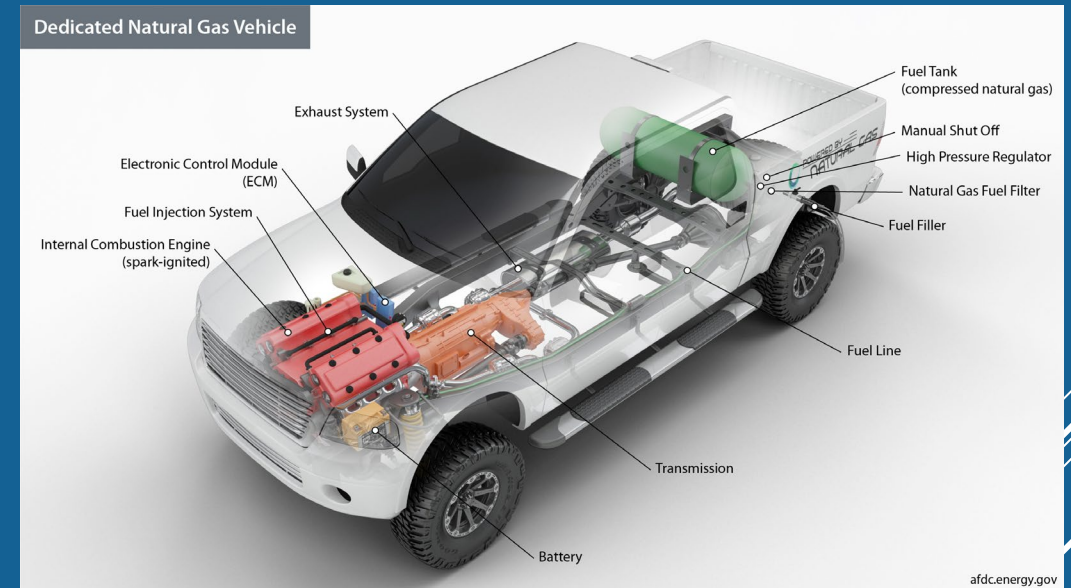


Source: Derived from Tables 21 and 34 in Appendix A of the 2020 Public Transportation Fact Book from the American Public Transportation Association

Notes: "Natural Gas" includes compressed and liquefied forms. "Other" up to 2007 included propane, bio/soy fuel, and biodiesel. After 2007, "Other" included battery-electric, hydrogen, and propane.

# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE AUTOGAS

- ▶ Combustion-based fuel
- ▶ Like conventional gasoline or diesel vehicles
- ▶ Similar vehicle range
- ▶ Emissions are dependent on fuel sourcing





# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: CNG AND RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PROS AND CONS

## Opportunities

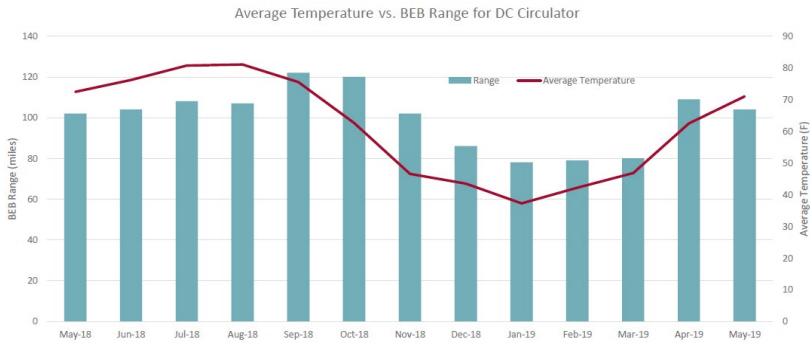
- ▶ Fixed-route and demand-response services can be accommodated
- ▶ CNG technology is widely adopted
- ▶ Some renewable sources may have *negative* carbon emissions

## Barriers

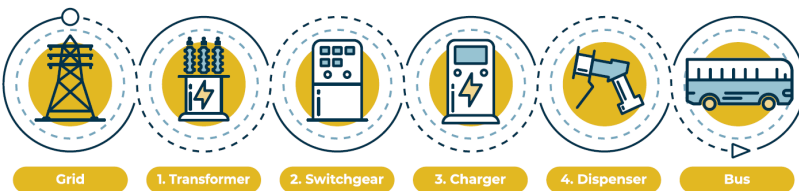
- ▶ CNG is *not* net zero emissions
- ▶ Most renewable natural gas is mixed into the distribution network



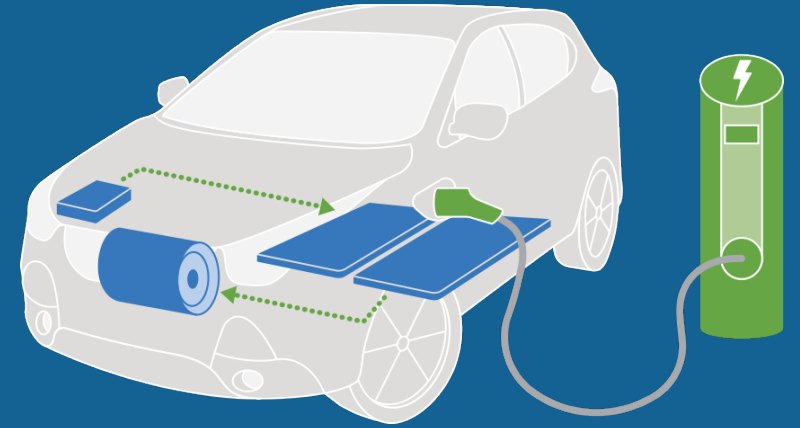
# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: BATTERY ELECTRIC



- ▶ Non-combustion propulsion
- ▶ Range can vary based on equipment and weather largely
- ▶ Most vehicles will perform 100-200 miles
- ▶ Larger vehicles can be supplemented with fossil fuel heating units in cold weather
- ▶ Emissions dependent on electric grid generation source



# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: BATTERY ELECTRIC PROS AND CONS



## Opportunities

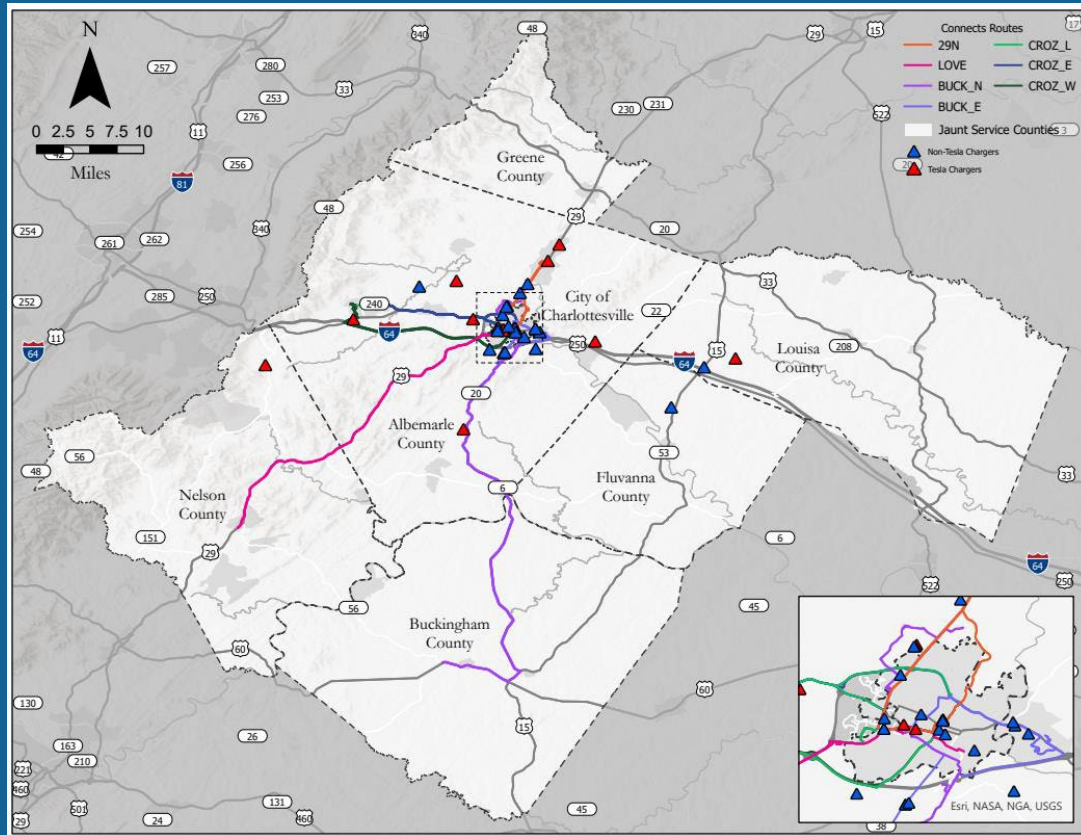
- ▶ Most fixed route service could be accommodated with commercially ready EV's
- ▶ Technology is scalable to number of vehicles deployed

## Barriers

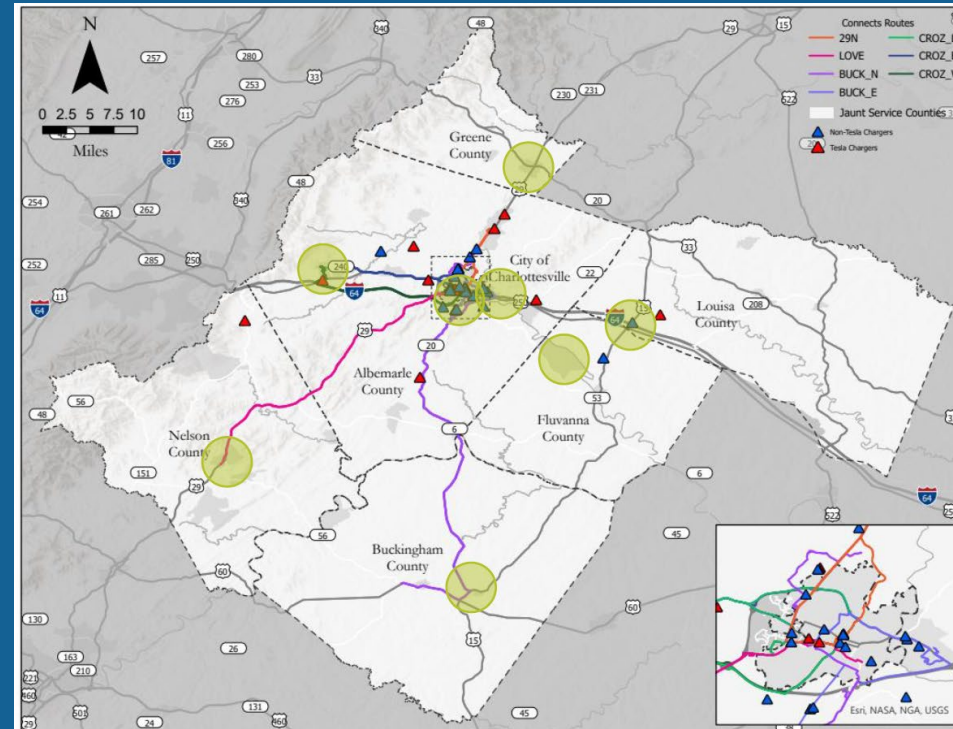
- ▶ Range
- ▶ Charging operations would require additional space and staff oversight

# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: EXISTING VS. POTENTIAL BATTERY ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS

## Existing Charging Stations



## Potential Charging Stations

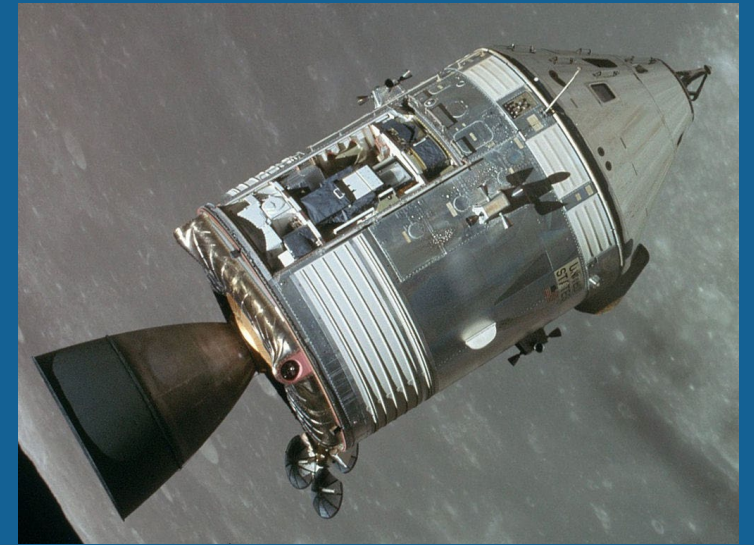


● Potential Charging Locations

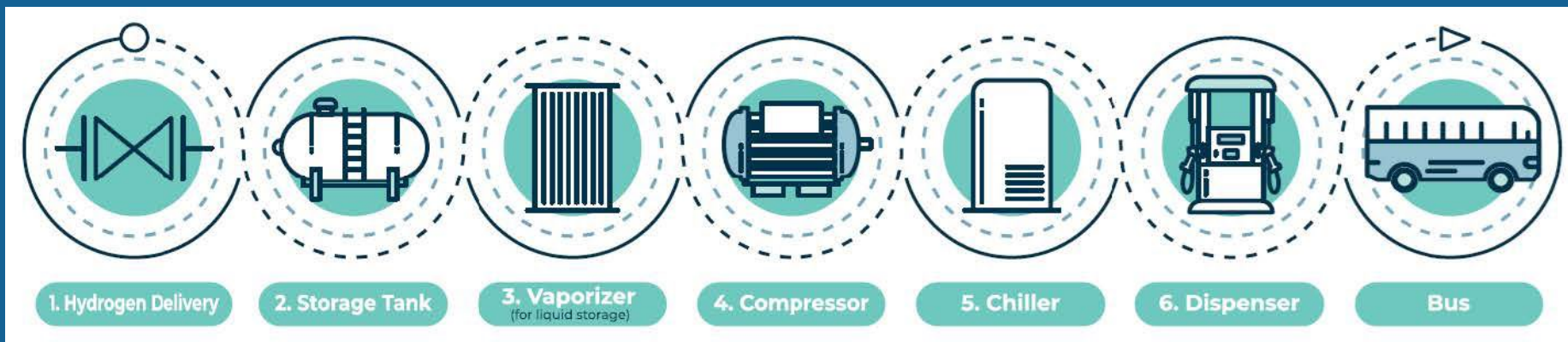
Jaunt County	Community
Albemarle -- west	Crozet
Albemarle -- east	Pantops (west of I-64/US250)
Buckingham	Dillwyn (Highway 20/US15)
Fluvanna	Lake Monticello
Greene	Ruckersville
Louisa	Zion Crossroads (I-64/US15)
Nelson	Lovingston
Charlottesville (City)	Jaunt HQ

# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: HYDROGEN FUEL CELL

- ▶ Non-combustion propulsion
- ▶ Fuel is either gaseous or liquified hydrogen
- ▶ Range varies based on operating conditions
- ▶ Emissions are highly dependent on hydrogen generation



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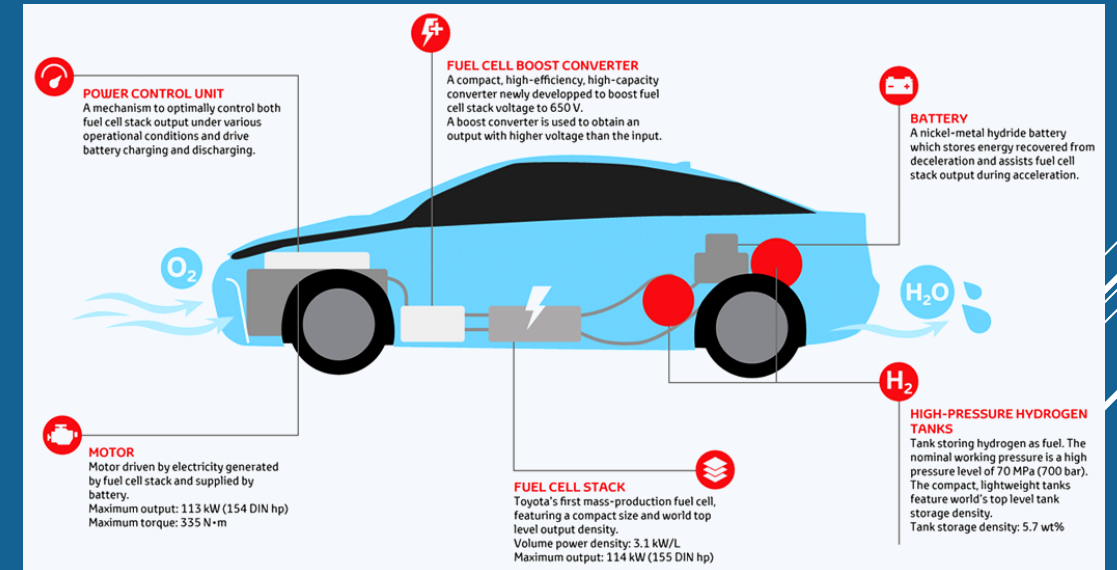
# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION: HYDROGEN FUEL CELL PROS AND CONS

## Opportunities

- ▶ All fixed-route and demand response service could be accommodated with FCEVs
- ▶ Hydrogen deployment is more cost-effective for systems with more vehicles

## Barriers

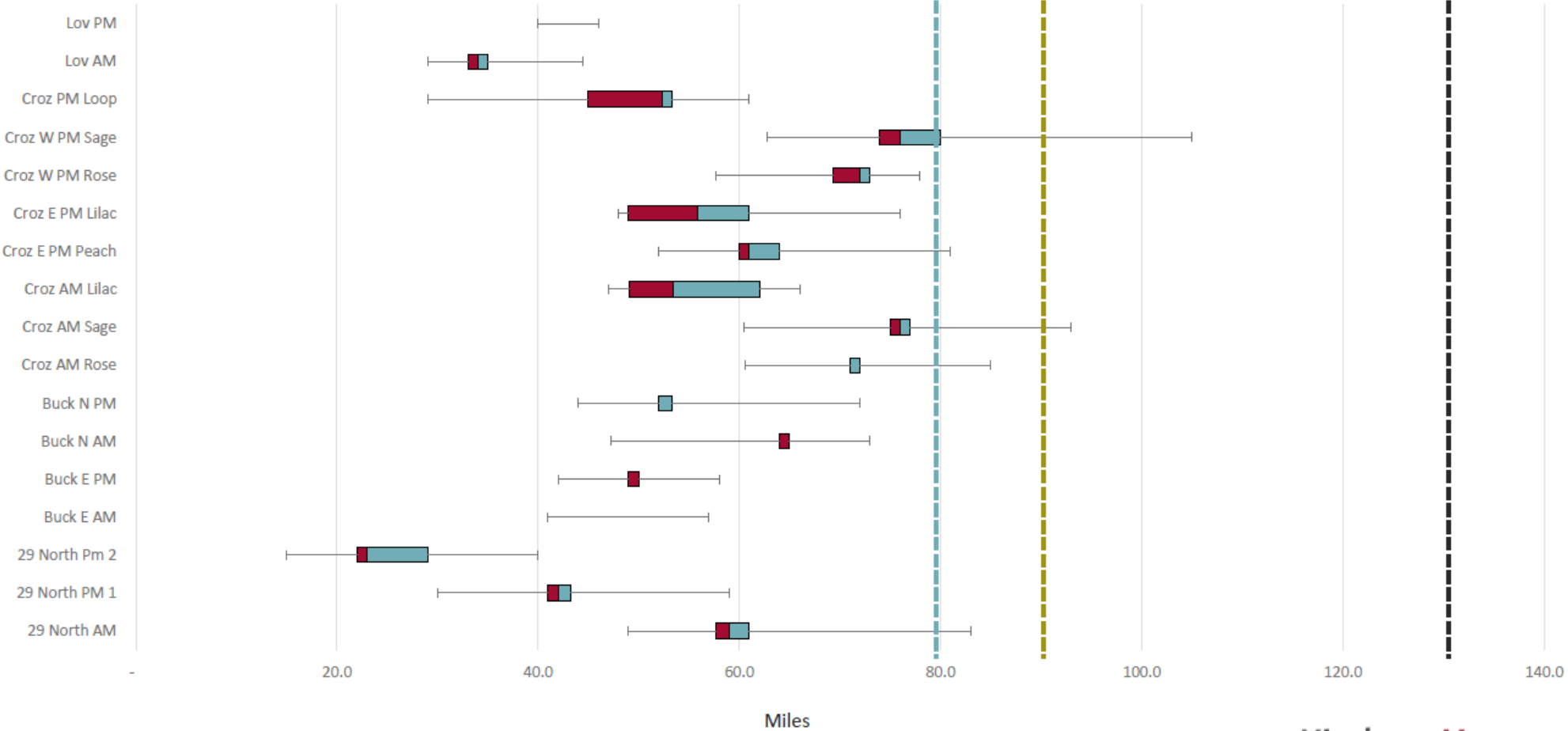
- ▶ Sourcing
- ▶ Cost
- ▶ Upstream Emissions



# Fixed-Route Range Requirements

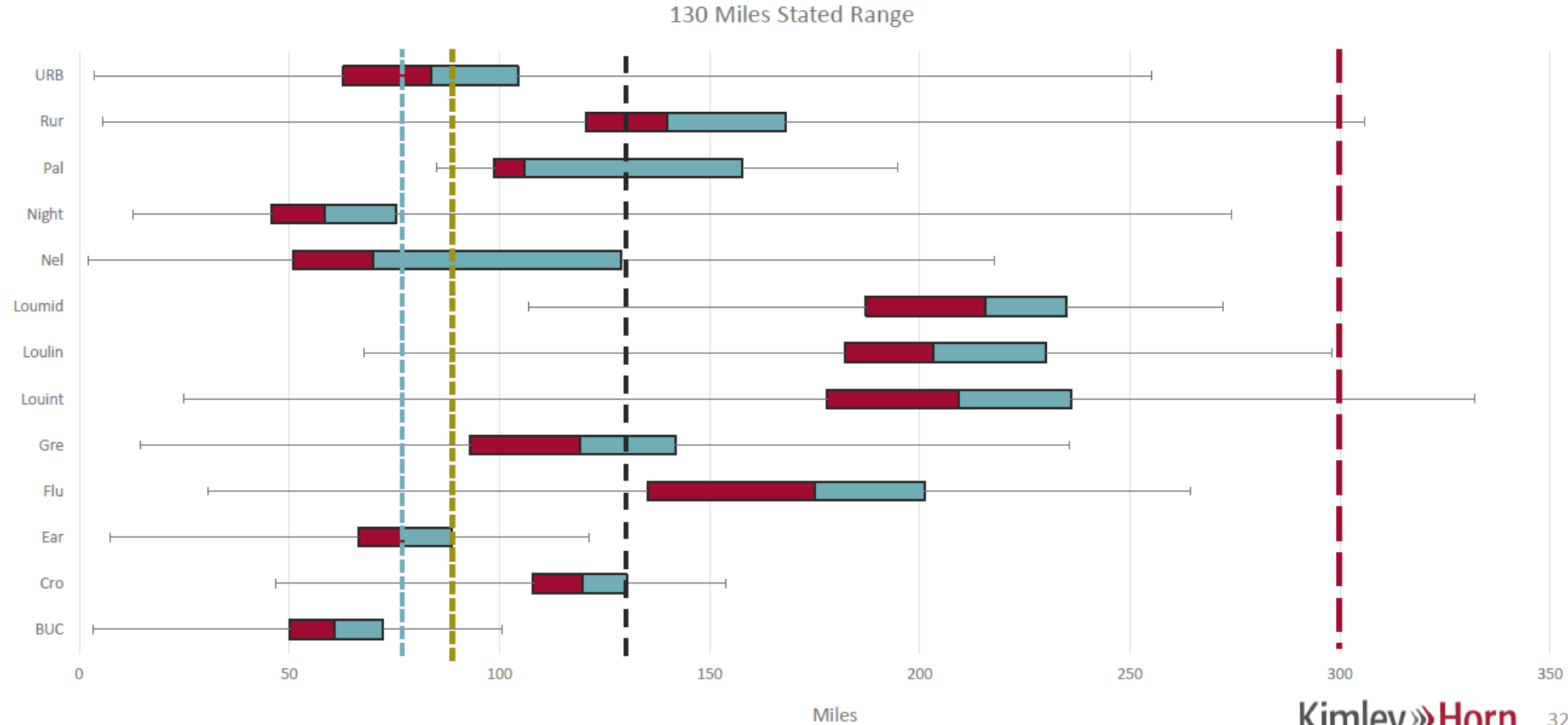
130 Mile Stated Range

- Stated Battery Electric Range
- 30% Battery Electric Reduction
- 40% Battery Electric Reduction



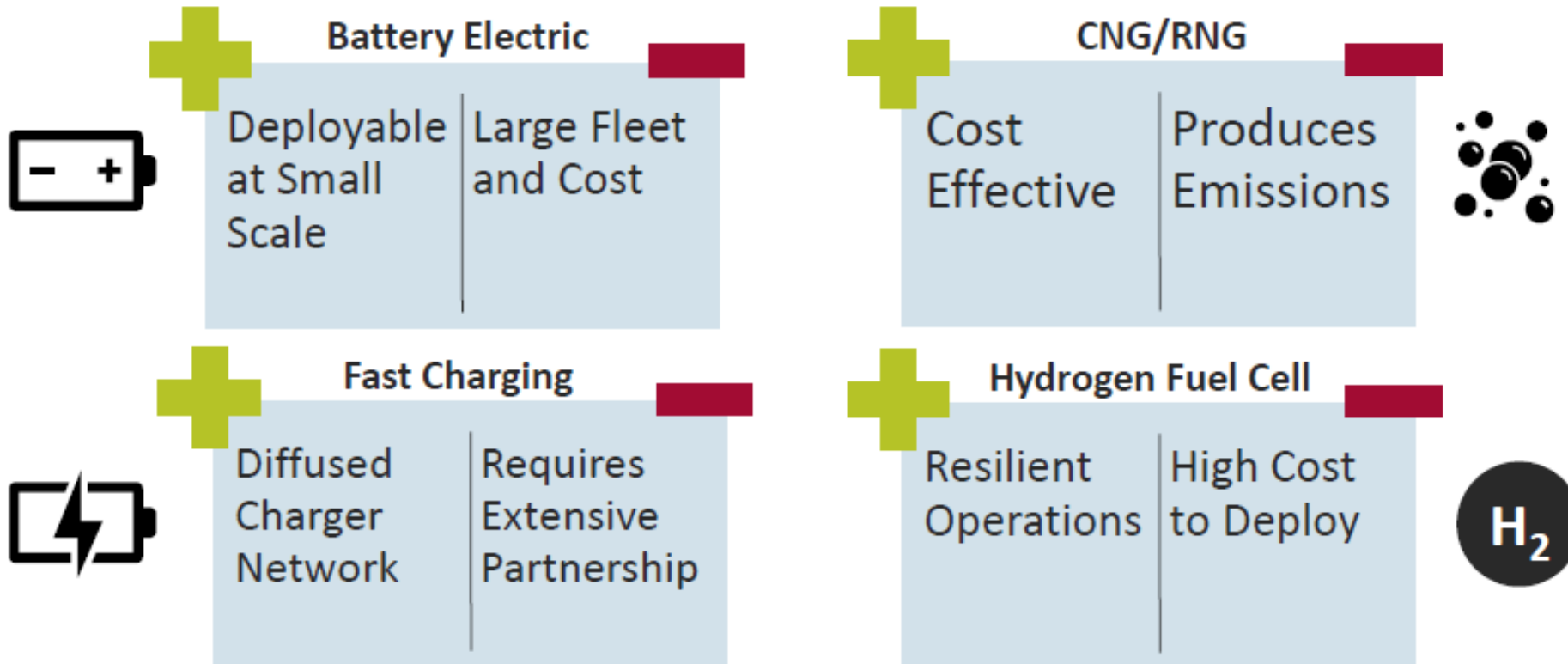
# Demand Response Range Requirements

- Stated Battery Electric Range
- 30% Battery Electric Reduction
- 40% Battery Electric Reduction
- Natural Gas and Hydrogen



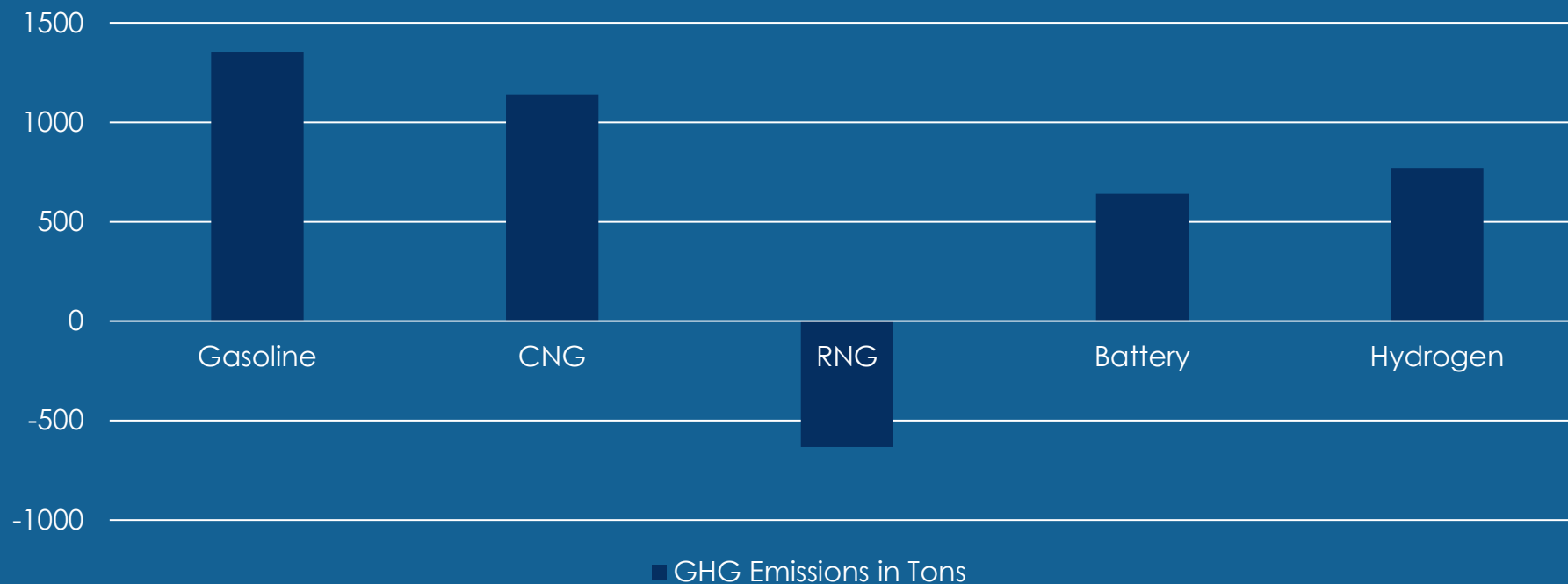


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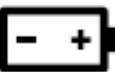





# TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION


## Greenhouse Gas Emissions Comparison




# TECHNOLOGY COMPARISON ANALYSIS

	Scenario	Number of Vehicles	Emissions Reduction		Vehicle Costs	Facility Costs	Operational Costs (Fuel+Maintenance)
			Long-term*	Near-term			
	Current	108	-	-	\$6.9 M	n/a	\$813,000
	Battery Electric	135	100%	53%	\$16.2 M	\$1.1 M	\$422,400
	Battery Electric w/ Fast Charging	108	100%	53%	\$13.0 M	\$4.2 M	\$422,400
	Hydrogen	108	100%	43%	\$21.9 M	\$3.5 M	\$1.1 M
	CNG/RNG	108	147%	16%	\$8.6 M	\$2.3 M	\$552,000


\*Assumes carbon-neutral electric grid or pure RNG



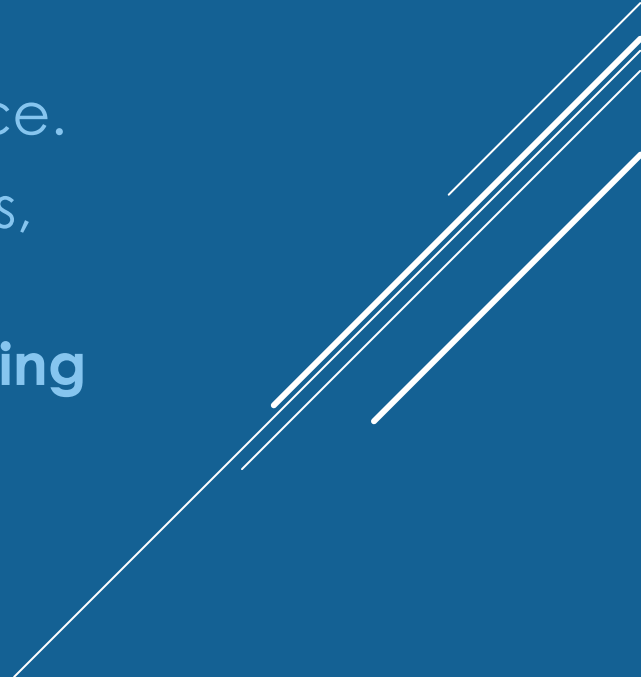
Long-term



Near-term


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# RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Implement battery electric vehicles as the initial deployment technology on select run classes.
  - ▶ Pursue a small-scale, initial deployment of zero emissions vehicles in fixed-route services.
  - ▶ Conduct future evaluation of initial deployment performance.
  - ▶ Conduct partnership conversations with government entities, businesses, and utilities.
  - ▶ **Jaunt is recommended to receive an implementation planning grant**
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# QUESTIONS

