



SFMTA



# New Flyer Hybrid Bus Procurement

Budget and Finance Committee, Board of Supervisors

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# Context



Improvements in Muni reliability are driving our **growing ridership and customer satisfaction**



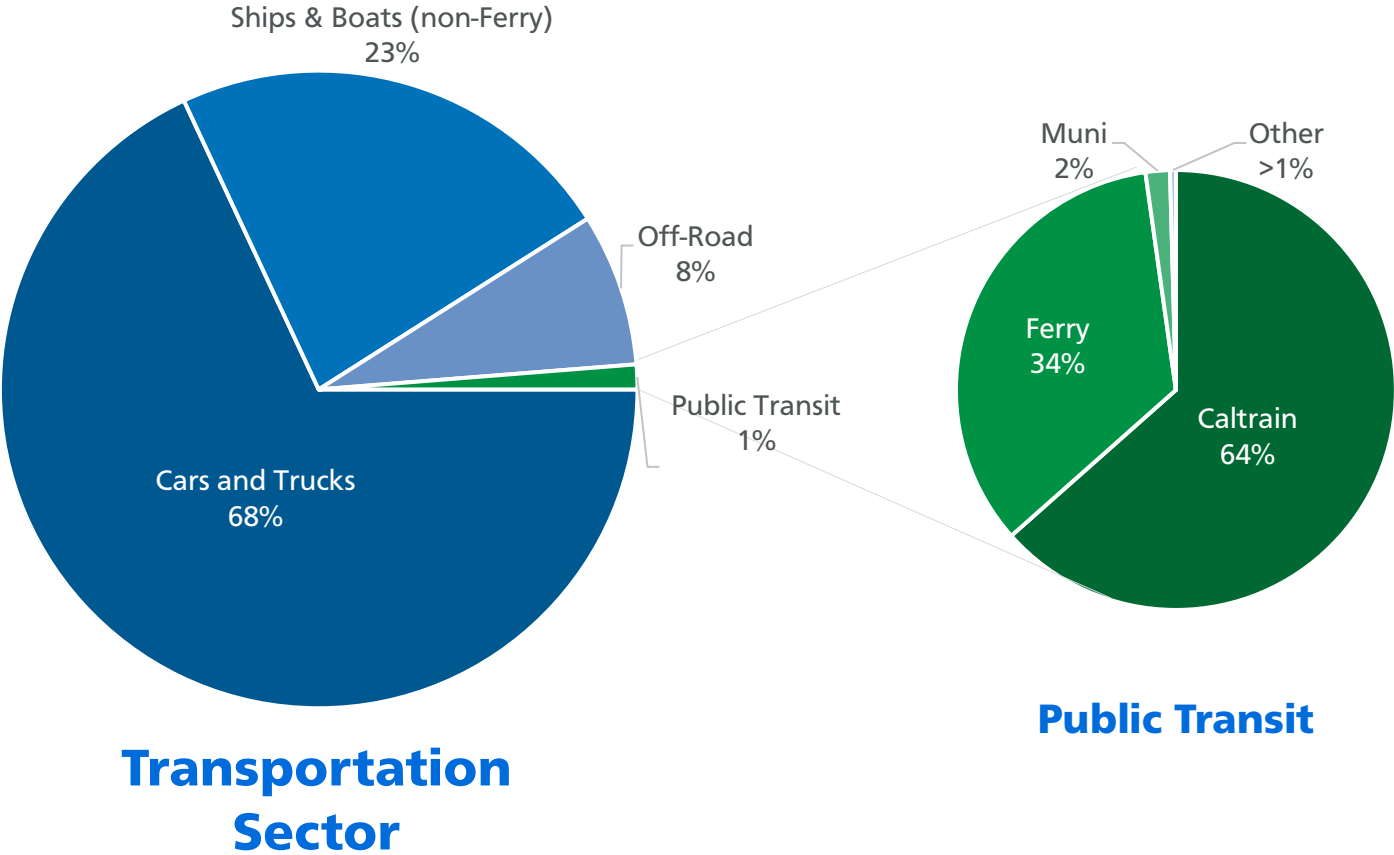
Reliability improvements are thanks to our **transformed fleet management program**, proactive maintenance, and newer vehicles



This procurement supports those strategies — and our **mode shift and emissions reduction goals**

# Most transportation emissions come from cars and trucks; very little from Muni

San Francisco Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 2020





# Background

- Our original goal was to replace these vehicles with ZEV
- Project complexities, including funding and PG&E coordination, delayed progress on facility upgrades required for ZEV
- As a result, **we need to purchase hybrid vehicles to maintain a state of good repair** during our transition to 100% zero-emission



# Contract No. SFMTA-2024-03-FTA

## Contract

**To procure 94 40-ft low floor, hybrid electric coaches**

Including spare parts, tools, manuals, training, and telematics licenses from New Flyer of America

## Amount

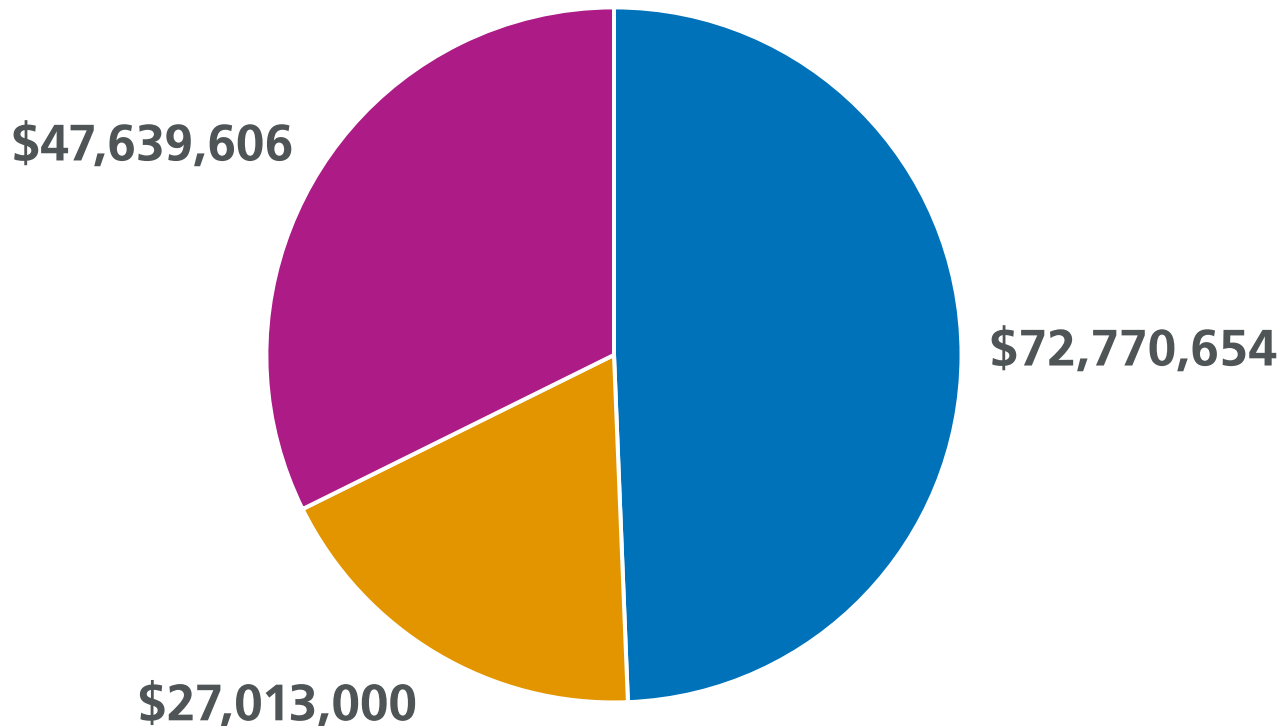
**Not to exceed \$117,751,398**

## Term

**Not to exceed five years**

# Funding Sources

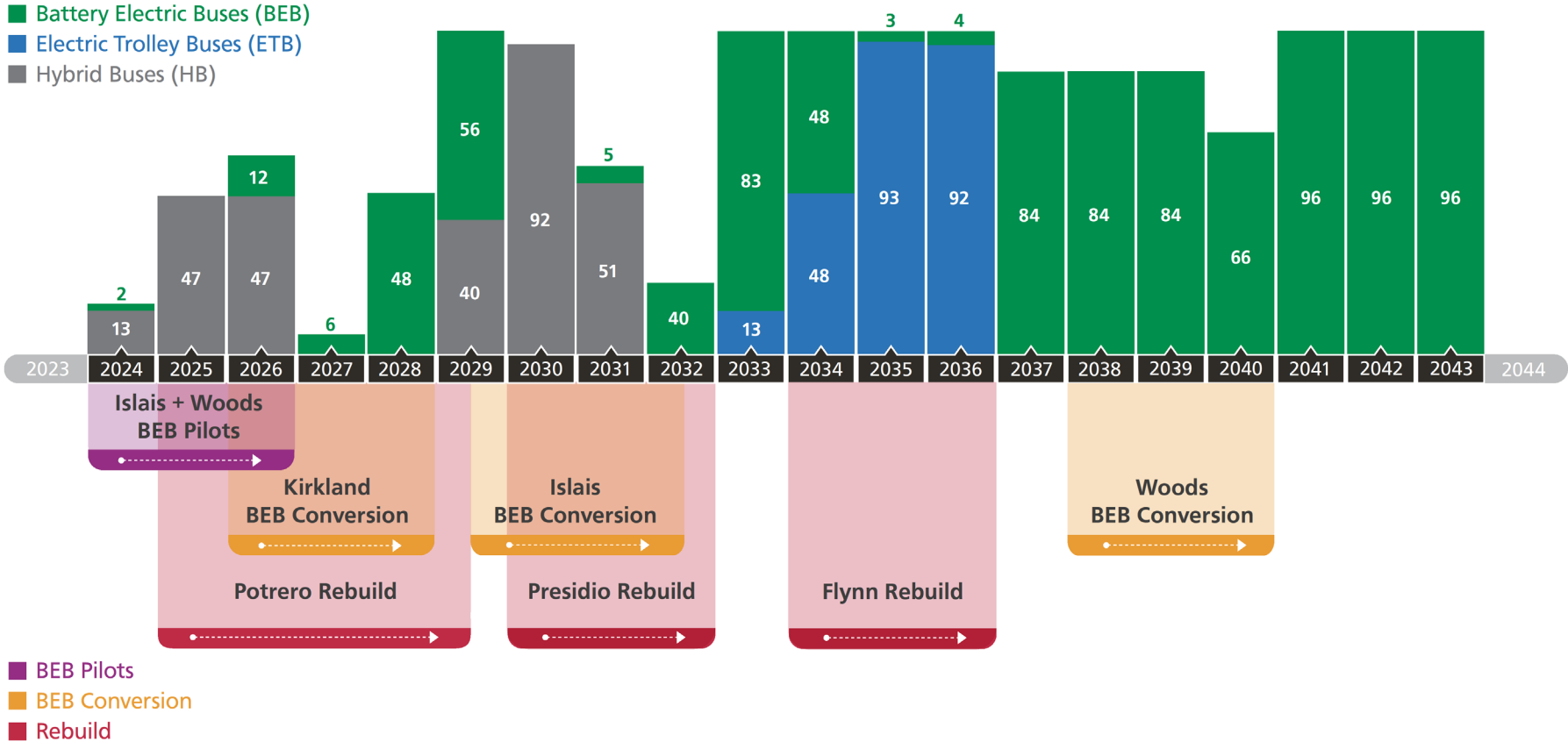
Total funding for this project: \$147,423,260



■ Federal Grant ■ Regional Measure 3 (RM3) ■ Other Local Funds\*

\*General Fund, Operating Fund, Prop L, Transportation Sustainability Fee

# Hybrid and ZEV Procurements



A blue-tinted photograph of a San Bruno Rapid bus at a station. The bus is white with a blue stripe and has "9R SAN BRUNO RAPID Downtown" on its destination sign. The number "8801" is visible on the front. Passengers are boarding the bus. The background shows a clear blue sky and some trees.

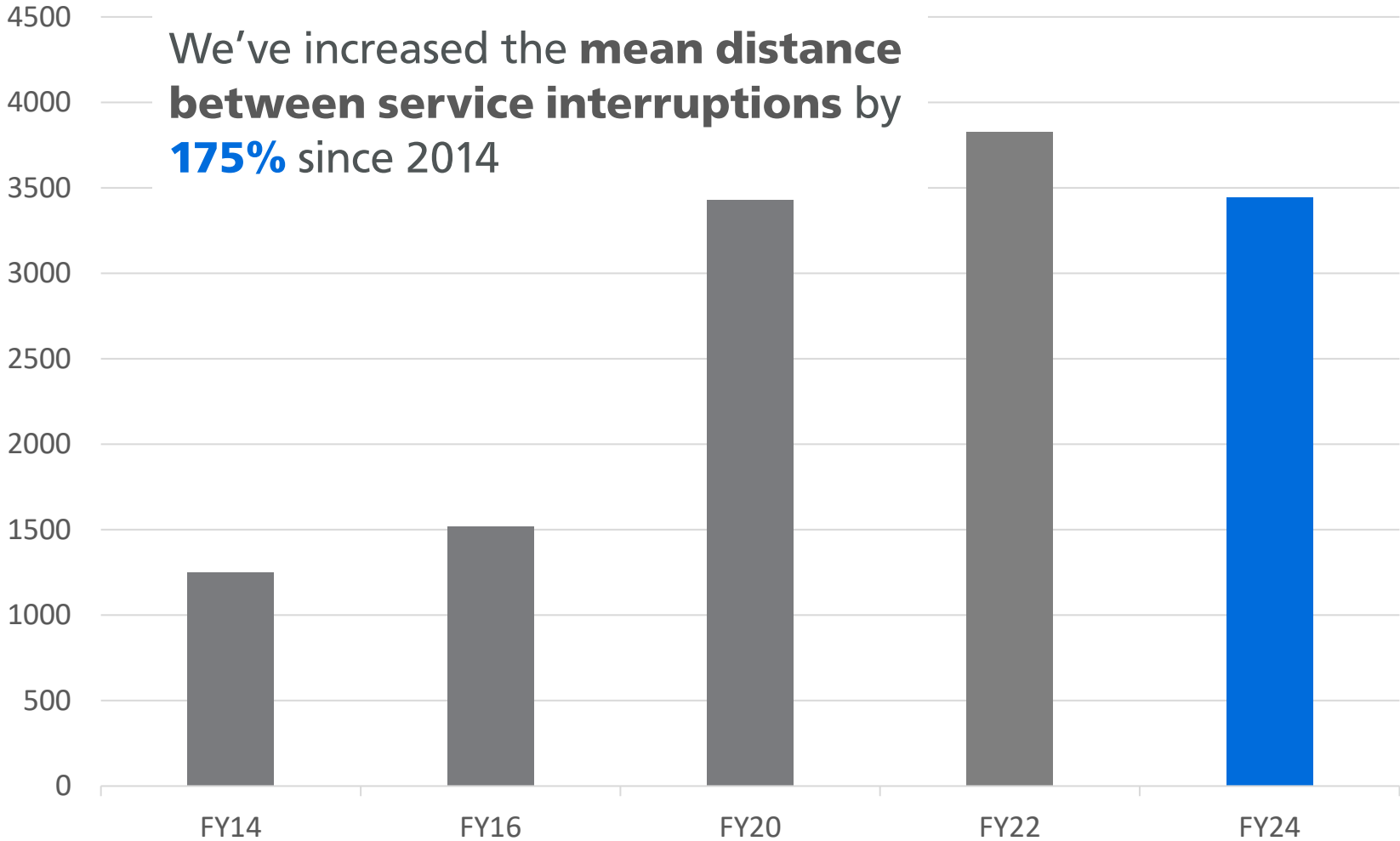
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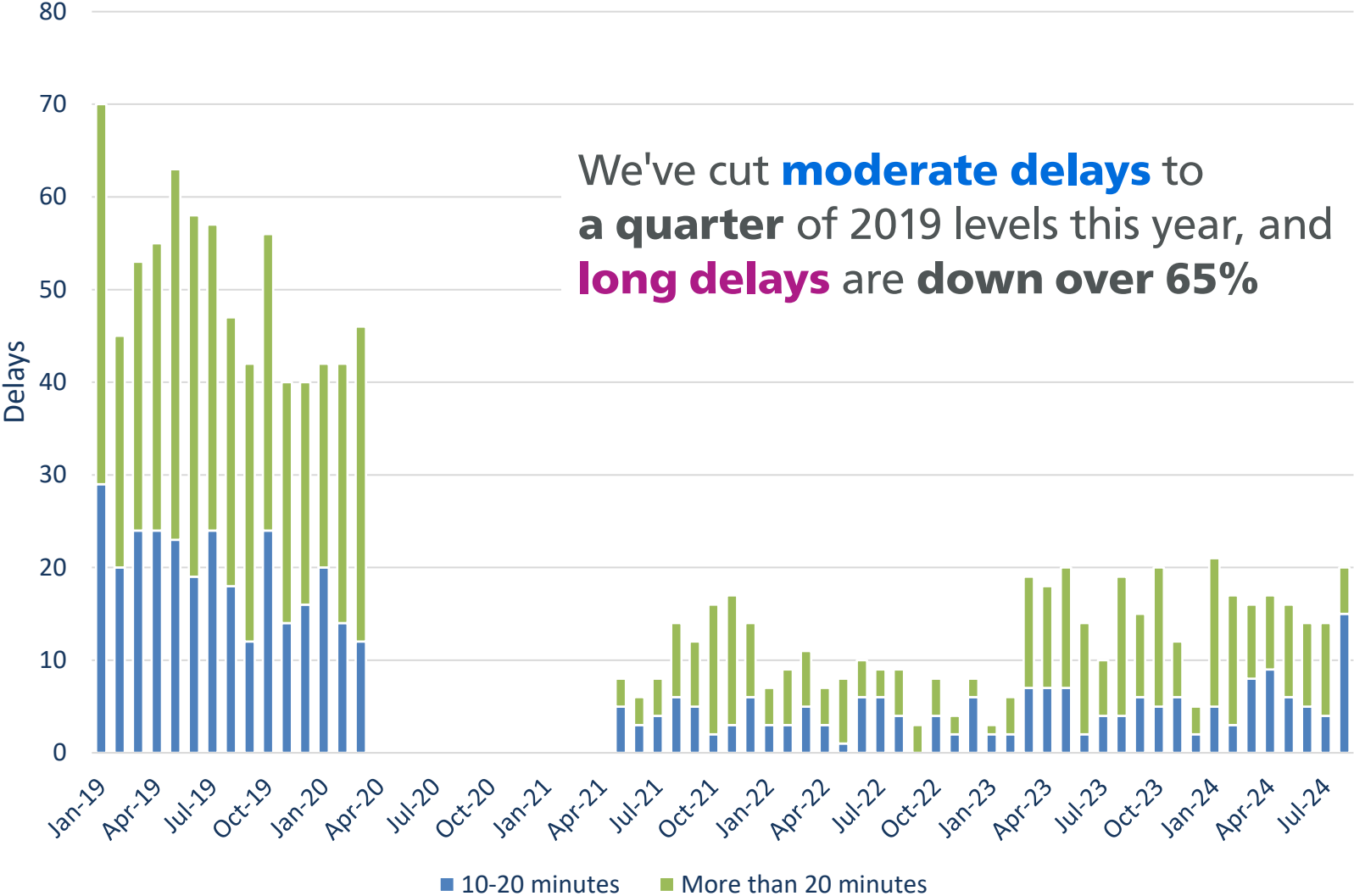
A blue-tinted photograph of a San Bruno Rapid bus at a station. The bus is white with a blue stripe and has the number 8801 on its front. The destination sign above the windshield reads "9R SAN BRUNO RAPID Downtown". A person with a backpack is boarding the bus, while others are walking on the sidewalk. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

# Appendix

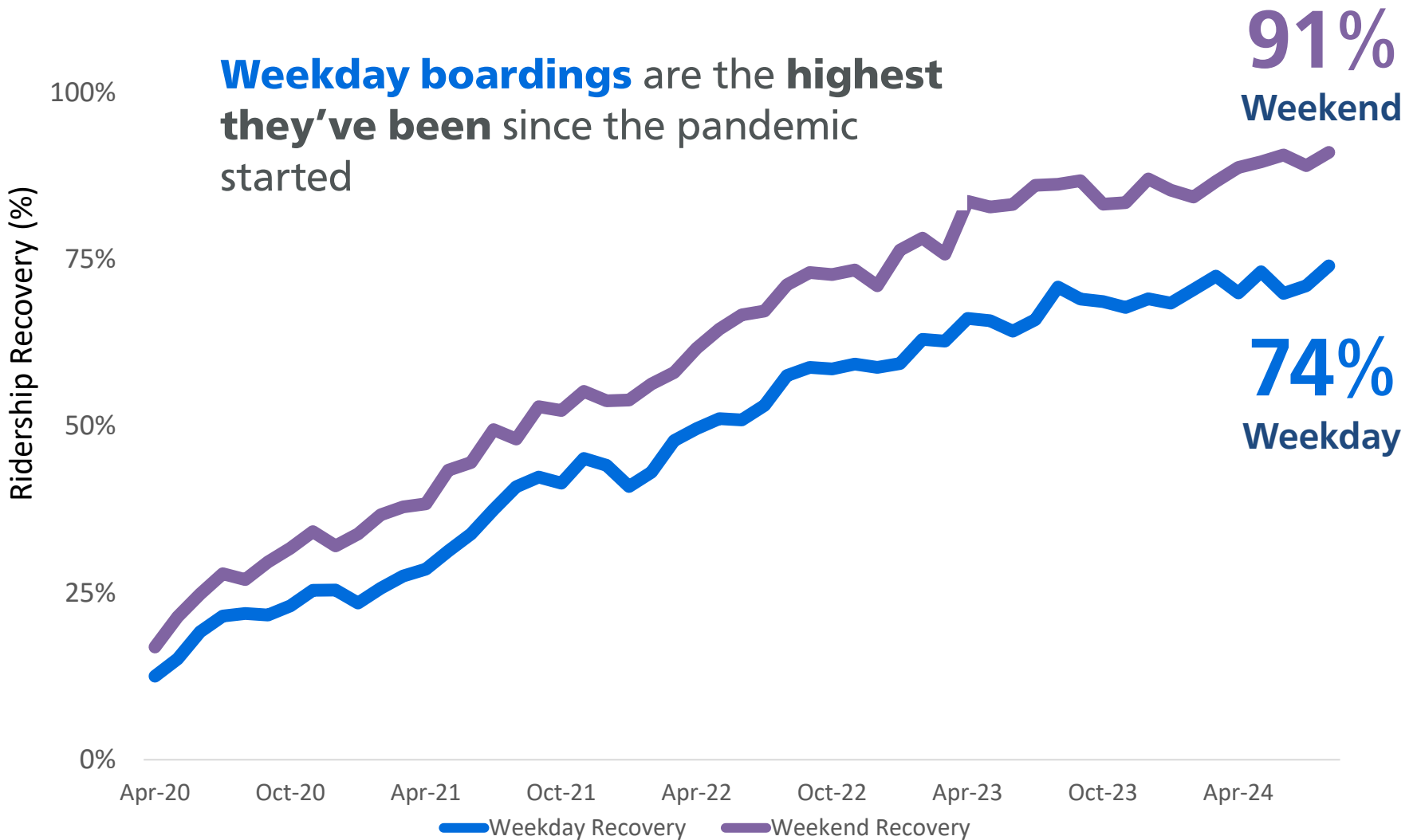
# Bus Reliability Improvements



# Market Street Subway Delay Events



# August Weekday and Weekend Recovery



Note: Excludes cable car and streetcar. Recovery baselined against average daily boardings from the same month in calendar year 2019.



# Progress Towards Zero Emissions

## Muni runs greenest fleet of any major city in North America.

**2007:** SFMTA is an early adopter of hybrid buses.

**2017/2018:** Green Zones introduced to 68 buses.

**2018:** CARB adopts the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation calling for full electrification by 2040.

**2022:** First BEB pilot buses enter revenue service.

**2023:** Updated SFMTA's Zero Emission Vehicle Policy to align with the ICT regulation, allowing for the procurement of all zero-emission technologies.



**Reliable transit** is the best way to reduce vehicle emissions

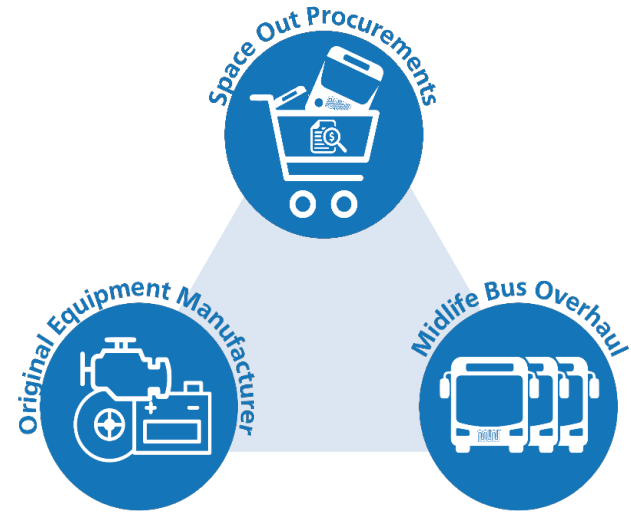
Low carbon modes need to be the preferred ways to get around

And our fleet management program is critical to Muni reliability



# Fleet Management Transformation

- Maintain consistent fleet average age and state of good repair
- Performance-based procurements
- Uphold robust maintenance standards and midlife investments
- Proactive maintenance: using data to fix things before they break



# Battery Electric Bus Pilot Program

- Goal: Evaluate state of battery electric bus technology.
- Launched in 2019, procured three 40-ft battery electric buses each from four suppliers
- Participants: New Flyer, BYD, Proterra, and Nova Bus



**NEW FLYER**



**BYD AUTO**



**PROTERRA**

**NOVA BUS**

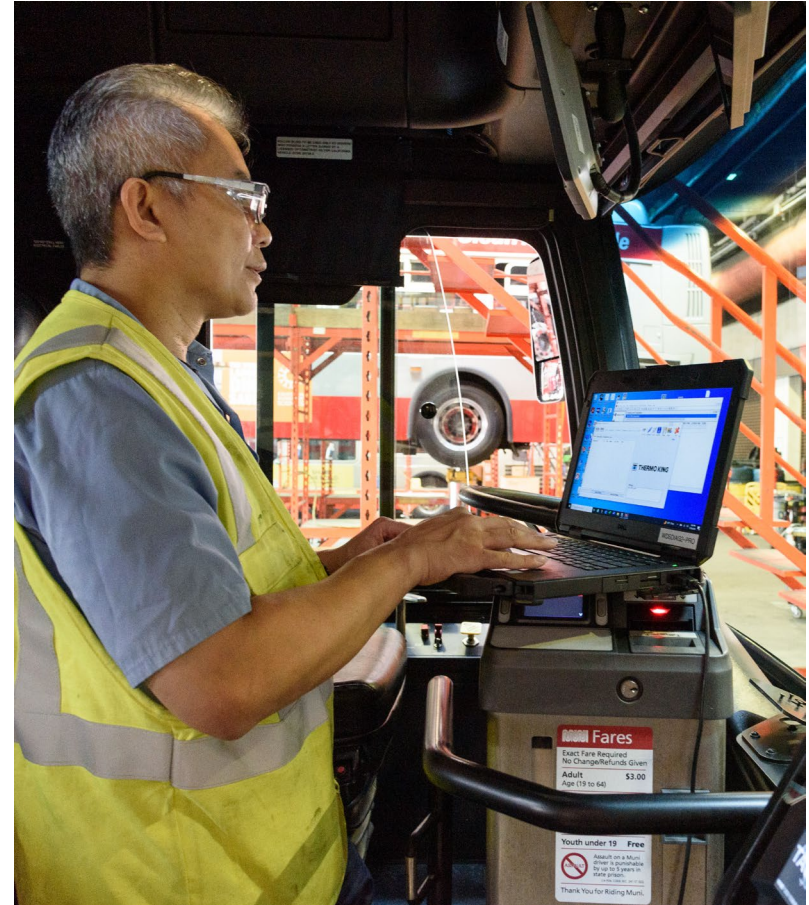




# Lessons Learned

## Challenges with New Technology

- BEB technology is rapidly evolving
- BEBs can navigate San Francisco's operating environment
- Reliability is not comparable to existing buses but will improve over time



# Lessons Learned

## Facility Upgrades

- Facility upgrades more complex than vehicle procurements due to cost, regulatory complexity, and coordination with utilities
- Alignment between Building Progress and Fleet Plan critical and captured in updated Facility Framework
- Large costs (over \$2B) associated with electrification represent greatest risk to the program



# Next Steps – Battery Electric Buses



Facility Grant enables purchasing of 18 new battery electric buses:

- 12 40ft buses
- 6 60ft buses (first test of articulated buses in SF)

Additional battery electric bus expansions will be linked to future facility upgrades



# Next Steps - Trolleybuses



Trolleys are an important part of SFMTA's zero-emissions program

In Motion Charging trolleys are promising because they can operate off wire for long distances –pilot underway



The SFMTA working to maintain trolleybuses in North America

- Formed consortium of North American trolley bus operators
- Chair of UITP Trolley Committee



# Next Steps - Hybrids



Requesting approval of contract with New Flyer to build 94 hybrid electric buses

Facilities Framework identifies need to purchase mix of low and zero emission buses through 2031



# Background

2013

We purchased 40-ft hybrid electric coaches which will soon reach the end of their 12-year useful life

2015

FTA allows transit agencies to use pre-negotiated cooperative purchasing agreements issued by State governments

2021

Washing State awards a State Cooperative Purchasing contract to New Flyer that includes 40-ft hybrid buses

2023

Revised Zero Emission Vehicle Policy allows for continued procurement of hybrid and trolley buses as part of the Zero Emission Rollout Plan

# Project Budget

New Flyer Contract	Cost
94 40-ft Low Floor Hybrid Electric Coaches & Telematic License	\$111,751,397.62
Spare Parts	\$3,000,000.00
Training & Training Kits	\$1,000,000.00
Allowance for regulatory mandated changes, passenger enhancements, and other modifications	\$1,000,000.00
Special Tools	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Contract Total</b>	<b>\$117,751,397.62</b>
Other Associated Costs	Cost
Tax (8.625%)	\$10,156,058.04
Project support (SFMTA staff, other direct cost)	\$5,096,868.00
Consultant support and vehicle inspection at plant	\$598,849.00
Contingency	\$13,820,087.34
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$29,671,862.38</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$147,423,260</b>

# Future Fleet Composition

- Battery Electric Buses (BEB)
- Electric Trolley Buses (ETB)
- Hybrid Buses (HB)

