

November 2024 TRAC Notes

- National Price Agreement (Molly McLoughlin)
 - Developing RFP for Dec. 2024 advertisement.
 - Targeting March 2025 conclusion
 - Agencies will be able to order from National Price Agreement or continue to order from WA price agreement
 - Goals are to expand the marketplace for buses to reduce the price and decrease the delivery time.

- Vehicle Procurement Process Update (Shilpa Kulkarni)
 - New process of vehicle acquisition
 - Transit Plus (new consultant) to support the vehicle inspection
 - Add the training sessions notes and recording at the location in COTRAMS to access for reference

- Contracting Update (Audrey Dakan)
 - NOFA
 - Staggered application deadlines tends to be favored by TRAC members
 - Members requested a change to replacement vehicle criteria: eligibility tied to when the replacement vehicle is placed in service (in accordance with FTA's replacement criteria)
 - For some agencies in certain operating environments, some BOCs are not safe/operational beyond their MUL
 - The time from placing an order to receiving a vehicle can take up to 2 years. In that time, significant maintenance or system rebuilds can be required to keep the vehicle safe/operational.

- Bustang Expansion Update/Timeline (Jan Rowe)
 - New buses and
 - DJ (RFTA) expressed excitement for Bustang service increase (**FYI:** at a TPR meeting David was interested in revisiting conversations he (RFTA) was having with CDOT (unspecified) about traffic along I-70 between Rifle/Silt and Glenwood Springs - not sure if anyone has additional conversations on who at CDOT he was have this discussion with)

- Transit Connections Study, Bustang Business and Asset Management Plan (Geoge Gromke / Ben Gellman)
 - Jonathan Flint
 - Asked if DTR is comparing what Bustang in Colorado has accomplished compared to other intercity/interregional services
 - Additionally, what opportunities to increase speed and reliability e.g. bus on shoulder

- Eva Wilson
 - also curious about what opportunities exist for BOS or other network improvements
 - Curious about reservations for Bustang

- Overview of Transit ZEV Roadmap Update (Mike King)
 - Performance parity is as good a metric as cost parity. I.e. Not having to replace one diesel bus with two electric buses
 - Review of what other states are doing around ZEV/ZEV development
 - SWTD model and utility for ZEV study
 - Consideration of hybrid vehicles and whether or not they should be included in the study.

- Passenger Rail Update - (Paul DesRocher)
 - Paul mentioned DTR's new PR AD.
 - Skipped for time

- Legislative Update (Emily Haddaway)
 - Emphasis on budget for the session
 - Funding for Bustang (?)
 - Mode Choice Bi