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Zero-Emission Bus Program Launches with \$130M for Transit, School, and Shuttle Bus Owners in California

Fresno – Today, the first Volkswagen (VW) Environmental Mitigation Trust funding program launched for projects **throughout California**. The Zero-Emission Transit, School, and Shuttle Bus program provides \$130 million to replace internal combustion engine transit, school, and shuttle buses with zero-emission vehicles and helps early adoption of new technologies in heavy-duty applications that reduce NO_x, diesel particulate matter, and other harmful emissions affecting children, the elderly, and other priority populations.

California will provide funding to bus owners in two installments of \$65 million each, available two years apart. The first installment provides up to \$400,000 for a new zero-emission bus. California expects to fund about 425 Class 4 through 8 zero-emission buses. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will administer the funding statewide with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) providing program and fiscal oversight.

A complete listing of program requirements for Zero-Emission Transit, School, and Shuttle Buses can be found at <http://vwbusmoney.valleyair.org/> or by calling program staff (toll-free) at **1-833-BUS-MONEY**.

The Zero-Emission Transit, School, and Shuttle Bus program is part of the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust, a nationwide program that provides \$423 million for California to fully mitigate the excess nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions caused by VW's use of illegal emissions testing defeat devices in VW diesel vehicles. California's funding will support advanced technology vehicle and equipment deployments and accelerate the zero-emission transformation of the heavy-duty fleet. More than 50 percent of the total project funds are expected to benefit disadvantaged or low-income communities.

The remaining VW Mitigation Trust project categories will support the statewide replacement of on-road freight trucks, forklifts, port cargo handling equipment, commercial marine vessels, and freight switcher locomotives, as well as the installation of light-duty zero-emission vehicle infrastructure. The following list details the project categories and the agencies assigned to administer the funds on behalf of CARB:

- **Combustion Freight & Marine Projects**, administered statewide by South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)
 - Low NO_x Class 7-8 freight trucks (including waste haulers, dump trucks, and concrete mixers) or engine repowers
 - Tier 4 freight switcher locomotives or engine repowers
 - Tier 4 or hybrid ferry, tugboat, and towboat repowers

- **Zero-Emission Class 8 Freight & Port Drayage Trucks**, administered statewide by South Coast AQMD
- **Zero-Emission Freight & Marine Projects**, administered statewide by Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
 - Heavy-lift forklifts and port cargo handling equipment
 - Airport ground support equipment
 - Oceangoing vessel shore power
 - Ferry, tugboat, and towboat zero-emission repowers
- **Light-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure**, administered statewide by BAAQMD

For more information on the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust or the remaining project categories, visit ww2.arb.ca.gov/vwmitigationtrust.