



WEST COAST COLLABORATIVE

A public-private partnership to reduce diesel emissions

The goal of the Collaborative is to leverage significant federal funds to reduce emissions from the most polluting diesel sources in the most affected communities. The Collaborative seeks to significantly improve air quality and public health by targeting the highest polluting engines with the most cost effective control strategies.

Nevada School Bus Replacement Program

The West Coast Collaborative funded the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection \$1,730,000, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, in April 2009, to replace approximately 17 school buses in the State of Nevada.

What is the Project?

The program will focus on replacing the oldest, highest emission school buses operated by the 17 school districts in Nevada that have not been retrofitted under the School Bus Retrofit initiative or other local retrofit program because of their age or the poor condition of their engines made them ineligible for retrofitting. The target model year buses are those that are model year 1991 and older. Fleets will be limited to one replacement bus each until each participating fleet has received one replacement. It is likely that each district would receive at least one replacement bus.

Why is this project important?

The School Bus Replacement program will serve as a complement to the existing School Bus Retrofit Initiative (DERA 2008), and has 2

fundamental goals: 1) to reduce the exposure of school-age children to particulate matter and other harmful components of diesel exhaust emissions from school buses, and 2) to reduce particulate matter emissions to help improve and maintain air quality in communities across Nevada.

What are the estimated environmental/economic benefits?

Coming Soon.

What is the Collaborative?

The West Coast Collaborative is an ambitious partnership between leaders from federal, state, and local government, the private sector, and environmental groups committed to reducing diesel emissions along the West Coast. Partners come from all over Western North America, including California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico. The Collaborative is part of the National Clean Diesel Campaign (www.epa.gov/cleandiesel).

How can I find out more about the Collaborative?

For more information, on the West Coast Collaborative, please visit our website at www.westcoastcollaborative.org. For more information about this project or about the Public Fleets Sector in general, please contact Grace Cheng: cheng.grace@epa.gov