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San Joaquin RTD receives FTA funding for Electric Buses

(Stockton, CA) – On February 5, the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) announced that San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) was awarded a \$4.7 million competitive grant to fund the expansion of its electric bus fleet. RTD is one of ten agencies that will receive a share of \$55 million in funding through FTA's Low and No Emission Vehicle Deployment (LoNo) Program. RTD's grant award will fund the purchase of five 40-foot Proterra Catalyst™ battery-electric buses and an additional Proterra fast-charging station. RTD anticipates the charging station installation and bus delivery by the summer of 2016.

RTD launched its electric bus demonstration program in 2013 with the deployment of two fast-charge zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) Proterra buses through a \$2.56 million grant from the California Energy Commission. RTD was the first transit agency in Northern California, and only the fourth in the nation, to operate fully-electric buses.

The 40-foot long buses are made of lightweight composite materials and are powered with state of the art battery technology. As a result, the buses have zero emissions, run virtually silent, and are 500 percent more fuel efficient than diesel buses, saving almost 520,000 gallons of diesel fuel in the lifetime of the vehicle. The buses' fuel savings and increased capacity reinforce RTD's commitment to operational efficiency.

The LoNo program is newly established under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, and focuses on deploying the cleanest and most energy-efficient transit buses manufactured in the U.S. Like the current 35-foot electric buses, the new buses will charge in less than 10 minutes and will serve the community with clean electric-powered bus service.

Donna DeMartino, General Manager/CEO at RTD says, "We are proud to be a part of the national efforts to provide environmentally friendly and sustainable transportation delivery options through our electric bus demonstration project right here in Stockton, CA. This project is consistent with RTD's core values and strategic initiatives and is another positive example of how RTD leverages new technology to protect the environment and save costs at the same time."

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