



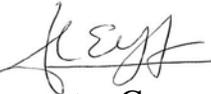
Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Audit Announcement —
FTA's Efforts To Identify and Deploy Low or No
Emission Buses and Other Transit-Focused
Technologies
Federal Transit Administration
Project Number 14M3003M000

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Reply to
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To: Federal Transit Administrator

In January 2014, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of \$24.9 million for the deployment of low or no emission buses and other transit-focused technologies. This new program—called the Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Program (LoNo Program)—is intended to encourage more widespread adoption of reliable “green energy” buses by State and local transit agencies. FTA is responsible for identifying low or no emission bus technologies, promoting their use by State and local transit agencies, and deploying those buses (and other transit focused technologies).

In response to a congressional directive accompanying the fiscal year 2014 appropriations act,¹ the Office of Inspector General is initiating this audit to solicit stakeholders' views on opportunities for FTA to improve its identification, promotion, and deployment of low or no emission buses and other transit-focused technologies.

We plan to begin the audit this month and will coordinate with your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at DOT Headquarters and other related sites as needed. If I can answer any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-5630 or Wendy Harris, Program Director, at (202) 366-2794.

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¹ Pub. L. 113-76.