

# **Barbados Transport Board E-Bus Project**



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## Summary of Project



- Biggest Public Transit Electric Bus Project in Caribbean
- 33 x BYD K8 Electric Buses (+ 2 Buses from MEWR Smart Energy Fund)
- 3 x Electric Depots
  - o 18 Buses
  - o 10 Buses
  - 5 Buses (+ 2 buses)
- Driving Range: ≈ 240 km (with AC)
- Charging Philosophy
  - o Overnight Charging Only
  - No Opportunity Charging
  - Power Capacity to charge 50% of buses at each depot simultaneously
  - $\circ$  80 KW chargers per bus (≈ 3 hours for a full charge)
- Electronic Load Management System
- Fleet Management and Monitoring
- Electric Vehicle Training
- Solar PV



# Proposed E-bus Charging Profile



High Demand, Low Load Factor Energy Consumption!!

Sum of Weymouth Load (MW) Sum of Mangrove (MW) Sum of Speightstown (MW) Sum of Overall Load (MW)



Improving the Transport Sector Through Electrifying Public Transportation



#### 1. Reduced Operational Costs

- Fueling Costs
  - \$0.78/km to \$0.96/km in electricity for Electric Buses
  - \$1.41/km to \$1.80/km in Diesel for ICE Buses (very conservative)
  - Savings of \$2M+/year for 33 Buses
- Maintenance Costs
  - Much reduced maintenance costs expected
  - Increased bus availability expected

#### 2. Improved Comfort and Commuter Experience

- Air Conditioning
- USB Charging Ports
- Wi-Fi
- Wheel Chair Access Ramps
- 3. Improve Environmental Impact
  - Reduction in CO2 and particulate emissions
- 4. Improved Air Quality
- 5. Reduction in Noise



### Leveraging Technology to Improve Transportation Planning and Operation



#### 1. Load Management and "Smart Charging"

- Fully maximize the variation in costs of electricity at different times of the day
  - i.e. Charging during off-peak period and maximizing lower electricity rates
- Further optimize and reduce charging costs by managing the number of buses simultaneously charging and hence Demand Charges

#### 2. Investment in Solar PV to further offset expenses

- Transit Authorities can invest in renewable energy to further offset their fueling costs

#### 3. Fleet Management and Tracking

- Understanding how driver styles, routes, passenger loading, environmental conditions and other variables affect your costs for providing transportation service
- With the additional data you can effectively plan how you dispatch buses for continuous improvement