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Which fuel?

- ▶ What is your ideal vehicle – what fuel options are available for that?
 - ▶ Fleet Size? Replacement frequency?
 - ▶ Your service area – long distance? Local?
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Which Fuel (cont.)

- ▶ If no local infrastructure, can you fuel on your site once per day – is this possible? \$\$\$?
 - ▶ Fueling must be accomplished in vehicle off-hours or very quickly
 - ▶ Are there any logistic or legal land mines?
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Our Choice

- ▶ Small fleet
- ▶ Paratransits
- ▶ Small Service area
- ▶ Fueling options



Where to fuel?

- ▶ INDOT 2013–2016
- ▶ New Station 2016



Servicing the Vehicles

Where to service vehicles?

- In-house
- Dealer
- Local shop



Convincing the Boss



4 years – problems?

- ▶ One time, fitting popped off in engine
 - Towed in. (Inexperience)
 - Fix – reattach hose, start engine (purge as part of sequence)
- ▶ Multiple times, vehicle hesitation, stalls
 - Computer issue for some – Roush is great, Ford works with then
 - Pump/ filter issue (learning experience)
 - Required draining tank to fix, kind of a pain
- ▶ One time, ran out of fuel in vehicle
 - Bad Gauge
 - Towed (late) – could have gotten supplier to fill during work day
- ▶ Supplier issue for propane in first winter
 - INDOT let me have the fuel
 - New supplier is Co-Alliance

My suppliers

Superior Energy Systems



TransPorte All-Propane Fleet

