

# 2020 Webinar Series

Hosted by South Shore Clean Cities

**Propane School Bus Success Stories**  
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# AmeriGas Autogas and The Messy Middle

Chris Ransom – National Autogas Manager

# AutoGas = Propane

- American Made
- Readily available
- Best TCO of any Alt Fuel
- Environmentally Friendly
- Powers >500,000 vehicles in the US and growing



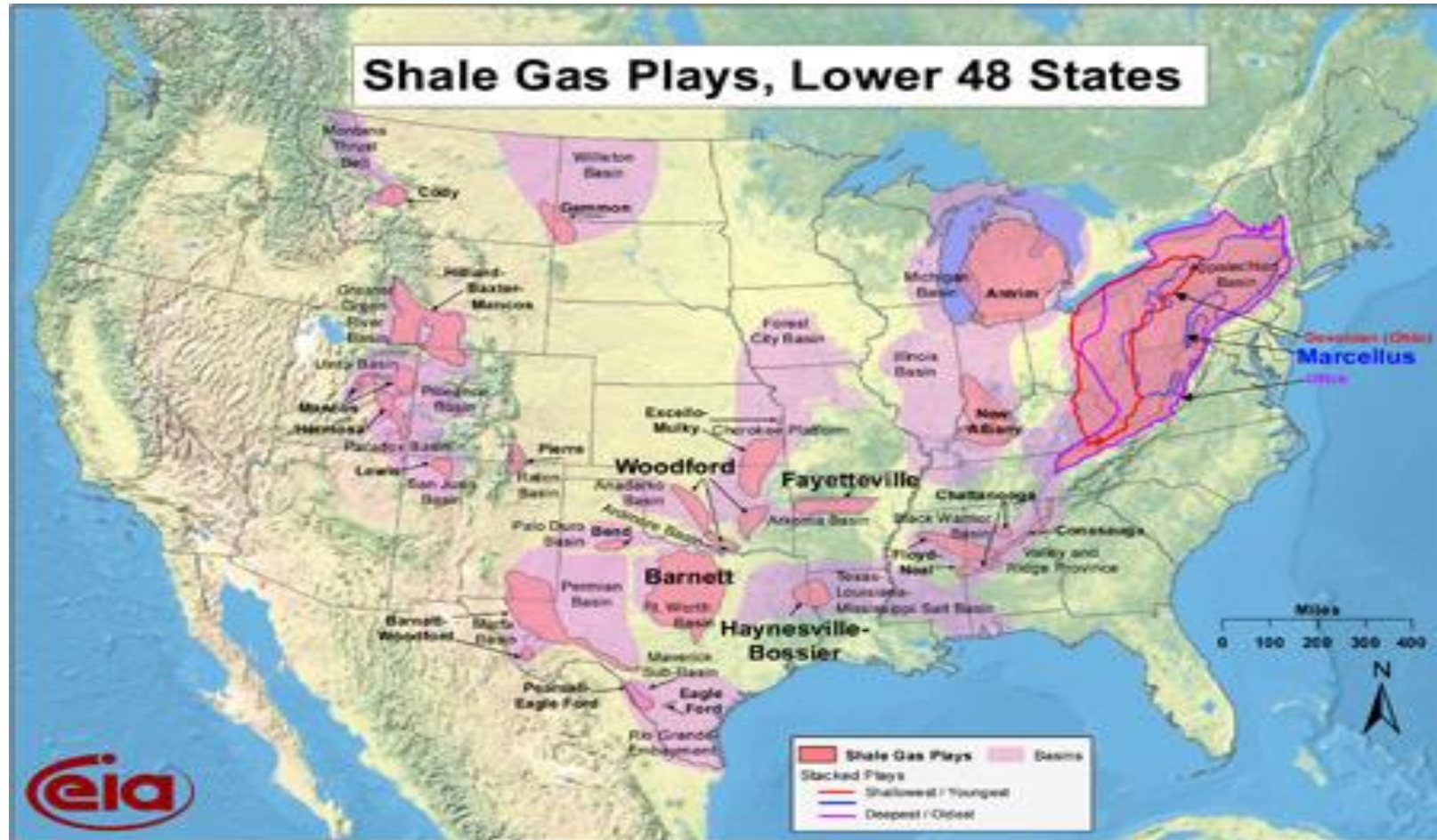
# WSJ 6 December 2018

- **U.S. Becomes Net Exporter of Oil, Fuels for First Time since 1973**

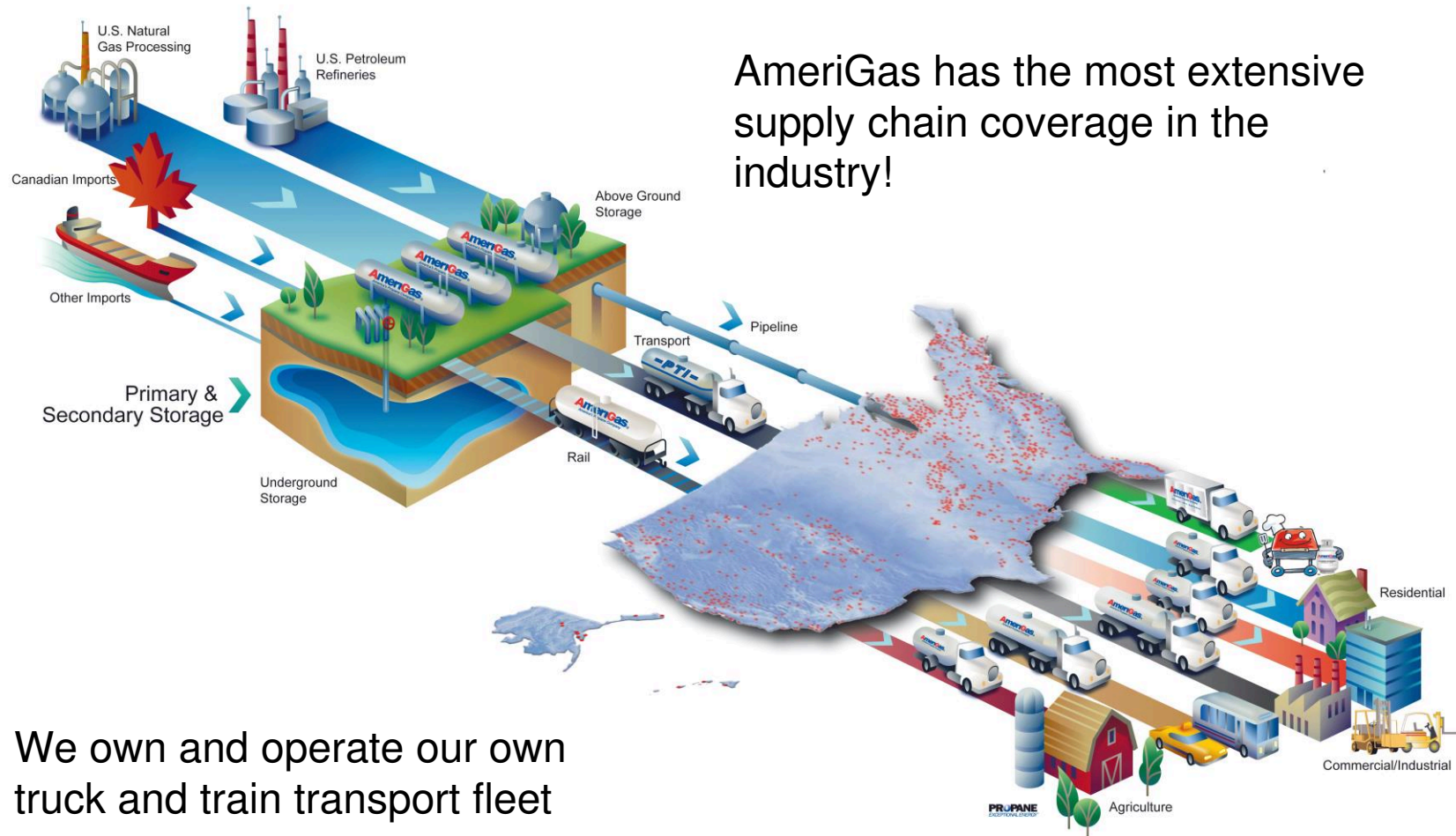
**Boom propels U.S. to symbolic milestone of 'energy independence'**



# American Made!



# Unmatched Supply Chain

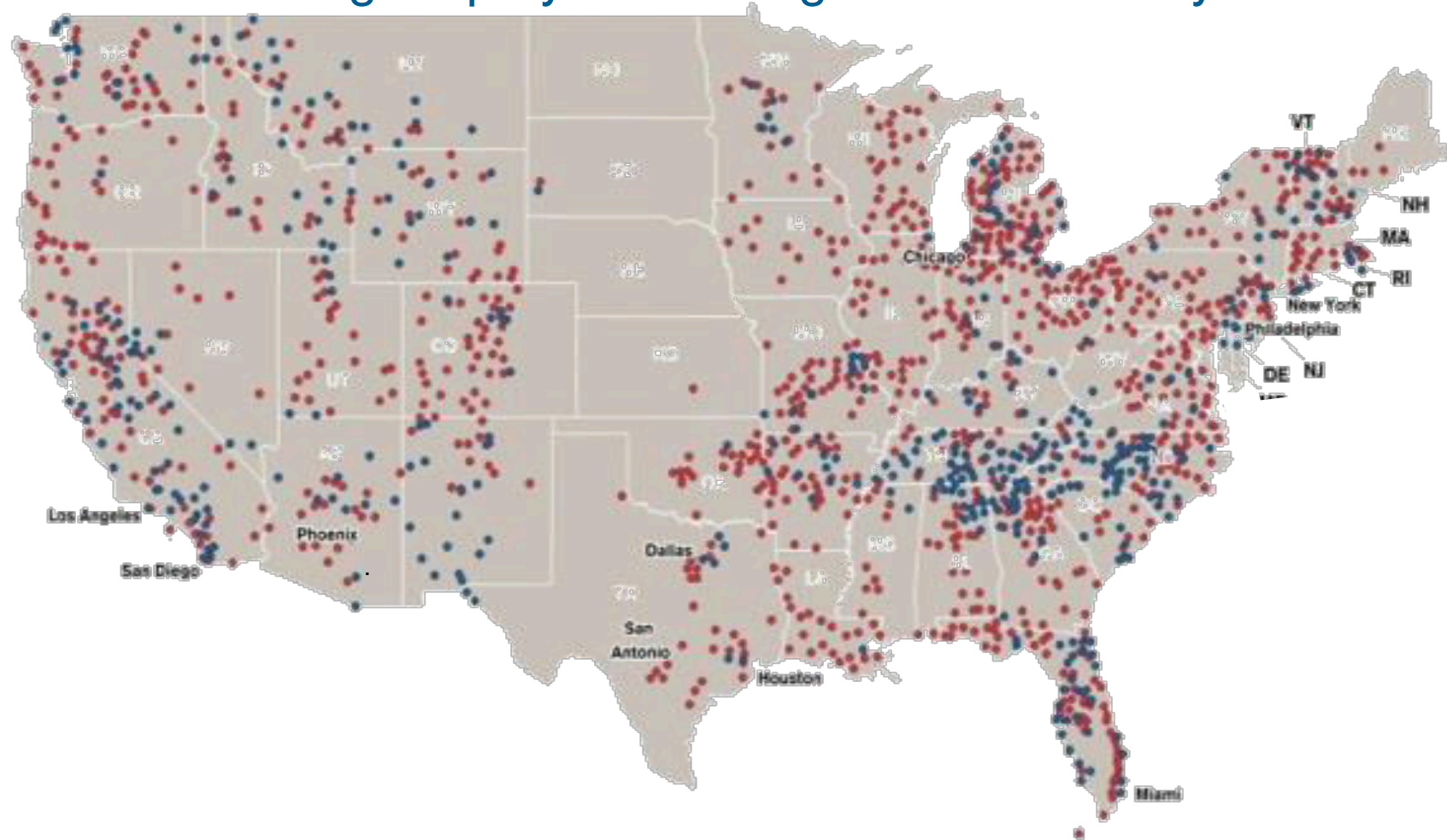


We own and operate our own truck and train transport fleet



# Unmatched Nationwide Footprint

## Largest player in a fragmented industry



# TCO: Winner!

FUEL						
Annual Miles per Bus	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	Propane Fuel Price \$1.25	
Years Operated	15	15	15	15	Diesel Fuel Price \$2.95	
Total Miles Lifetime Miles per Bus	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	Gasoline Fuel Price \$2.35	
Fuel Economy (mpg)	7.00	4.50	5.75	5.75	GGE Fuel Price CNG \$2.05	
Gallons Used Annually per Bus	2,142.00	3,333	2,608	2,608	Propane MPG 4.50	
Gallons Used Total per Bus	32,142.00	50,000	39,130	39,130	Diesel MPG 7.00	
Fuel Price / Gallon	\$2.95	\$1.25	\$2.35	\$2.05	Gasoline MPG 5.75	
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE					CNG MP GGE 5.75	
Oil Interval	7,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	Years Operated 15	
Oil Capacity (Quarts)	21	7	7	7	Annual Miles per Year per Bus 15,000	
Oil Filter Cost	\$9.36	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00		
Oil Cost Per Quart	\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.55		
Cost Per Oil Change	\$62.91	\$22	\$22	\$22		
Lifetime Oil Change Total Cost	\$2,022.11	\$983.25	\$983.25	\$983.25		
Lifetime DEF Gallons	1,124.97	0	0	0		
DEF Cost per Gallon	\$1.89					
DEF Total Cost Over Lifetime	\$2,126.19					
Fuel Filter Change Interval	15,000	50,000	15,000	5,000		
Fuel Filter Cost	\$12.99	\$43	\$15	\$150		
Total Filter Changes	15	4	15	45		
Fuel Fiter Cost Lifetime	\$194.85	\$172	\$225	\$6,750		
ACQUISITION COST						
Incremental Acquisition Cost	\$0.00	\$7,000	-\$2,500	\$25,000		
Vehicle Rebate per Unit			\$0.00	\$0.00		
TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP						
	Diesel	Blue Bird Propane	Blue Bird Gasoline	Blue Bird C-CNG		
Lifetime Operational Cost/Bus	\$99,162.05	\$70,655.25	\$90,663.75	\$112,949.75		
Lifetime Savings/Bus		\$28,506.80	\$8,498.30	-\$13,787.70		
Cost per Mile to Operate	\$0.44	\$0.28	\$0.41	\$0.39		



# Environmental Benefits

- Propane poses no harm to groundwater, surface water, or soil
- Propane autogas is a nontoxic, non-carcinogenic, and non-corrosive fuel
- 75% less NOx emissions
- Low Carbon Intensity



# Autogas Equipment

- **Autogas station installed on-site at fleet base**
- **Spill-free dispenser**
- **Fully scalable to serve fleets of all sizes**
- **Works well with fuel management systems**
- **All necessary training for fleet personnel**

# Dispensing Options





# Alternative Fuels – Best Fit

Fuel Type	Vehicle Cost	OEM Class 7 Availability	OEM Class 5 Availability	Fuel CPG	Infrastructure	PM & NOx
Diesel	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Electric	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
CNG	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Propane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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**THANK YOU!**



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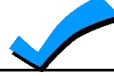


















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# Your Fuel Options



					
Ease of Adoption					
Energy Independence					
NOx Emissions					
Fuel Infrastructure					
Cost of Ownership					
Range					
Maintenance					
Scalable					
Cold Weather Operation					

# Blue Bird Propane History



- ✓ Propane is a by-product of natural gas and petroleum, occurring naturally during domestic oil refining and natural gas processing.
- ✓ 97% Produced in North America

- **GEN 1** – Launched in 1992 - Vapor System
- **GEN 2** – Launched in 2007 - First liquid injection system with the PTI /CleanFuel GM8.1L /
- **GEN 3** – Launched in 2011 - Ford / ROUSH CleanTech
- **GEN 4** – Launched in 2016 - Our current Ford / ROUSH CleanTech system

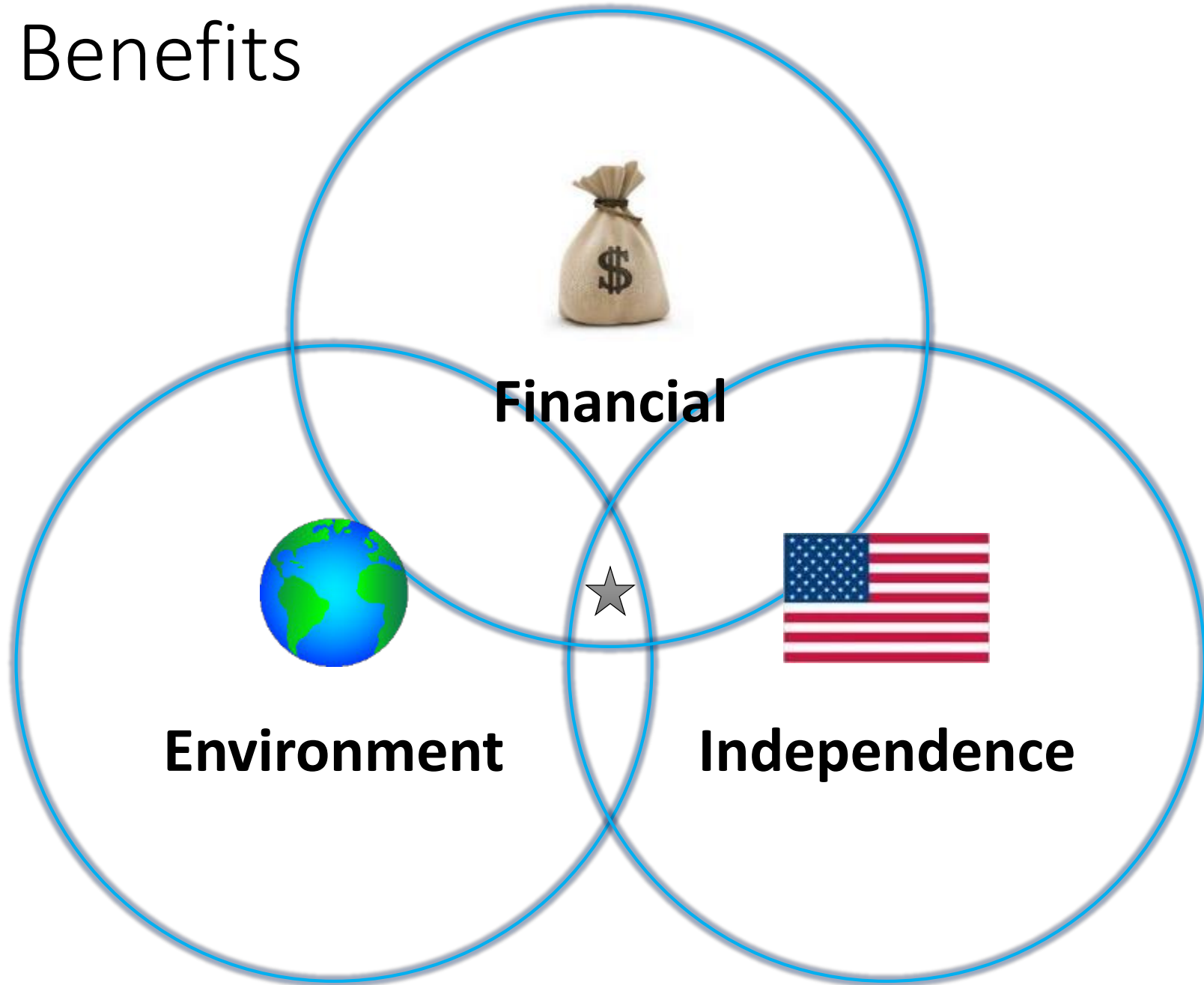
Exclusive Partnership till 2025

We listened to the customers and made considerable improvements regarding maintenance accessibility, performance and emissions



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# Propane Benefits





# Emissions – Optional Low NOX Advantage



	NMHC	NOX	CO	PM	HCHO
Standard	0.14	0.2	14.4	0.01	0.01
LPG - Blue Bird	0.07	0.05	2.2	0	0
LPG - Thomas	0.1406	0.1599	5.392	0.0013	0.00154
LPG - IC	0.08	0.1	5.6		0.004
CNG - IC	0.027	0.102	5.6	0	0.00106
CNG/LNG	0.1	0.1	7.8	0	
Diesel - ISB	0.02	0.19	0.1	0	
Diesel - ISL	0.01	0.2	0.1	0	
Diesel - MF7	0.085	0.495	3.247	0.006	
Diesel - DTE	0.016	0.386	6.069	0.0016	

Definitions:

- NMHC – Non Methane Hydrocarbons
- NO<sub>x</sub> – Nitrogen Oxide
- CO – Carbon Monoxide
- PM – Particulate Matter
- HCHO - Formaldehyde



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**Ford, as OEM, meets or exceeds gov't emission requirements**

# Why Propane?



## COST SAVINGS



DISTRICTS REPORT  
SAVINGS OF UP TO  
**.37¢**  
PER MILE

## COLD STARTS



STARTS IN  
TEMPERATURES  
AS LOW AS

**-40°F**

## NOISE REDUCTION

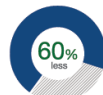


UP TO  
**40%**  
QUIETER

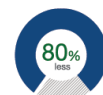
## LOWEST EMISSIONS



Particulate Matter



Nitrogen Oxide



Hydrocarbons

**INCREDIBLY  
REDUCED  
EMISSIONS**



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\*than a typical fuel tank



## Ease of Converting Fleet

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OVER  
**22,000**  
ALT FUEL  
SCHOOL  
BUSES



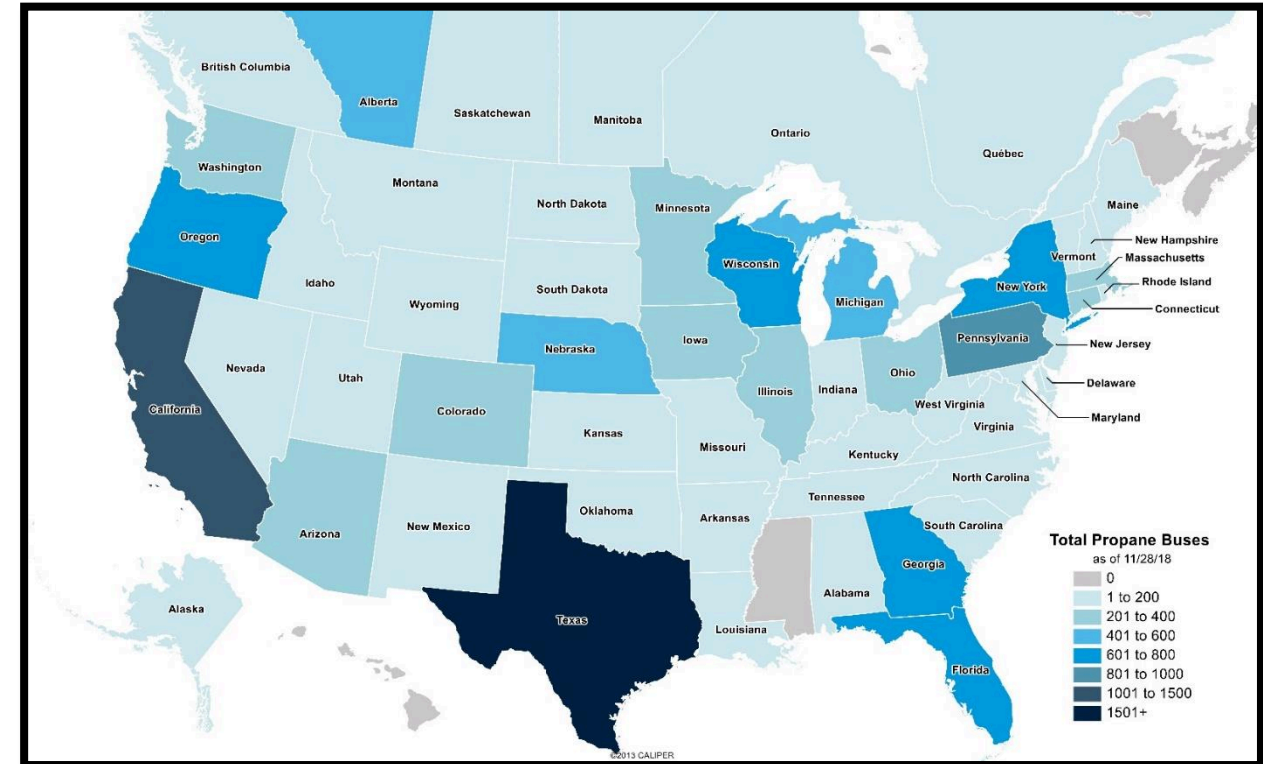
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**900**  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS



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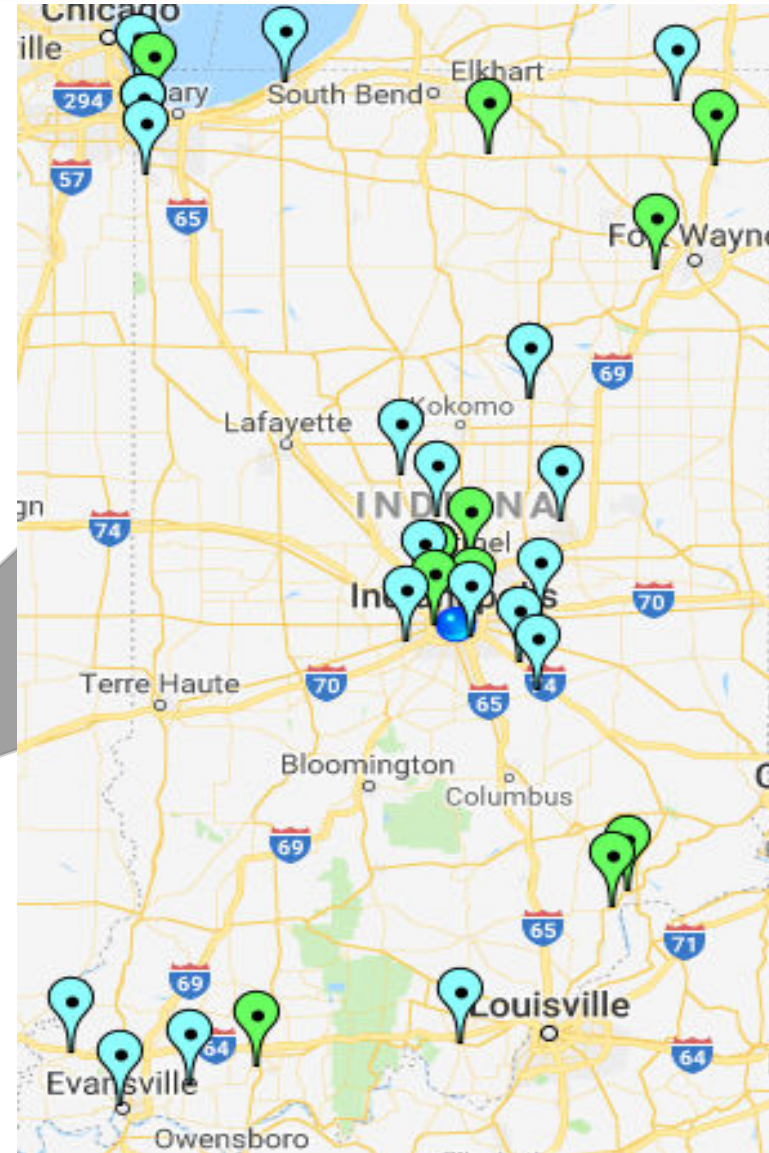
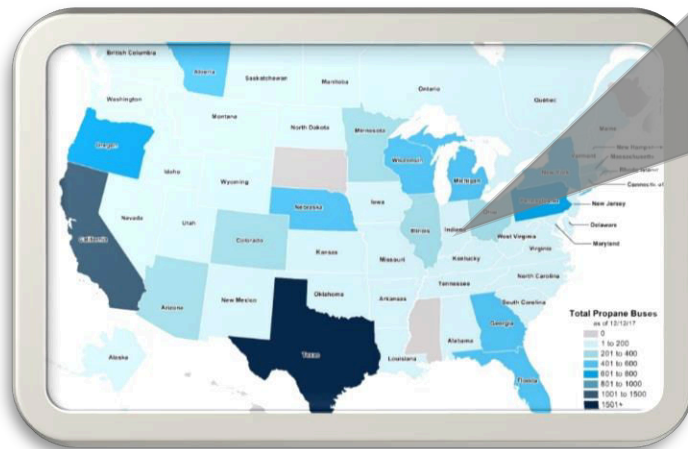


- Over 18,300 propane school buses are on the road
- Carrying approximately 1,118,700 students/day
- In the fleets of approximately 930 school districts, private schools, and bus contractors



Based on IHS-Polk data for new vehicle registrations through June 2019 and Vehicles in Operation registrations through Dec. 2018. There are no registered Type D propane school buses from January 2012 through June 2019 in IHS's new vehicle registration database. Additional buses based on manufacturer information and other publicly available information, which includes buses ordered and/or delivered but not yet registered and buses sold before 2012 which did not include propane fuel type in their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and sales data from other public sources. Ridership based on approximately 62 students per Type C bus and 14 students per Type A bus. Double routing and use for extracurricular activities can increase ridership.

# Ford/ROUSH Indiana Deployments





# Indiana Propane School Bus Deployments

**272**  
SCHOOL  
BUSES as of  
6/29



OVER  
**20**  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS

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## Why Convert?

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# Preventative Maintenance



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Ford V10  
Gas and Propane  
7 Quarts



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Various Engines  
Diesel  
17 – 30 Quarts





# Preventative Maintenance



## Ford 6.8L V10

Part	Quantity	Price	Total	Total \$70.94
Element Air Cleaner	1	\$15.75	\$15.75	
Oil Spin On Filter	1	\$4.11	\$4.11	
Element, PSR, 510 Filter	1	\$24.90	\$24.90	
Mobil Special 5W-20	7	\$3.74	\$26.18	

## Cummins ISB 6.7L

Part	Quantity	Price	Total	Total \$277.15
Oil Filter	1	\$13.75	\$13.75	
Fuel Spin-On Filter	1	\$37.90	\$37.90	
Power Steering Spin Filter	1	\$9.86	\$9.86	
Fuel Filter	1	\$20.53	\$20.53	
Allison Control Filter	1	\$8.49	\$8.49	
Mobil Fleet 15W-40	18	\$2.59	\$46.62	
Cleaner, Air Element	1	\$140.00	\$140.00	



# Engine Components: Ford Roush



## Ford 6.8L V10

Part	Quantity	Price	Total	Total \$3,348.04
PCV Hoses (2)	1	\$43.68	\$43.68	
Vapor Management Valve	1	\$65.00	\$65.00	
Gasket	1	\$5.99	\$5.99	
Injector Assembly	10	\$215.00	\$2,150.00	
Converter Assembly	1	\$910.00	\$910.00	
Spark Plugs	10	\$7.08	\$70.80	
O2 Sensors (all 3)	1	102.57	\$102.57	

# Engine Components: Diesel



## Cummins ISB 6.7L

Part	Quantity	Price	Total	Total \$21,051.24
NOx Sensor	1	\$480.00	\$480.00	
NOx Sensor	1	\$560.00	\$560.00	
Pressure Sensor	1	\$140.00	\$140.00	
Doser Injector	1	\$290.00	\$290.00	
Catalyst Assembly w/ DPF	1	\$10,554.11	\$10,554.11	
Temperature Sensor	1	\$78.90	\$78.90	
Temperature Sensor	2	\$84.90	\$169.80	
Turbo	1	\$2,731.20	\$2,731.20	
Injector	6	\$755.56	\$4,533.36	
EGR Valve	1	\$590.15	\$590.15	
EGR Cooler	1	\$923.72	\$923.72	

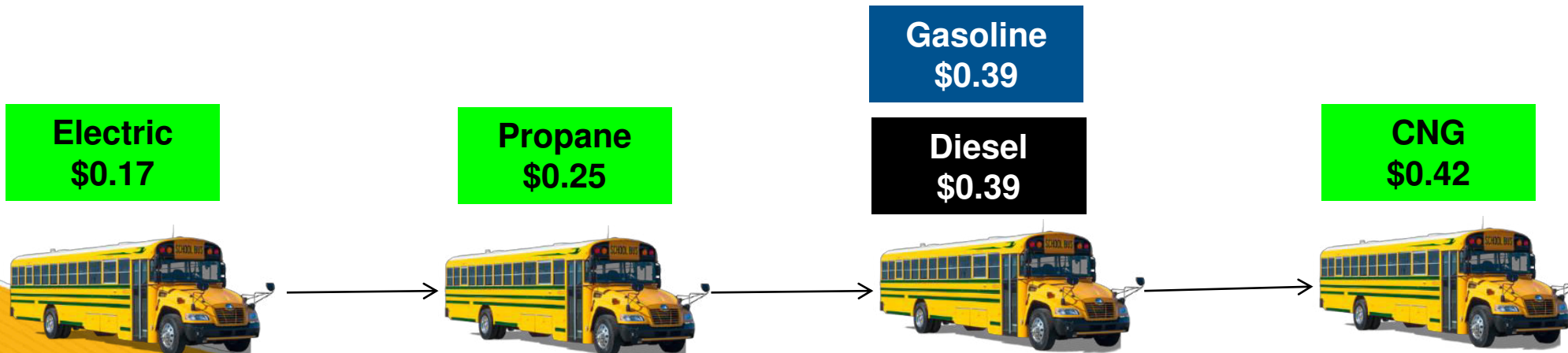
# Cost per Mile to Operate and Total Cost



TCO Inputs (Fuel and Preventative Maintenance Only)		
Fuel	Price / Gallon	MPG
Diesel	\$2.75	7.5
Gasoline	\$2.25	5.85
Propane	\$1.10	4.5
CNG	2.15 (GGE)	5.85
Electric	12.3¢ / kWh	1.4 kWh / mile



ACQUISITION COST					
Acquisition Cost	\$80,000.00	\$85,000	\$78,000	\$115,000	\$300,000
Vehicle Rebate per Unit			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0
TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP					
	Diesel	Propane	Gasoline	CNG	Electric
Lifetime Operational Cost/Bus	\$166,701.46	\$142,039.25	\$165,745.50	\$210,374.40	\$338,745.00
Cost per Mile to Operate	\$0.39	\$0.25	\$0.39	\$0.42	\$0.17





# Questions?

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# Franklin Community Schools

- Located 20 miles south of Indianapolis
- Our district Covers 112 square miles
- 65% of students live within a 3 mile radius
- About 5200 students total, transport approx 3500
- Approx 70 buses and 60 routes
- \$2.7 million transportation budget including wages and benefits
- Put our first 3 propane buses online last school year

# Why the interest in propane ?

- Began looking at all possible money saving alternatives to help with major funding losses brought about by tax caps.
- If propane made sense budgetarily, then it would help with our bus idling policy
- Due to the logistical layout of half of our buildings, vehicle fumes are easily brought into the buildings through fresh air make up units.

# How did we start the journey?

- Started looking at propane buses about 4 years ago
- Asked questions and listened to other corporations in our region that are using propane buses.
- Glean information from their personal experiences, both pro and con with propane.
- Use bus vendors as a resource for information.



# Information to consider

- Fleet size?
- Average miles put on buses over the lifespan of the bus?
- Rural or urban area?
- Does your city have a clean air initiative?
- Infrastructure considerations?

# Cost Analysis

- Do a cost analysis spreadsheet!
- Use your own, current dollar amounts
- Include everything
- Propane bus vendors can assist with providing the document.
- Be realistic about numbers and projections.
- In your presentation, don't base projections off of "best case scenario" figures. Give yourself cushion to meet expected goals.
- Don't use any funding or grants that you haven't secured as this could play into your future plans.

# Actual fuel usage

- Track real propane usage
- Mileage fluctuates due to route makeup, trips and driver habits
- Driver awareness for propane vs diesel
- Utilize your propane buses everywhere you can to maximize savings. Field trips, etc.. If you have a bus on the road, use the propane if possible.

# Where we go from here

- For us, it's easy to show, and now prove, how propane is our best direction given what we currently see.
- Our real world figures are very close to our projections.
- 5 more propane buses will come online in late September
- Utilizing 8 propane buses vs our diesel buses will save us at least two loads of diesel per year (\$25-30k)
- In our given situation, we currently see no reason to go back to diesel powered buses.



# FCS Propane Fueling Station





# About South Shore Clean Cities



# Northern Indiana Green Fleet Program

- SSCC manages the Green Fleet Program
- **Goal of the program:** To improve the environmental performance of public, private and nonprofit vehicle fleets throughout Indiana.
- SSCC currently guides over **150+ member fleets**





# Why Become a Green Fleet Member?

- Educational opportunities
- Recognition & certification
- Branding & promotional tools
- Informational resources
- Connections with vendors
- Funding assistance
- Professional consultation





# Partnerships & Grant Acquisitions



# Questions? Contact Us!



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