



**SALEM AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION AGENDA PACKET**

Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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## AGENDA

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Note of Attendance for a Quorum
- B. Safety Minute – HR & Labor Relations
- C. Announcements | Changes to Agenda

**2. PRESENTATIONS – None**

**3. DISCUSSIONS**

- A. Creating Community Connections
- B. Battery Electric Bus Update ..... 3

**4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

- A. Upcoming Board Agenda Items ..... 12
- B. Board Calendar Review ..... 13

**5. ADJOURN**

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Tom Dietz, Chief Operations Officer  
David Trimble, Deputy General Manager  
**Thru:** Allan Pollock, General Manager  
**Date:** October 9, 2025  
**Subject:** Battery Electric Bus (BEB) Update

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The District has reached the 12-month mark of BEBs in revenue service, and has been taking stock of the Cherriots experience with the BEBs. The team has worked through a number of vehicle issues. These issues were addressed by both Gillig and Cummins. The majority of these issues were software related and other issues were actual mechanical issues.

The largest issue that the team has been struggling with is charging. The InductEV (formerly Momentum Dynamics) on route charging has been a real challenge. The in-ground equipment has failed multiple times, been replaced multiple times, and continues to be unstable. Additionally, the vehicle pickup pads on the bus have been failing at a high rate.

All of this experience has created a revised perspective for the District as we move into the future. The discussion today will certainly inform that direction and, likely, form the fleet make up in the coming years.

The key topics are:

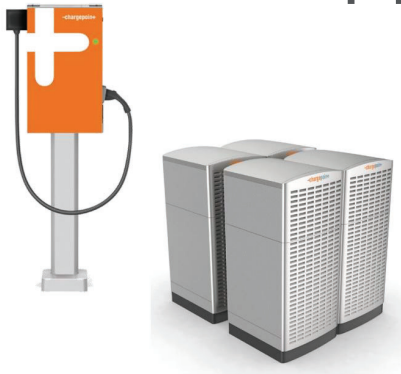
- Zero Emission Transition Plan –
  - 100% zero emissions fleet
  - Hybrid fleet – 50%-50%, 33%-33%-33%
  - Carbon footprint approach – wholistically focused
- Fleet resilience in a localized or regional disaster;
- Long-term livability for our community;

The ultimate question is what level of climate impact does the District commit to? The end result must address more than the next 12 months or 12 years, but decades into the future.

# BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS UPDATE



## Project Recap



- Cherriots partnered with ChargePoint for plug-in charging infrastructure at Del Webb Operations Headquarters

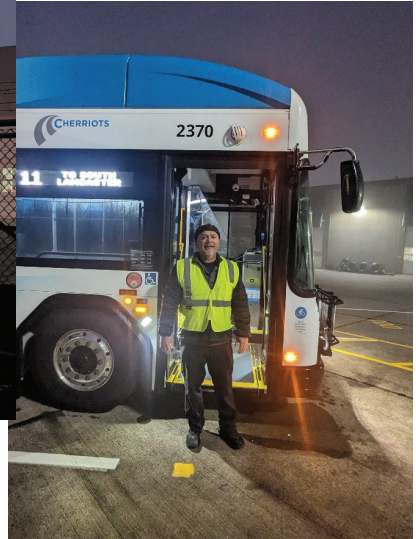
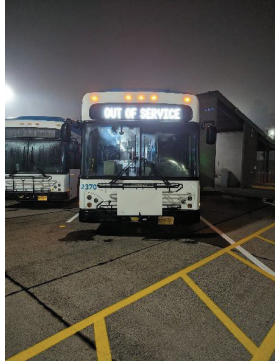


- Cherriots partnered with InductEV (formerly known as Momentum Dynamics) for inductive pick up charging infrastructure at Keizer Transit Center





# First Day of Revenue Service September 26, 2024



## Where are we now?

1. All 10 BEBs are in regular service
2. All BEBs have Avail installed
3. Average daily mileage is 100-110 per bus
4. Depot Charging is working perfectly
5. Inductive charging is not stable
  - Vehicle side – inoperable pads
  - Bay side – parts failures
  - Parts shortages



## What's going on?

- Parts are not available
- Delays in shipping parts
- Less than 50% of vehicle pick up pads are working
- Opportunity charging is not working as designed
- Planning had to re-block Route 11 to bring the BEBs back to Del Webb for mid-day charging (added expense)
- Route 11 now takes 10 BEBs to run the route all day vs. 8 BEBs



# Now what?

12 BEBs in the order queue



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Gillig is currently not offering InductEV product on current or future orders

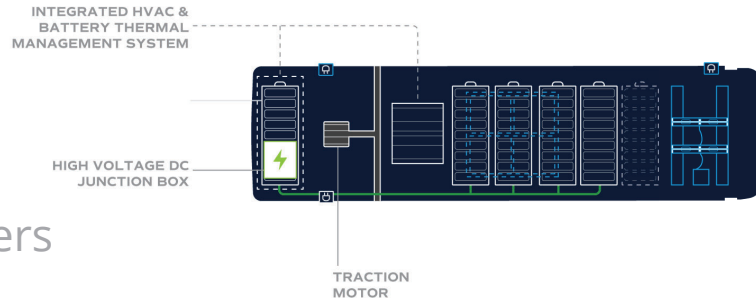


# Now what?

12 BEBs in the order queue

Gillig is no longer offering InductEV product on future orders

Gillig is offering Cherriots the seventh battery pack in lieu of inductive pick up charging



# What does that mean?

Cherriots has three possible paths



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1. Remove InductEV from the next 12 BEBs and add the seventh battery pack = no opportunity charging
2. Apply to convert these BEBs to renewable natural gas (RNG)
3. Cancel the orders



## Pros and Cons Path #1



### Pros

- Would not have charging challenges
- Would have extended range
- Could be placed on any route
- Gives Cherriots more flexibility



### Cons

- No opportunity charging
- Heavier w/ additional pack
- Power usage at KTC would be diminished
- High resilience vulnerability

## Pros and Cons Path #2



### Pros

- Would not have charging challenges
- A bus is a bus
- Could be placed on any route
- Gives Cherriots more flexibility
- Still carbon neutral
- Energy credits



### Cons

- Not zero emissions
- FTA approval needed
- CDS funding loss
- Power usage at KTC would be diminished

## Pros and Cons Path #3



### Pros

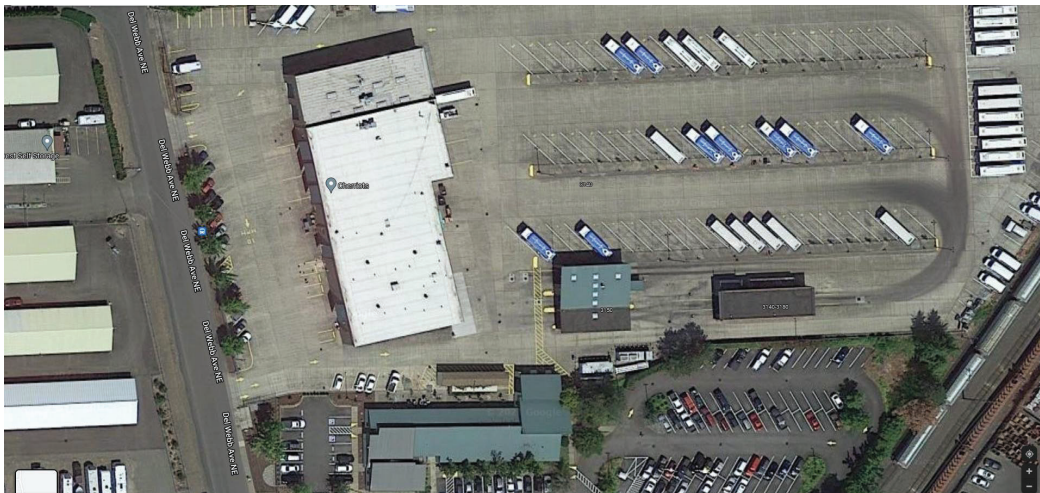
- Would not have charging challenges



### Cons

- Aging buses not replaced
- Diesels would remain
- Give funds back
- Power usage at KTC would be diminished
- Unused charging infrastructure at Del Webb

## What's possible?

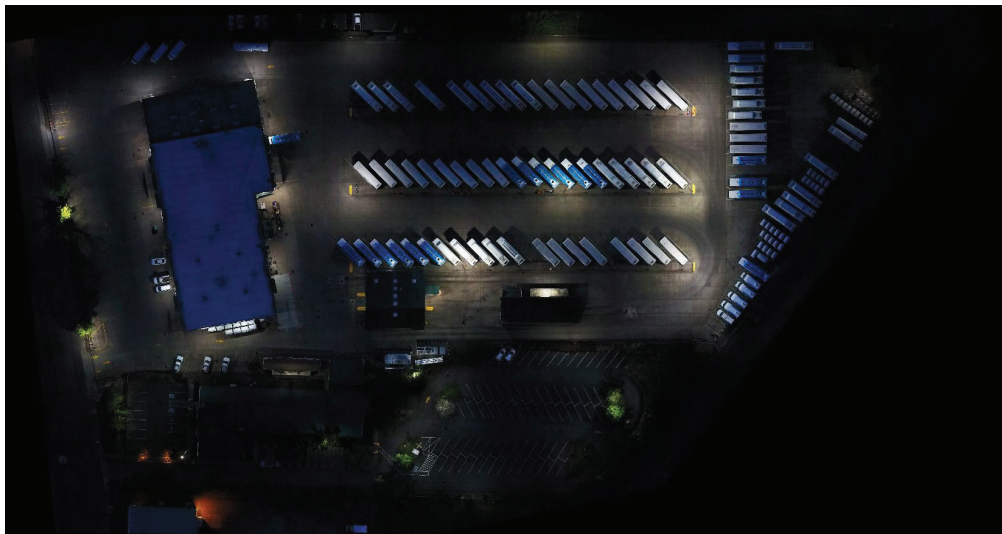


# Proposed Solution

- Leave CDS buses as BEBs with the seventh battery pack
- Apply to convert LoNo 2023 buses to RNG
- Leave SKATS buses as BEBs with the seventh battery pack



# Questions?



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Allan Pollock, General Manager  
**Date:** 10/09/2025  
**Subject:** Upcoming Work Session and Board Meeting Agenda Items

## Upcoming Work Session and Board Agenda Items

AP - Allan Pollock | DT - David Trimble | CC - Cliff Carpentier | DL - Denise LaRue | JR - Jaél Rose | SA - Shofi Azum | TD - Tom Dietz

\* Consent Calendar

To Be Scheduled:			
Board Meeting		Work Session	
Award of Contract for AIP Group 6	SA	Safety & Security   COOP	CC
Award of Contract for DW Fencing	CC	Cybersecurity Assessment	DT
SSTC Land Acquisition	DT	Transportation Options	SA
Award of Contract for Buy America Services	TD	COA	SA
Award of Contract for Transit Operator Uniform Contract	TD	ITS & BEB Dashboard Demonstration	TD   SA

### October 9, 2025

#### Work Session

CCC Discusion	AP   JR
ZEF (Zero-Emission Fleet) Discussion	TD

### Agenda Reports Due September 29 Safety Minute: HR & LABOR RELATIONS

### October 23, 2025

#### Board Meeting

Action Items	
Approval of FY2027 Budget Calendar *	DL
Reappoint Budget Committee Members *	AP   DL
Approval of Surplus Bus Donation	TD
Award of Contract for KTC Entry Gate Construction	DT
Ordinance (1) XX, First Reading	AP
Ordinance (2) XX, First Reading	AP
Award of Contract for EAMS (Software)	TD

### Agenda Reports Due October 9 Safety Minute: HR & LABOR RELATIONS

Informational Items	
Presentations	
GFOA Presentation	DL

### November 13, 2025

#### Work Session

### Agenda Reports Due November 3 Safety Minute: OPERATIONS

### December 11, 2025

#### Board Meeting

Action Items	
CAC Appointments *	TD
CAC Chair   Vice Chair Appointments *	TD
STIFAC Appointments *	SA
STIFAC Chair   Vice Chair Appointments *	SA
Ordinance (1) XX, Second Reading	AP
Ordinance (2) XX, Second Reading	AP

### Agenda Reports Due November 11 Safety Minute: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Informational Items	
Service Change Briefing for January 2025	SA
Q1 Strategic Plan Report	AP
Q1 Performance Report	SA
Q1 Finance Report	DL
Presentations	





# BOARD MEETING MEMO

Agenda Item 4.B

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Allan Pollock, General Manager  
**Date:** October 9, 2025  
**Subject:** Board Calendar

## Board Calendar

### October

	2-4		Latinos in Transit Leadership Summit
F	XX	XX	District Board DEI Subcommittee
Th	9	4:15p	District Board SES Subcommittee
Th	9	5:30p	District Board Work Session
Tu	21	5:30p	Community Advisory Committee
Th	23	5:30p	District Board of Directors Meeting
	26-29		OTA Annual Conference
F	31		Connects Fall Event

### November

Su	2		Fall Back - Daylight Savings Time
Tu	4		General Election Day
Tu	11		<b>Veterans Day</b>   Cherriots Administrative Offices <b>Closed</b>   <b>Saturday-level</b> Bus Service
F	7	9:30a	District Board DEI Subcommittee
Th	13	4:15p	District Board SES Subcommittee
Th	13	5:30p	District Board Work Session
Th	27		<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>   Cherriots Administrative Offices & Customer Service <b>Closed</b>   <b>No</b> Bus Service
F	28		<b>Day After Thanksgiving</b>   Cherriots Administrative Offices & Customer Service <b>Closed</b>   Weekday Bus Service

### December

	XX		Keizer Holiday Lights Parade
F	<b>5</b>	9:30a	District Board DEI Subcommittee
Tu	9	5:30p	Community Advisory Committee
Th	<b>11</b>	4:15p	District Board SES Subcommittee
Th	<b>11</b>	5:30p	District Board of Directors Meeting
Th	25		<b>Christmas Day</b>   Cherriots Administrative Offices & Customer Service