

Battery-Electric Buses Maximization Rather than Optimization

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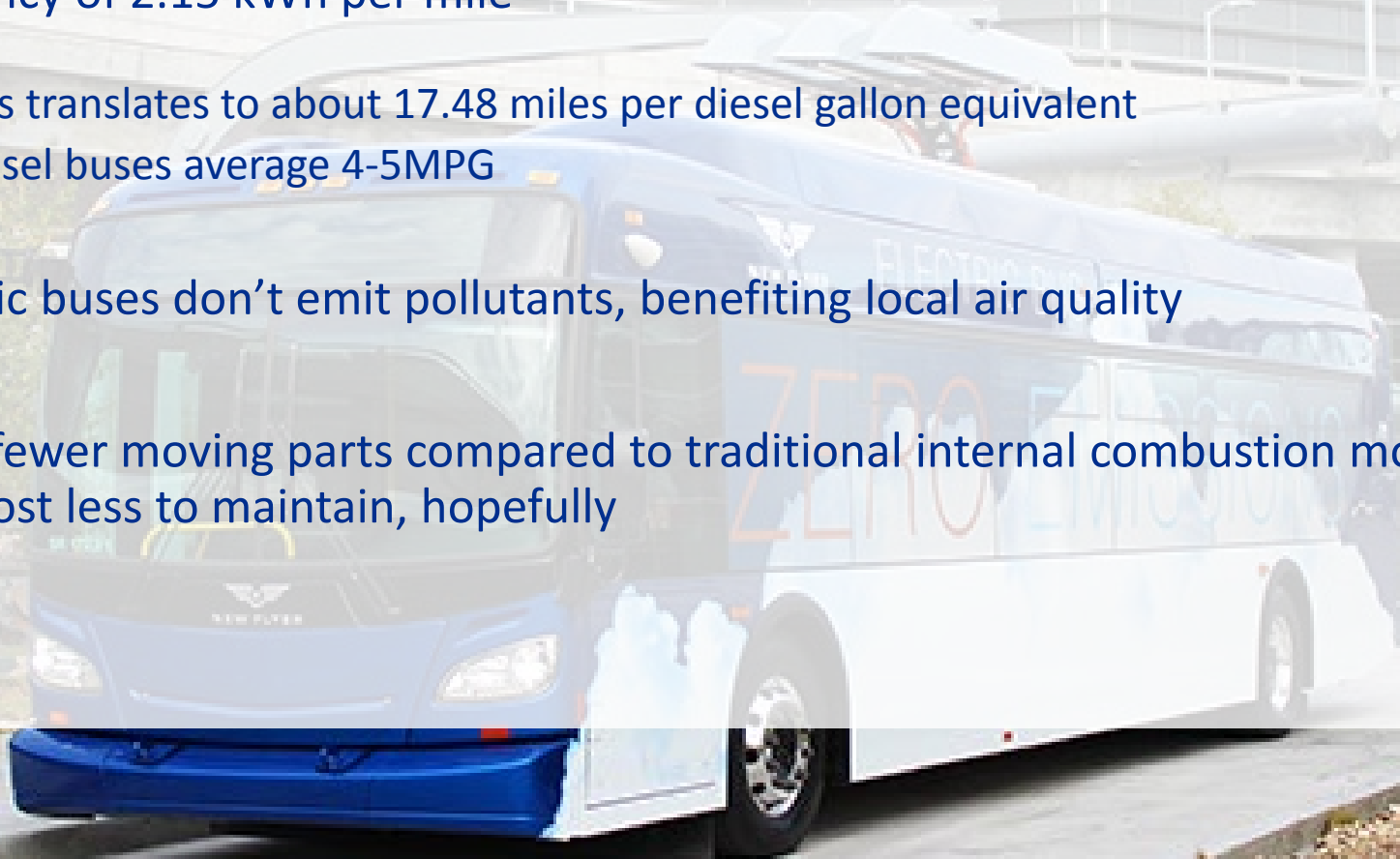
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Why Electric Buses?

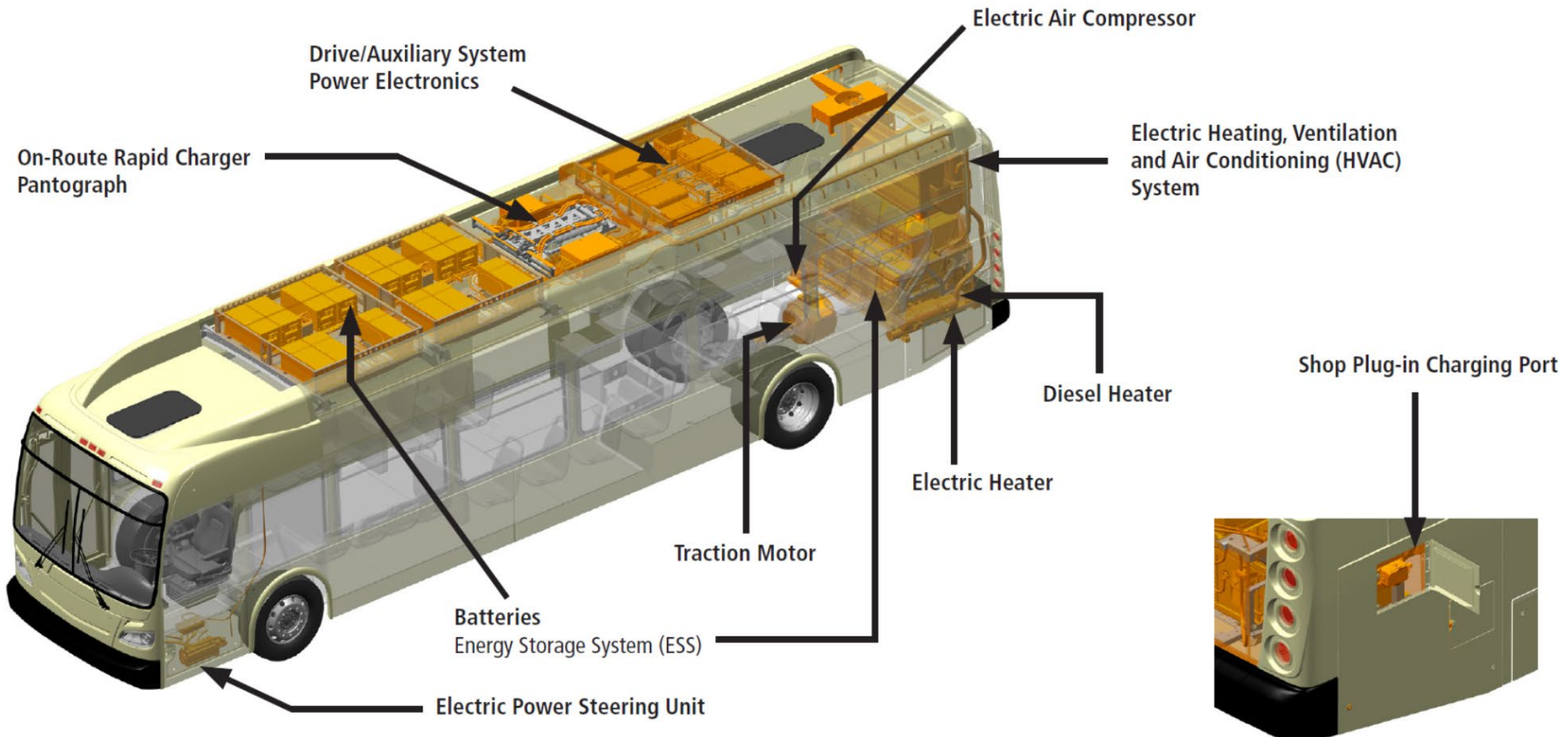
- ❑ The NREL team found that the battery-electric buses demonstrated average efficiency of 2.15 kWh per mile
 - ❑ This translates to about 17.48 miles per diesel gallon equivalent
 - ❑ Diesel buses average 4-5MPG
- ❑ Electric buses don't emit pollutants, benefiting local air quality
- ❑ With fewer moving parts compared to traditional internal combustion motors, they cost less to maintain, hopefully



What is a battery-electric bus?

- ❑ A battery-electric bus is driven by an electric motor and obtains energy from on-board batteries

HOW IT WORKS.



Maximizing Electric Buses

- ❑ Batteries upsized from 200kWh to 400kWh for extra range
- ❑ Added diesel heater to extend winter range. Providing electric heat uses 1kWh per mile
- ❑ 1 dispenser per bus depot charging
- ❑ 450kWh overhead fast charge rather than 300kWh
- ❑ A second high powered charger is being added to support system redundancy and support future projects



Results

- ❑ UTA's electric buses can run up to 200 miles between charges
- ❑ Small things matter:
 - ❑ Electric heat can use up to 50 miles of range
 - ❑ Hills make a difference. Buses charge on the way down the hill but not all of the energy is recouped
 - ❑ Eco driving makes a big difference: up to 1 KWh per mile
 - ❑ Temperature makes a difference



New Flyer Connect report diesel heater not in use

Summary:
 2.45KWh per mile
 Hours in service: 5.4
 Miles: 46.3
 Remaining range: 80



NEW FLYER
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DATE: Fri, Dec 27, 2019
 BUS: 18152
 MODEL: XE40
 ESS CAPACITY: 400 kWh
 TRIP: 1

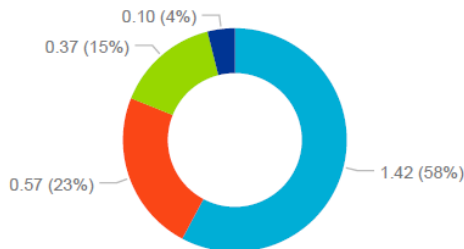


TRIP DETAILS

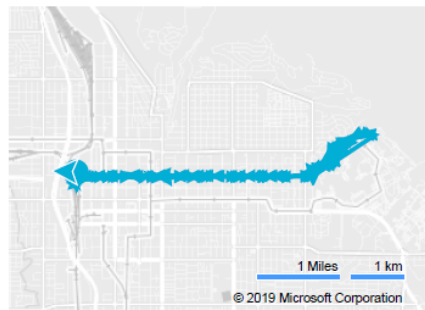
06:19 am Start Time	46.29 Mileage (miles)	82.80 SOC MAX (%)	2.45 Energy Consumption (kWh/mile)
12:01 pm End Time	35.14 Average Temperature (°F)	54.40 SOC MIN (%)	19.93 Energy Consumption (kWh/hour)
05:42:01 Duration	8.12 Average Speed (mph)	113.60 Energy Used (kWh)	

ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY SUB-SYSTEM (kWh/mile)

Motor Elect. Heater LV Accessories HV Accessories

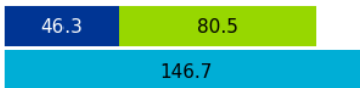


ROUTE

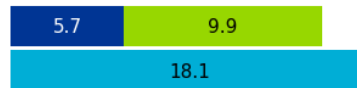


RANGE

Distance (miles)



Duration (hours)



Trip Actual

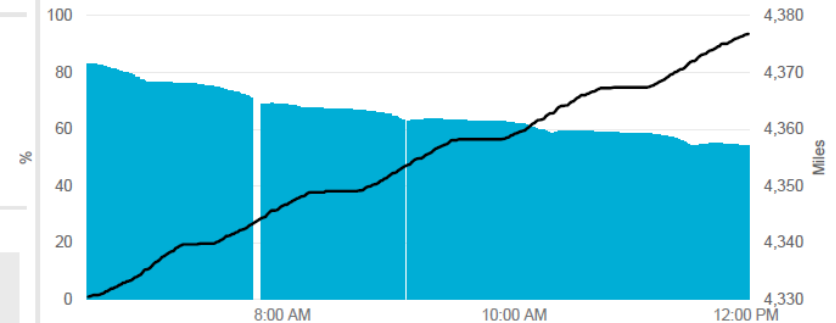
Trip Remaining

Full Charge Range

New Flyer Connect® Proprietary Technology and Analytics

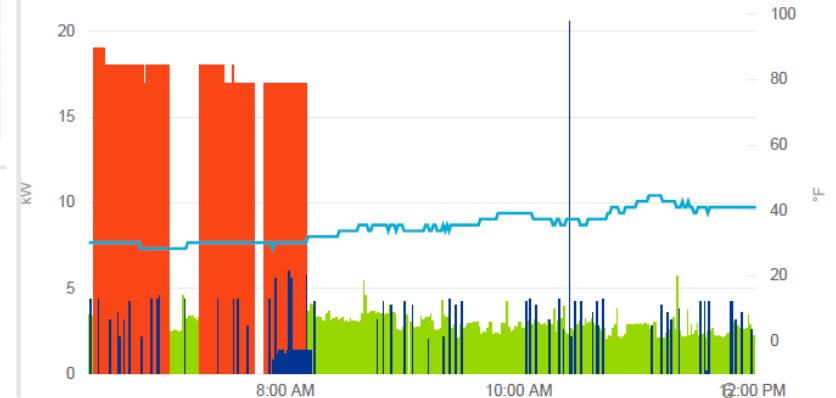
STATE OF CHARGE AND ODOMETER MILES

SoC Odometer Miles



SUB-SYSTEMS POWER AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

LV Accessories Elect. Heater HV Accessories Amb. Temp. (onboard sensor)



New Flyer Connect Report diesel heater in use

Summary:

1.76 kWh per mile

Hours in service: .4

Miles: 9



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DATE	BUS	MODEL	ESS CAPACITY	TRIP
Fri, Dec 27, 2019	18152	XE40	400 kWh	2

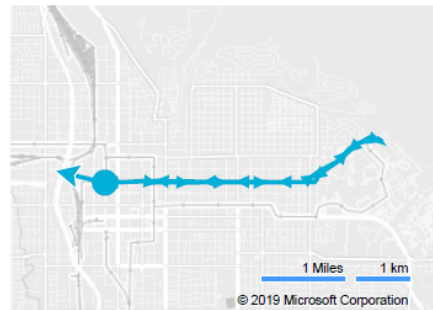
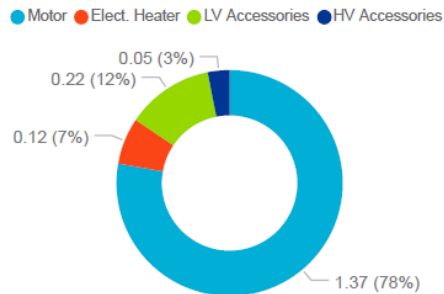


TRIP DETAILS

12:22 pm	9.09	58.40	
Start Time	Mileage (miles)	SOC MAX (%)	1.76
01:08 pm	41.69	53.60	Energy Consumption (kWh/mile)
End Time	Average Temperature (°F)	SOC MIN (%)	20.70
00:46:23	11.76	16.00	Energy Consumption (kWh/hour)
Duration	Average Speed (mph)	Energy Used (kWh)	

ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY SUB-SYSTEM (kWh/mile)

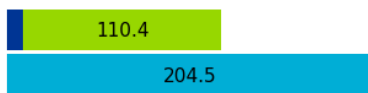
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Distance (miles)

Duration (hours)



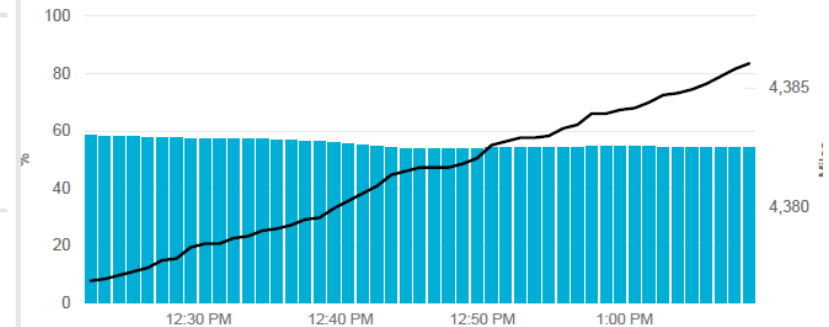
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● Trip Remaining

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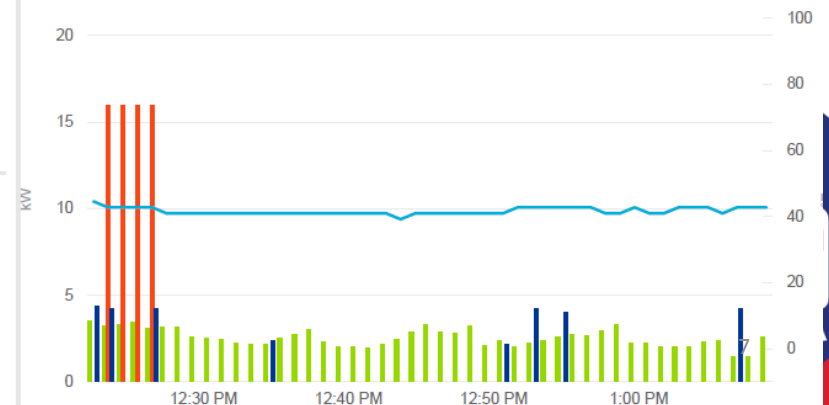
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❑ End, thank you for your time

