

1/5/24 Follow up to Testimony Question on Montpelier E-Buses

These vehicles were scoped to be cutaways but there continues to be supply challenges for this vehicle class. The Agency issued an RFP in December for a range of fleet vehicle types we expect to need over the next 5 years and are waiting to see the latest cutaways specs (proposals are due 3rd week of January). However, the E-Sprinter Narrow Body vans have impressed the transit industry, and if there are no good cutaway options, we will approach the FTA to evaluate switching the vehicle type to those models. In the meantime, GMT has deployed Narrow Body ICE vans in the Montpelier MyRide service, and those are more agile, efficient, and so far, have lower maintenance costs than the cutaways.

We will be able to provide much better projections on when the E-Buses will be available for Montpelier in late January.