

Asheville's Zero-Emission Electric Buses Coming This Spring

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In 2019, the City of Asheville will deploy five zero-emission electric buses for the City's transit system, Asheville Redefines Transit (ART).

The Land of Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition was pleased to assist with the \$633,333 FTA Low No Emissions Reduction grant.

By committing to transit vehicles that are powered by electricity, the City will reduce fuel costs and dependence on imported energy resources. It will also align with the City's carbon-reduction goals. The estimated impact is an approximate reduction of 54 tons of emission per year per bus, which adds up to a total of 270 tons of emissions per year once all five ART buses are deployed.

Greenville, S.C.-based Proterra, a leader in the design and manufacture of zero-emission electric buses, delivered the first three electric buses to the City of Asheville in December. Two more are scheduled to arrive in March. They will go into service in late winter/early spring, following testing and training.

Please join City officials for a preview of the new ART electric buses at 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at the ART Station, 49 Coxe Ave. After a presentation, attendees will be invited to ride the buses on a short loop around downtown. We look forward to sharing details about the bus deployments!

Also, as training is going on for the new electric buses, people may see them following one of our other ART buses the next few weeks. They will not be picking up passengers during this training period.

The City of Asheville is working to promote sustainability and reduction of our carbon footprint as a city and as a community. The City is responsible for a 31% reduction in its municipal carbon footprint since 2008. The goal is for the entire ART fleet to become electric non-emission over time.

[Find more information about ART's new electric buses on the City of Asheville website.](#)