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Subject: Volkswagen Settlement Funds for Transit

Transit Committee,

At the meeting last week, Bruce asked a question about potential transit funds from the Volkswagen Emissions Settlement.Â At the time I couldn't remember where things stood with that funding so I went back for more information.

We do qualify for the VW Grant, but the challenges are:Â

1) of the total $90 million going to the State of North Carolina, only about $18 million is going to transit buses, and that is over a three year period.Â $6 million each year is a very small amount of money when competing statewide, and considering electric vehicles have a base price of around $700,000.
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2) the grant is only allowed for buses that are 2009 or older. We only have 7 of those buses and they are the ones scheduled to be replaced first with our existing purchases that are already in motion.Â It's questionable if they'll be around by the time we would be able to receive funds from the grant.Â

That being said, we are still planning to apply for some money from this grant, but I am not counting on it being a major funding source for our current needs, given the limited size of the grant and the strict requirements.

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