

Definitions

For purposes of this form, the following definitions shall apply

ALTERNATIVE-FUELED VEHICLE means a vehicle or engine that uses compressed or liquefied natural gas, propane, methanol, electricity, fuel cells, dual-fueled vehicles, or other advanced technologies that do not rely solely on diesel fuel or gasoline.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP an allowable exception which the transit operator can claim by demonstrating that, in the event that there is no additional funding available to cover the additional costs associated with purchasing an alternative fueled vehicle, the transit operator's service will be adversely affected.

FLEET VEHICLE means any vehicle, owned or leased by a public transportation operator or transit district.

PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATOR is a state, county, or city government department or agency, or special district, or non-profit entity who owns, leases, or operates vehicles in a local rural or urban transit district or local area and receives funds from the following: Statewide FTA Capital Program (Section 5309), the Elderly And Persons With Disabilities Program (Section 5310), the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5311) or any other program or funds administered by the Texas Department of Transportation for public transportation purposes, including toll credit requests or state funding.

UNAVAILABILITY an allowable exception that a transit operator can claim by demonstrating that fueling facilities, equipment, maintenance facilities, and/or mechanics are unavailable.

VEHICLE means any self-propelled, motorized device that is permitted to operate on public roads through motor vehicle registration laws or the federal government.

Exception Requested
(please check appropriate box)

Financial Hardship

Unavailability

Other

Explain why project should be allowed an exception. Documentation from reliable source(s) should be provided to support transit operator's explanation:

Operator's plan of action to meet requirement on alternate fueled future vehicle procurements. Attach additional sheets if needed:

Name of Agency Representative	Signature	Date

District Verification: (District should verify information submitted by transit operator. Attach additional sheets if needed.)

District PTC	Signature	Date

PTN Action and Comments: (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

Program Manager	Signature	Date

Exception Request to Purchase Non-Alternative Fueled Vehicle(s)

All vehicles purchased by grant recipients and/or toll credit recipients under programs administered by the Texas Department of Transportation are required to be alternatively fueled. The Texas Transportation Commission may consider limited exceptions individually submitted by the grantee(s) for each occurrence and/or under each program

Background		
Name of Transit Agency/Operator:		
Exception requested under which transit program? Please specify:		
How many non-alternative fuel vehicles does the Agency request to purchase under this exception?		
What type of service will the proposed vehicle(s) be placed into?		
Fixed Route/Deviated Route <input type="checkbox"/>	Fixed Route/Paratransit <input type="checkbox"/>	Demand - Response <input type="checkbox"/>
Air Quality Status		
Current air quality status within transit operator's service area:	Does any part of your service area include an area that is currently under an air quality improvement mandate issued by a local, state, or federal agency?	
Source of information:		
Current Fleet Vehicle Composition		
Fixed Route/Deviated Route	Fixed Route/Paratransit	Demand Response
# of Alternative Fuel Vehicles:	# of Alternative Fuel Vehicles:	# of Alternative Fuel Vehicles:
# Non-Alternative Fuel Vehicles:	# Non-Alternative Fuel Vehicle:	# Non-Alternative Fuel Vehicles:
Total:	Total:	Total:
Number of Vehicles by Fuel Type:		
Clean Diesel: _____	Battery Power: _____	
Diesel: _____	Dual Mode (specify modes): _____ (Mode One: _____ Mode Two: _____)	
Compressed Natural Gas: _____	Fuel Cell: _____	
Liquefied Natural Gas: _____	Hybrid Electric: _____	
Liquefied Petroleum Gas: _____	Biodiesel: _____	
Methanol: _____	Other (specify): _____ (Fuel Type: _____)	
Ethanol: _____		
Electric Propulsion: _____		
Gasoline: _____		
Other Characteristics of Fleet or Service Pertinent to this Request		