

RFB TO-22-09
Electric Vehicle Fleet Study
Questions and Answers #1
January 5, 2022

- Q1. Does Topeka Metro expect the Bidder to provide deployment guidance for the three BEVs expected in early 2023? Is there other support Topeka Metro would like the Bidder to provide for that deployment, such as guidance on infrastructure requirements?
- A1. Deployment guidance is only needed as it relates to routing and work assignments. Specifically, Topeka Metro would seek input on best suited bodies of work in current run cuts. No other support is needed for deployment guidance.
- Q2. If deployment guidance is requested, should this support be included as “Additional Charges” in the price quote form, separate from the Electric Vehicle Fleet Study?
- A2. Since deployment guidance is only needed as it relates to routing and work assignments, additional charges shouldn’t be applicable.
- Q3. Does Topeka Metro want the Bidder to evaluate the impact of adding fuel cell electric buses into the fleet in addition to battery electric buses?
- A3. No.
- Q4. Does Topeka Metro intend for the study to focus only on fixed-route service provided by 35’ and 40’ vehicles or would Topeka Metro like the bidder to also evaluate other types of vehicles or service? If so, can Topeka Metro provide a list of vehicles to be evaluated and the service they provide?
- A4. The only other vehicles could possibly be some of the newer electric paratransit vehicles, but we are suspecting there is limited data about their performance available so the 35 and 40’ buses would give a more conservative estimate and performance, cost etc. it would seem. Feel free to express if you have a different viewpoint.
- Q5. Does Topeka Metro have an expected budget for this project?
- A5. Yes, Topeka Metro has an expected budget for this project which will not be made public. Topeka Metro would ask that if budget is a concern, please provide an itemized list of costs and Topeka Metro will parse out services it prioritizes most if your bid is chosen.