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## **SunLine Transit Agency & CTE Host International Fuel Cell Bus Workshop**

**(Atlanta, GA)** The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) has partnered with SunLine Transit Agency to host the 2015 International Fuel Cell Bus Workshop (IFCBW) February 24-26th in Thousand Palms, California. We are expecting more than 130 guests representing global transit operators, zero emission bus manufacturers, component suppliers, hydrogen infrastructure providers, regulators, and planners.

Stakeholders will utilize the event as a working meeting to identify remaining challenges for fuel cell bus commercialization and plan roadmaps, public-private partnerships, and information sharing mechanisms for the future. The following leading public organizations will discuss how this zero emission solution fits into plans for the future of clean mobility:

- California Governor's Office
- CARB (California Air Resources Board)
- CEC (California Energy Commission)
- Federal Transit Administration
- U.S. Department of Energy

Cities and regions across the world are facing one big challenge: How to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation mediums and halt global climate change. Public transit is a great option for clean mobility, and, in many cities, the number of passengers using buses and other forms of public transportation for inner-city distances is on the rise. But for some transit operators, this doesn't go far enough. Many transit agencies are actively preparing for a complete shift to an entirely emission free means of transport.

Fuel cell bus fleets will be represented from Germany, UK, Canada, Netherlands, Italy, Scotland, Belgium, and the U.S. The Workshop will increase the global understanding of requirements for the technical optimization of hydrogen fuel cell buses and needed next steps for commercialization.

The Workshop is made possible through sponsorships from Hydrogenics, Toyota, ElDorado National, Ballard Power Systems, Linde, and BAE Systems. Additional Workshop support comes from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) National Fuel Cell Bus Program (NFCBP), European Union's Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (EU FCH JU), Germany's hySOLUTIONS, NOW Organisation, and Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure.

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*SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit [sunline.org](http://sunline.org).*