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# SECTOR STRATEGY ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES MEDIUM-AND HEAVY-DUTY SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES REGION

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# SUMMARY

Zero-emission trucks (ZETs) are relatively new to the medium-and heavy-duty (MHD) market segment. However, a growing number of manufacturers, purchase commitments, increasing regulatory policy, and incentive reinforcements are priming ZETs for increased deployment over the coming years.

In an effort to decarbonize and move to healthier air quality standards, California is advancing the transition to zero-emission trucks and buses operated within the state. The goal set by the Governor is 100 percent zero-emission transportation by 2045 (Executive Order N-79-20). To help accelerate this adoption, California has implemented the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation, Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation, and the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation. Each regulation includes target adoption or sales requirements to transition various medium- and heavy-duty vehicle platforms to zero-emission.

Why do we need zero-emission technology in the transportation sector? California faces challenging mandates to reduce air pollutants in order to protect public health and meet state climate targets. In California, the transportation sector is responsible for approximately 80% of smog-forming nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions. The sector also represents around 50% of greenhouse gas emissions and more than 95% of toxic diesel particulate matter emissions. Zero-emission vehicles, on the other hand, have zero emissions and when compared to diesel vehicles, they are up to five times more energy efficient, and reduce GHG emissions substantially (1).

# **Report Objectives**

This strategy report is intended to be a resource for Medium-and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle training programs planning.

The report objectives include:



To provide information and background on the coming market transition to zero-emission vehicles as well as current labor market information



To provide early recommendations for planning to help inform partnership development, program planning, and advisory committee questions



To provide a resource document to assist with grant and resource development

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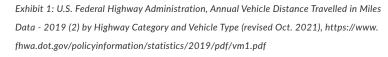
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To keep pace with this sector transition to zeroemission platforms, investments need to be made to develop capacity at the community colleges. Various strategy reports call upon the colleges to assist with the ZEV transition in the following ways:

- Build pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs
- Build robust training programs that connect to both current and future workforce needs
- Create and maintain close connections with industry
- Pilot programs such as ZEV car-sharing, micro-mobility (e-bikes), and EV charging

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# MHD BACKGROUND INFO

## COMMON ACRONYMS

|                       | Acronym |                             | Acronym |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Zero-Emission Truck   | ZET     | Medium- and Heavy-Duty      | MHD     |
| Zero-Emission Vehicle | ZEV     | Battery Electric Vehicle    | BEV     |
| Zero-Emission Bus     | ZEB     | Fuel-Cell Electric Truck    | FCET    |
| Medium-Duty           | MD      | Electric Vehicle            | EV      |
| Heavy-Duty            | HD      | Gross Vehicle Weight Rating | GVWR    |

# **DEFINITIONS** ---

- **Weight Class:** The Federal Highway Administration classifies vehicles by their gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR). GVWR is the vehicle manufacturer's specification of the vehicle's loaded weight. Vehicle weight class ranges from 1 through 8. See exhibit 2 below for more information
- **GVWR:** Gross vehicle weight rating the maximum operating weight of the vehicle set by the manufacturer. This includes the empty vehicle weight, fuel, passengers, and cargo combined
- Light-Duty: Vehicles with a GVWR under 10,000 pounds. Includes weight classes 1 and 2
- Medium-Duty: Vehicles with a GVWR between 10,001 26,000 pounds. Includes weight classes 3, 4, 5, & 6
- Heavy-Duty: Vehicles with a GVWR greater than 26,000 pounds. Includes weight classes 7 & 8

Exhibit 2: MHD vehicle Classes & Roles







# THE MARKET

The Zero-Emission MHD market is primed for rapid growth in California as a result of technology innovation support, declining costs, favorable regulations, and incentives.

# California's Air Quality and Climate Targets

California faces challenging mandates to reduce air pollutants and to meet state climate change goals including (3)

- Federal health-based ambient air quality standards (key dates in 2023 and 2031)
- 40% reduction in greenhouse gasses (GHG) by 2030;
- 80% reduction in GHGs by 2050; and
- 50% reduction in petroleum use by 2030

# **REGULATIONS** ---

#### California Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Requirements:

The Advanced Clean Trucks regulation is intended to accelerate a large-scale transition of zero-emission mediumand heavy-duty vehicles. The regulation is comprised of two components which include a manufacturer sales requirement and a reporting requirement (4):

- Manufacturers who certify Class 2b-8 chassis or complete ICE vehicles will be required to sell an increasing number of zero-emission trucks annually in California from 2024-2045, as shown below in exhibit 3.
- Company Fleet Reporting: Large employers and fleet owners will be required to report on fleet operations to help identify future strategies and deployments.

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Exhibit 3: California Advanced Clean Trucks ACT 2035 Requirements.

#### California Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) 2035 Requirments



#### **California Clean Transit Requirements:**

California's Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation requires all transit agencies to purchase only zero-emission buses (ZEBs) starting in 2029. This regulation will result in a state-wide zero-emission transit fleet by 2040 as aging conventionally-fueled buses are replaced or repowered by ZEBs (5).

#### **California Fleet Purchase Requirements:**

To complement the ACT regulation, California is also developing the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation. This regulation will require fleets that are well-suited for electrification (i.e., drayage, public fleets, federal fleets, and other high-priority fleets) to transition to MHD ZEVs. These fleet purchase requirements will further accelerate the utilization of MHD ZEVs and reduce harmful truck emissions in highly impacted communities.

## **OTHER**

#### **Declining Battery Costs:**

Battery costs are the greatest influence on electric vehicle purchase prices, but through rapid innovation in battery technology and design, these costs have sharply declined.. During the last ten years, battery prices declined roughly 90 percent, from more than \$1,100 per kilowatt hour (kWh) (6) to an average of \$137 per kWh. These cost reductions and improvements in battery technology (like range) have helped enhance the business case for electrification in the MHD space. Such advances are also helping to foster favorable economics for electric MHD vehicles over their internal combustion counterparts due in part to lower fuel, powertrain, and maintenance costs. Market analysts are projecting a favorable total cost of ownership (TCO) without government subsidies for MHD ZEVs in many weight classes by 2025, and all weight classes by 2030 (7).

#### Incentives

There are a significant number of incentive programs for MHD ZEVs both in California and at the federal level which include CARB, CalStar, CDE, and CEC in California. See: https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4561.

Most recently, on a federal level, The Inflation Reduction Act includes incentives for both consumers and Manufacturers. Some key allocations related to MHD include (8):

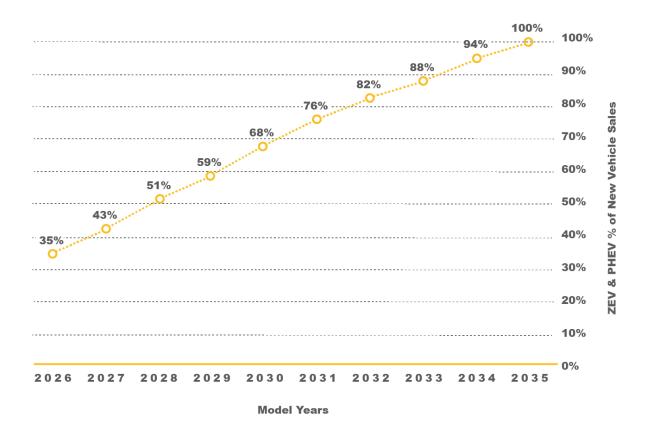
- \$3 billion to electrify the USPS Fleet & Infrastructure
- \$1 billion to states, municipalities, Indian Tribes, or non-profit school transportation associates to replace class 6 and 7 heavy-duty vehicles with ZEVs.
- Up to 30% tax credit for commercial EV purchases
- \$3 billion for the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing program
- \$2.25 billion deployed to ports for ZEV technology

# **GOALS & TARGETS**

California has the largest zero-emission vehicle market in the nation with more than 16% of new vehicles sold being zero-emission or plug-in hybrids. Exhibit 4 below represents California's light-duty vehicle sales goals by percentage starting in 2026 with 35% of all new cars sold being electric in 2026 and 100% by 2035 (9).

Exhibit 4: Proposed Annual Zero-Emission Vehicle Requirement

#### **Proposed Annual Zero-Emission Vehicle Requirement**

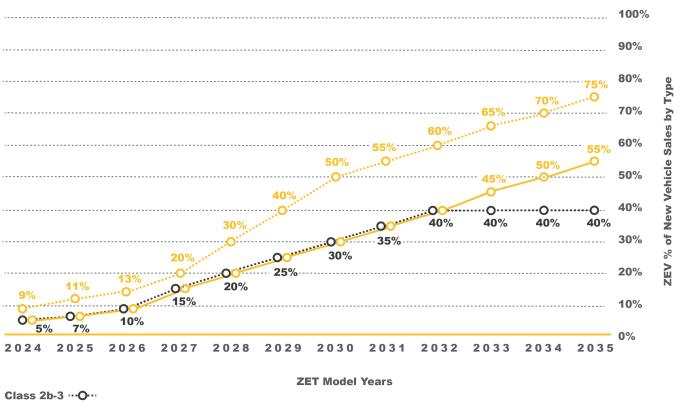


The medium- and heavy-duty vehicle requirement of the ACT Regulation is less aggressive than light-duty electric and has different requirement targets based on classification. By 2035, MHD sales requirements range from 40% to 75%. California still has an overall target of 100% by 2045 through Executive Order (N-79-20). Exhibit 5 below represents the ACT MHD ZEV sales percentage requirement by year.

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Exhibit 5: Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Regulation by Model Year and Classification.

#### **Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Regulation**





#### **VOLVO LIGHTS PROJECT** ----

The Volvo Group North America a project in partnership with 14 diverse partners, which included fleets, government, ports, community colleges, equipment supplies, and utilities worked together to develop a test model for the successful deployment of Class 8 battery-electric trucks. The \$90 million project was funded by California Climate Investments to help reduce GHG emissions, strengthen the economy, and improve public health. The project deployed 25 Volvo VNR electric trucks, 25 freight vehicles, a solar site, and over 50 EV chargers. The three-year collaboration demonstrated that heavy-duty BEVs and equipment can be successfully integrated into commercial fleets transporting freight with less noise pollution and zero-tailpipe emissions.

# **CURRENT DEPLOYMENTS**

The below deployment figures and datasets are updated annually in April and reflect the number of DMV-registered vehicles (on-road) during the previous calendar year. The numbers below were sourced during Q2 2022 (10) and as such represent deployments at the end of 2021. These numbers will likely be much higher in 2022 based on conversations with industry both in the state and here locally in San Diego.

Note: The dataset contains DMV-registered medium- and heavy-duty vehicles licensed for operation on California roads. However, it does not necessarily include vehicles that operate off of California roads. For example, some medium- and heavy-duty ZEVs may operate only within a port facility and not be registered

Exhibit 6: Zero-Emission Vehicle Deployments in San Diego and California as a Whole





In California these deployments include 446 school buses, 841 transit buses, 172 straight trucks, 87 on-road drayage tractors, 212 panel vans, 68 coach buses, 56 step-vans, 46 terminal tractors, 14 incomplete chassis, and 1 fire truck.





In San Diego, these deployments include 32 school buses, 13 transit buses, 4 straight trucks, 2 on-road drayage tractors, and a one-panel van.

San Diego's ZEV brand deployments include Blue Bird, Lion Electric, IC Bus, New Flyer, Smith Electric, Proterra, Greenpower Motors, BYD Coach & Bus, and Navistar.

# LOCAL DEPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

#### Port of San Diego Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS)

In 2021, the Port of San Diego Board approved a policy document to help identify future projects and initiatives to improve air quality while supporting efficient and modern maritime operations. "The Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS) and its vision, 'Health Equity for All,' represent the Port's commitment to environmental justice and is more ambitious than any other clean air policy document of its kind in the state. In fact, nearly all the MCAS goals and/or objectives go beyond what is currently required by the State of California"(11).

As an update to the Port's 2007 Clean Air Program, the MCAS identifies a vision centered on health equity, with ambitious 2030 goals. Highlights of the MCAS goals and/or objectives that go beyond State requirements include:

- A goal of **100 percent** of cargo trucks calling on the Port of San Diego cargo maritime terminals being zero-emission vehicles by 2030
  - \*An interim goal of **40 percent** of the Port's annual cargo truck trips being performed by ZE trucks by June 30, 2026
- A goal of **100 percent** of cargo handling equipment being ZE by 2030
- Facilitate implementation of the first all-electric tugboat in the United States by June 30, 2026

The port also is deploying the first all-electric mobile harbor cranes in North America and authorized the acquisition of 16 electric vehicles to replace their gas/diesel fleet.

#### San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Zero-Emissions Bus Fleet Transition:

In 2020, the MTS Board approved the agency's Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) transition plan to facilitate the transition of the bus fleet to all zero-emission vehicles. This plan helped fast-track the acquisitions of zero-emission vehicles including the purchase of the agency's first 60-ft articulated electric buses. Beginning in 2029, **100%** of new bus purchases will be ZEBs, with the goal for full fleet transition by 2040 (12).

MTS currently has thirteen (13) electric buses in service in San Diego.



## VIDEO

MTS: Electric Bus Pilot Program (https://youtu.be/sapwLBjXXFo)



#### VIDEO

MTS: New Electric Bus Chargers (https://youtu.be/m1JqOXf45n4)



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#### **WORKFORCE**

The ZEV workforce will see job growth from the manufacturing of ZE vehicles, batteries, infrastructure (such as charging), and components. Job opportunities will also be created through commissioning, installation, and maintenance of charging infrastructure; technical assistance to fleets; vehicle maintenance and repair; and battery recycling and disposal. Most of the new, higher-quality careers will require mechanical and electrical skills.

#### LABOR MARKET DEMAND

**Diesel Mechanic Occupations** 

**Labor Market Analysis: San Diego County** 

#### Introduction

This following provides labor market information in San Diego County for the following occupational codes in the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) (13) system:

- Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists (**SOC 49-3031**): Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul buses and trucks, or maintain and repair any type of diesel engines. Includes mechanics working primarily with automobile or marine diesel engines.
- Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines (SOC 49-3042): Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul mobile mechanical, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, and conveyors, used in construction, logging, and mining.

For the purpose of this report, these occupations are referred to as Diesel Mechanic Occupations.

#### **Projected Occupational Demand**

Between 2021 and 2026, Diesel Mechanic Occupations are projected to increase by nine net jobs or zero percent. Employers in San Diego County will need to hire 341 workers annually to fill new jobs and backfill jobs due to attrition caused by turnover and retirement, for example.

Exhibit 7 disaggregates the projected number of jobs change by occupation. "Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists" are projected to have the most labor market demand between 2021 and 2026, with 227 annual job openings

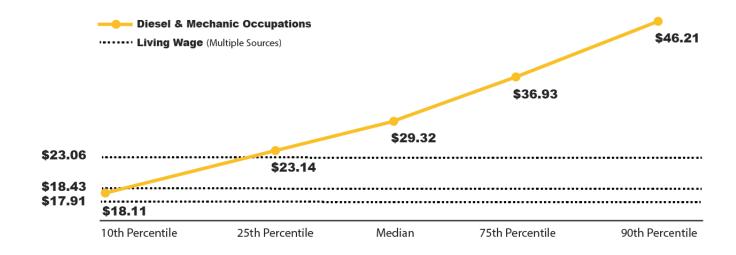


| OCCUPATIONAL TITLE  | 2021<br>JOBS | 2026<br>JOBS | 2021-2026<br>NET JOBS<br>CHANGE | 2021-2026<br>% NET JOBS<br>CHANGE | ANNUAL JOB<br>OPENING<br>DEMAND |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| BUS AND TRUCK MECHANICS<br>AND DIESEL ENGINE<br>SPECIALISTS | 2,354        | 2,370        | 16                              | 1%                                | 227                             |
| MOBILE HEAVY EQUIPMENT<br>MECHANICS, EXCEPT<br>ENGINES      | 1,150        | 1,143        | -7                              | -1%                               | 114                             |
| TOTAL   | 3,504        | 3,513        | 9                               | 0%                                | 341                             |

#### **Earnings**

Exhibit 8a disaggregates hourly earnings by occupation. The entry-level hourly earnings for Diesel Mechanic Occupations range from \$23.13 to \$23.15.

Exhibit 8a Average Hourly Earnings for Diesel Mechanic Occupations in San Diego (15).



#### Living Wages

- MIT Living Wage Calculator, Calculation for San Diego County \$23.06 (16)
- City of San Diego, Compliance Department, Office of Labor Standards Enforcement \$17.91 (17)
- Insight Center, Family Needs Calculator for San Diego \$18.43 (18)

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#### Exhibit 8b: Hourly Earnings for Diesel Mechanic Occupations in San Diego County (19)

| OCCUPATIONAL TITLE                                      | ENTRY-LEVEL HOURLY<br>EARNINGS<br>(25TH PERCENTILE) | MEDIAN HOURLY<br>EARNINGS | EXPERIENCED<br>HOURLY<br>EARNINGS<br>(75TH PERCENTILE) |
|---|---|---------------------------|--|
| BUS & TRUCK MECHANICS<br>& DIESEL ENGINE<br>SPECIALISTS | \$23.13   | \$29.16                   | \$37.37  |
| MOBILE HEAVY EQUIPMENT<br>MECHANICS, EXCEPT<br>ENGINES  | \$23.15   | \$29.48                   | \$36.48  |

On average, the entry-level hourly earnings for Diesel Mechanic Occupations are \$23.14; this is more than the living wage for a single adult in San Diego County, which is \$18.43 per hour (Exhibit 8b) (20).

#### **Educational Supply**

Educational supply for an occupation can be estimated by analyzing the number of awards in related Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) or Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes (21). There are four TOP codes and six CIP codes related to Diesel Mechanic Occupations (Exhibit 9).

#### Exhibit 9: Related TOP and CIP Codes for Diesel Mechanic Occupations (22)

| TOP OR CIP CODE | TOP OR CIP PROGRAM TITLE                                     |
|-----------------|--|
| TOP 0116.00     | AGRICULTURAL POWER EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY                      |
| TOP 0947.00     | DIESEL TECHNOLOGY  |
| TOP 0947.20     | HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE                                  |
| TOP 0947.30     | HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATION                                    |
| CIP 01.0201     | AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION, GENERAL                          |
| CIP 01.0204     | AGRICULTURAL POWER MACHINERY OPERATION                       |
| CIP 01.0205     | AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS AND EQUIPMENT/MACHINE TECHNOLOGY      |
| CIP 47.0302     | HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY/TECHNICIAN            |
| CIP 47.0605     | DIESEL MECHANICS TECHNOLOGY/TECHNICIAN                       |
| CIP 49.0202     | CONSTRUCTION/HEAVY EQUIPMENT/EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT OPERATION |

According to TOP data, two community colleges supply the region with awards for these occupations: Palomar College and San Diego Miramar College. According to CIP data, no non-community-college institutions supply the region with awards (Exhibit 10a).



Exhibit 10b: Number of Awards (Certificates and Degrees) Conferred by Postsecondary Institutions (Program Year 2017-18 through Program Year 2020-21 Average)

| TOP6 OR<br>CIP CODE | TOP OR CIP<br>PROGRAM<br>TITLE | 3-YR ANNUAL<br>AVERAGE CC<br>AWARDS<br>(PY18-19 TO<br>PY20-21) | OTHER EDUCATIONAL<br>INSTITUTIONS 3-YR<br>ANNUAL AVERAGE<br>AWARDS<br>(PY17-18 TO PY19-20) | 3-YR TOTAL<br>AVERAGE SUPPLY<br>(PY17-18 TO<br>PY20-21) |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 0947.00             | DIESEL TECHNOLOGY              | 37   | 0  | 37  |
|                     | PALOMAR                        | 9  | 0  |   |
|                     | SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR              | 28   | 0  |   |

| TOP6 OR<br>CIP CODE | TOP OR CIP<br>PROGRAM<br>TITLE | 3-YR ANNUAL<br>AVERAGE CC<br>AWARDS<br>(PY18-19 TO<br>PY20-21) | OTHER EDUCATIONAL<br>INSTITUTIONS 3-YR<br>ANNUAL AVERAGE<br>AWARDS<br>(PY17-18 TO PY19-20) | 3-YR TOTAL<br>AVERAGE SUPPLY<br>(PY17-18 TO<br>PY20-21) |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 0947.20             | HEAVY EQUIPMENT<br>MAINTENANCE | 9  | 0  | 9   |
|                     | SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR              | 9  | 0  |   |
|                     |                                |  | TOTAL  | 46  |

Comparing labor demand (annual openings) with labor supply (23) suggests that there is a supply gap for these occupations in San Diego County, with 341 annual openings and 46 awards. Comparatively, there are 4,121 annual openings in California and 1,094 awards, suggesting that there is also a supply gap across the state (24) (Exhibit 11).

Exhibit 11: Labor Demand (Annual Openings) Compared with Labor Supply (Average Annual Awards)

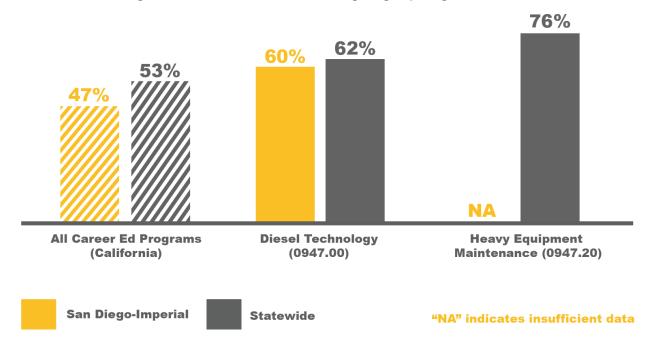
|            | DEMAND<br>(ANNUAL OPENINGS) | SUPPLY (TOTAL ANNUAL<br>AVERAGE SUPPLY) | SUPPLY GAP OR<br>OVERSUPPLY |
|------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| SAN DIEGO  | 341                         | 46                                      | 295                         |
| CALIFORNIA | 4,131                       | 1,094                                   | 3,027                       |

**Please note:** This is a basic analysis of supply and demand of labor. The data does not include workers currently in the labor force who could fill these positions or workers who are not captured by publicly available data. This data should be used to discuss the potential gaps or oversupply of workers; however, it should not be the only basis for determining whether or not a program should be developed.

#### **Student Outcomes and Regional Comparisons**

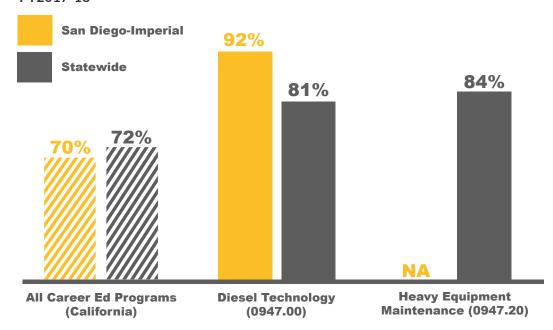
According to the California Community Colleges LaunchBoard, 60 percent of students in the San Diego-Imperial region earned a living wage after completing a program related to Diesel Mechanic Occupations, compared to 62 to 78 percent statewide and 53 percent of students in Career Education programs in general across the state (Exhibit 12a) (25).

Exhibit 12a: Percentage of Students Who Earned a Living Wage by Program, PY2018-19 (26)



According to the California Community Colleges LaunchBoard, 92 percent of students in the San Diego-Imperial region obtained a job closely related to their field of study after completing a program related to Diesel Mechanic Occupations, compared to 74 to 88 percent statewide and 72 percent of students in Career Education programs in general across the state (Exhibit 12b) (27).

Exhibit 12b: Percentage of Students in a Job Closely Related to Field of Study by Program, PY2017-18

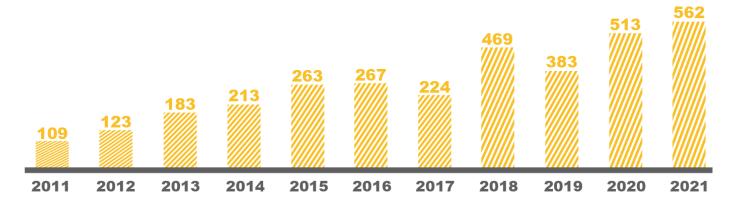


NA indicates insufficient data

#### **Online Job Postings**

This report analyzes not only historical and projected (traditional LMI) data, but also recent data from online job postings (real-time LMI). Online job postings may provide additional insight about recent changes in the labor market that are not captured by historical data. Between 2011 and 2021, there was an average of 301 online job postings per year for Diesel Mechanic Occupations in San Diego County (Exhibit 13). Please note that online job postings do not equal labor market demand; demand is represented by annual job openings (see Exhibit 7). Employers may post a position multiple times for various reasons, such as increasing the pool of applicants, for example.

Exhibit 13: Number of Online Job Postings for Diesel Mechanic Occupations in San Diego County (2011-2021) (28)



#### **Top Employers**

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2021, the top five employers in San Diego County for Diesel Mechanic Occupations were Penske, Rush Truck Centers, Amerit Fleet Solutions, United Rentals, and Waste Management based on online job postings (Exhibit 14).

Southern California employers specific to zero-emission vehicles in the MHD space include Rivian (Irvine), TransPower/Meritor (San Diego), Canoo (Torrance), Battle Motors (LA), and BYD (LA).

Exhibit 14: Top Employers for Diesel Mechanic Occupations in San Diego County (29)

| TOP EMPLOYERS  |  |
|--|--|
| PENSKE RUSH TRUCK CENTERS AMERIT FLEET SOLUTIONS UNITED RENTALS WASTE MANAGEMENT | SYSCO CORPORATION     RYDER SYSTEM INCORPORATED     MECHANICS HUB     NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND     CROWN EQUIPMENT CORPORATION |

#### **Education, Skills, and Certifications**

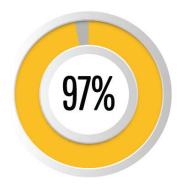
Diesel Mechanic Occupations have a national educational attainment of a high school diploma or equivalent (Exhibit 15a).

Exhibit 15a: National Educational Attainment for Diesel Mechanic Occupations (30)

| OCCUPATIONAL TITLE                                    | TYPICAL ENTRY-LEVEL EDUCATION     |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| BUS AND TRUCK MECHANICS AND DIESEL ENGINE SPECIALISTS | HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT |
| MOBILE HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANICS, EXCEPT ENGINES      | HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT |

Based on online job postings between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2021 in San Diego County, employers posted a high school diploma or equivalent as the educational requirement for Diesel Mechanic Occupations (Exhibit 15b) (31).

Exhibit 15b: Educational Requirements for Diesel Mechanic Occupations in San Diego County (32)





**HS Diploma or Equivalent** 

**Associates Degree** 

Exhibit 16 lists the top specialized, soft, and software skills that appeared in online job postings between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2021.

Exhibit 16: Top Skills for Diesel Mechanic Occupations in San Diego County (33)

| SPECIALIZED SKILLS  | SOFT SKILLS   | SOFT SKILLS  |
|---|---|--|
| REPAIR PREDICTIVE / PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS WELDING HAND TOOLS FORKLIFT OPERATION VEHICLE MAINTENANCE HYDRAULICS CUSTOMER SERVICE AUTO REPAIR HEAVY EQUIPMENT OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY FLEET PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE POWER TOOLS MACHINERY | PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TROUBLESHOOTING PHYSICAL ABILITIES COMMUNICATION SKILLS COMPUTER LITERACY PROBLEM SOLVING WORK AREA MAINTENANCE VERBAL / ORAL COMMUNICATION BUILDING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS TEAMWORK / COLLABORATION WRITING ENGLISH WRITTEN COMMUNICATION | • MICROSOFT EXCEL • ORACLE • MICROSOFT POWERPOINT • MICROSOFT WORD • SAP • MICROSOFT WINDOWS • MICROSOFT OUTLOOK • WORD PROCESSING • MICROSOFT ACCESS • PAINT SHOP PRO • ACTIVE SERVER PAGES |

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Exhibit 17: Skills Identified Through Employers Surveys and Interviews

| SPECIALIZED SKILLS  | OTHER SKILLS                           |
|---|--|
| <ul> <li>HYBRID</li> <li>HVAC</li> <li>ELECTRIC MOTORS, WIRING, MODULES</li> <li>HIGH-VOLTAGE BATTERIES</li> <li>HIGH-VOLTAGE SAFETY</li> <li>SOFTWARE DIAGNOSIS &amp; UPLOADING</li> <li>ADAS</li> <li>CNG</li> <li>AIR BRAKES</li> <li>TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION</li> <li>THERMAL MANAGEMENT &amp; COOLING SYSTEMS</li> <li>PNEUMATICS</li> <li>BATTERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</li> </ul> | QUALITY ASSURANCE     TROUBLE SHOOTING |

Exhibit 18 lists the top certification that appeared in online job postings between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2021.

#### Exhibit 18: Top Certification for Diesel Mechanic Occupations in San Diego County (34)

#### TOP CERTIFICATION IN ONLINE JOB POSTINGS

- 1. AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EXCELLENCE (ASE) CERTIFICATION
  2. AIR BRAKE CERTIFIED
  3. CDL CLASS A

- 4. SECURITY CLEARANCE
- 5. DIESEL MECHANIC CERTIFICATION
- 6. CDL CLASS B
- 7. BRAKE INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION 8. CDL CLASS C
- 9. CDL CLASS D
- 10. OSHA FORKLIFT CERTIFICATION
- 11. PROJECT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION
  12. ADJUSTER LICENSE
  13. AIR CONDITIONING (AC) CERTIFICATION

- 14. EPA 609
- 15. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CERTIFICATION



The wide-scale electrification of the transportation system will require a highly skilled and specialized workforce to support, maintain, and repair advanced electric drivetrains and their increasingly sophisticated technology. www.lightsproject.com

#### **VOLVO LIGHTS PROJECT INSIGHTS**

#### TRUCK TECHNICIANS

"Trained technicians are critical for boosting the uptime of electric trucks. Electric powertrains are vastly different than diesel trucks in terms of their parts. A common perception is that electric trucks will have fewer moving parts and are therefore less technically complex than diesel- and gasoline-powered trucks. Although true on one level, electric trucks also have highly specialized components, such as battery systems, advanced power management software and computing systems, regenerative braking systems, and high-voltage electrical systems, requiring the development and implementation of appropriate training modules for the safety of service technicians."

# **STRATEGY**

# ZEV TASKFORCE: MULTI-STATE MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE ACTION PLAN

To achieve a timely transition and help ensure continued progress towards reduced emissions, 19 states (or jurisdictions) made a goal to require at least 30% of new MHD vehicle sales to be ZEV by 2030 and 100% by no later than 2050 (35).

**Community Colleges** 

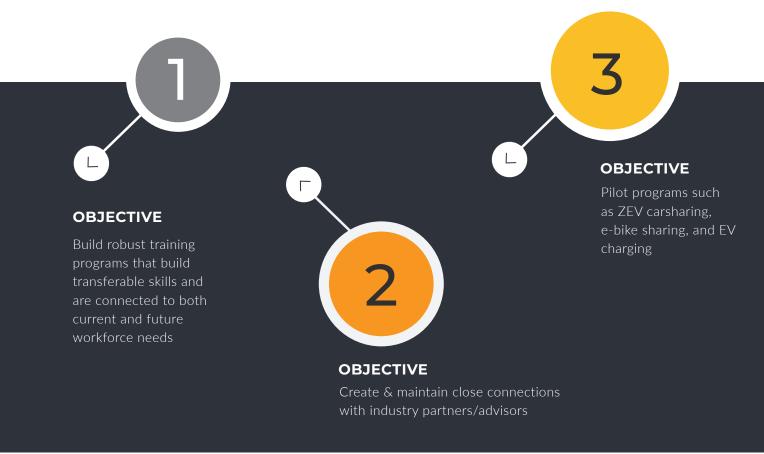
The high-leve objectives for Community Colleges

The ZEV Taskforce is comprised of the following states or jurisdictions:

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, District of Columbia, and Quebec.

The Taskforce's action plan was intended to facilitate rapid transition and acceleration. The graphic below illustrates some of the strategies related to education and community colleges.

States are encouraged to provide funding to develop or update pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs and partnerships at high schools, community colleges, vocational and technical schools, training organizations, and government agencies. These programs should equip workers with the necessary skills for high-quality jobs and careers, and entrepreneurship in the clean transportation sector. Existing workers in the automotive sector at risk of job loss should be targeted for training to assist with upskilling.



Training and apprenticeship programs should be developed with input and support from relevant industries. States should enlist employers to sponsor, participate in, and fund apprenticeship and training programs for jobs in vehicle manufacturing and assembly, fueling infrastructure deployment, the battery supply chain, and repair and maintenance of vehicle mechanical and electrical systems. Sponsoring employers should compensate trainees for their time and commit to offer jobs to a percentage of top graduates.

States should work together to advocate for significant increases in U.S. federal funding for workforce training and apprenticeship programs.

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# CALIFORNIA STRATEGY

#### California Zero-Emission Vehicle Market Development Strategy Market Development Strategy

In September 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-79-20 which set some ambitious zero-emission vehicle targets for California.

To assist in meeting these targets, the Governor tasked the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to collaborate with multiple agencies and partners to lead the administration's ZEV Market Development Strategy. This strategy document is the first part of the ongoing and evolving effort to make California's 100 percent ZEV vision a reality. The ZEV Strategy includes some high-level approaches involving community colleges.

Community colleges play a key role in California's Zero-Emission Vehicle Market Development Strategy. This includes training California's workforce, exposing students to ZEV technology, and establishing partnerships with ZEV companies (35). The high-level objectives for Community Colleges include:

- Establish robust training programs that build transferable skills and are connected to both current and future workforce needs
- Create & maintain close connections with industry partners/advisors
- Pilot programs such as ZEV carsharing, e-bike sharing, and EV charging (exposure)

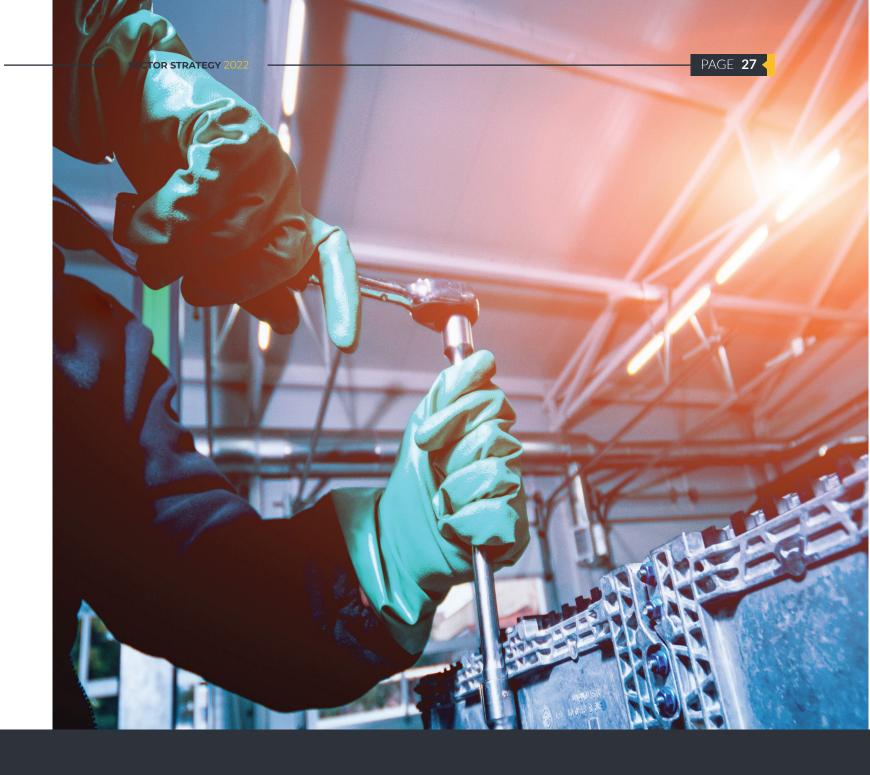
#### California's Equity-Focused Workforce Development Efforts

Through California state law (AB398) and funding (High Roads initiative grants), the state calls for various workforce interventions to ensure that the state's transition to a carbon-neutral economy creates high-quality jobs; broadens career opportunities for disadvantaged communities; supports at-risk workers; and prepares workers to adapt and master new technologies related to low- and zero-emissions (36). This equity focus is a common theme in federal grants as well.



Around Equity

to the ZEV sector. Creating equitable access to future ZEV careers will be a priority and require the development of workforce training and upskilling programs for workers that





#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS**

MHD ZEV technology is very new and deployments are low, but will continue to grow through the aforementioned state regulations and incentives. Major maintenance is not projected to be an issue for some time. Currently, manufacturers deploy technicians to the field to troubleshoot issues or have the customer send parts back for repair. However, manufacturers and employers agree that colleges should implement system introduction courses as well as high-voltage safety courses to start preparing for the industry transition of both on-road and off-road vehicles and equipment. Community College's have been identified as playing a key role in training and eduction in this sector and are ultimately tied to the success of adoption and scalability.

#### **Advisory Committees**

Programs should consider adding new members to their advisory committees that include expanded pathways (like local EV manufacturing), zero-emission platforms, ZEV Fleet Managers, Ports, or plug-in hybrid advisors to help with the proposed MHD ZEV transition. Most importantly, colleges with MHD should consider a Community of Practice model of partnering together and approaching early ZEV adopters such as the Port of SD, the City of San Diego, and MTS in order to work collaboratively and efficiently.

Additionally, programs should seek to align with manufacturers, especially local ones, as many of the state and federal grant opportunities require a workforce or educational partner. Many of these manufacturers are also willing to donate previous-generation ZEV models for instructional purposes.

#### **Professional Development**

It is recommended that investments be prioritized to develop faculty capacity and expertise in this subject area through OEM training, private training, and other opportunities that will help inform curriculum development. Transportation technology is rapidly changing and becoming increasingly more technologically advanced, which requires continuous professional development and program improvement to stay relevant.



- Green Transportation Summit & Expo
- Advanced Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo
- Mobilize California Summit
- Zero Emission Bus Conference
- → FORTH-Empowering Mobility



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WHO IS DOING WHAT?

#### **Imperial Valley College**

Program: Diesel Farm Machinery & Heavy Equipment Zero Emission Courses: N/A Zero Emission Course Plans: Not currently

#### San Diego Miramar College

Program: Diesel Technology Zero Emission Courses: N/A Zero Emission Course Plans: Exploring

#### **Palomar College**

Program Name: Diesel Technology Zero Emission Courses: Yes Zero Emission Course Plans: One certificate comprised of 4 courses

#### **CURRICULUM RECOMMENDATIONS**

Curriculum recommendations are only suggestions and should be vetted by local advisory committees, curriculum committees, and any relevant factory partnerships or associations.

The following curriculum recommendations are based on interviews with medium- and heavy-duty vehicle industry advisors. A majority of these advisors are manufactures as downstream dealers and end users are just now adding these vehicles to their inventories. Much like the light-duty ZEV market, training and workforce strategies are still in their infancy. These industry representatives recommend colleges take a phased in approach that aligns with adoptions and deployment strategies. Employers would like see colleges start develop introductory technology course to familiarize students on the basics of the platforms. Additionally, every industry advisor recommended safety courses be prioritized in the phase one rollout.



#### **Phase 1: Topics**

♠ Introduction to ZEVs (EVs & Hydrogen Vehicle Platforms)

High Voltage Electrical Safety & High Voltage Vehicle Safety Systems

Basic ZEV Maintenance

# Phase 2: Topics

Electrical Courses

Battery Management Systems

Hybrid Vehicles REgenerative braking Systems

• Converter Systems

Permanent Magnet Electrical Machines

AC Induction Electrical Machines

♠ Energy Management Systems

Transaxles, Gears, & Cooling Systems



#### **Education & Awareness**

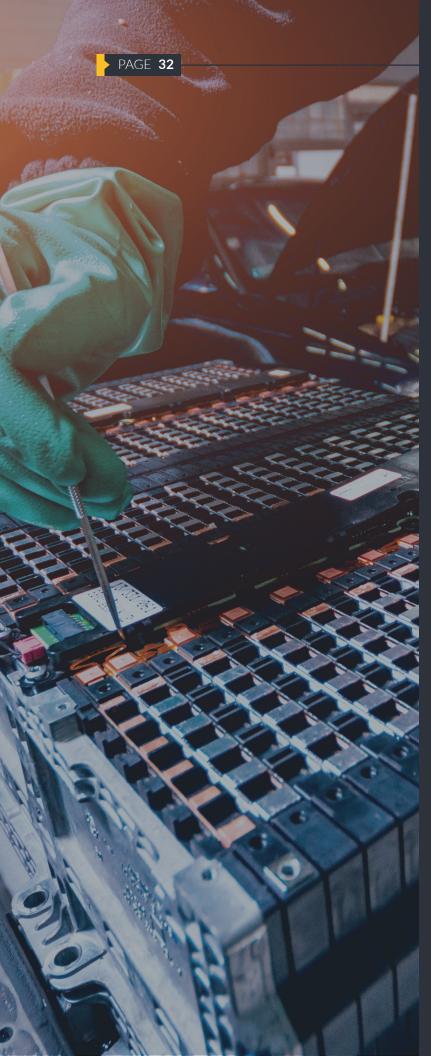
Sustainability related training programs provide a unique opportunity at colleges to educate beyond training alone. Colleges should consider becoming a demonstration and awareness site through both training and infrastructure. Many of the strategies that have been published or are being drafted include these topics as an identified need to accelerate progress. Some of the benefits to this consideration would include funding through alignment, new avenues for marketing and outreach, program connectivity, and the potential for increased public traffic on campus.

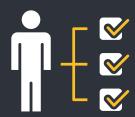
#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

Programs should include charging infrastructure in their program and lab planning as this will have a facilities impact and likely require capital improvement planning. Our team has experience navigating EV charging infrastructure at schools through our electric school bus projects and would be can provide technical assistance with any infrastructure needs related to this subject.

#### **Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeship programs should be considered now or in the future while state funding is still accessible to help facilitate program development. As previously mentioned, both pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs are being recommended in multiple ZEV strategies to help facilitate workforce needs and support connecting workers to high-quality jobs and lifelong employability.





# **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

The below technical skills were gathered through OEM or employer interviews and surveys. Many of the skills and training needs have not been identified by end-users or OEMs as a result of how new this technology is. Programs should continue to work with ZEV advisors to make sure all the KSA's are relevant as the technology matures.

- Hybrid
- HVAC
- Electric Motors, Wiring, Modules
- High-Voltage Batteries
- High-Voltage Safety
- Software Diagnosis & Uploading
- ADAS
- CNG
- Air Brakes
- **Technical Documentation**
- Thermal Management & Cooling Systems
- **Pneumatics**
- Battery Management Systems

# **EXAMPLE PROGRAM**

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE: HEAVY/MEDIUM DUTY CLEAN VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

| REQUIRED COURSES |  | UNITS |
|------------------|--|-------|
| AUTO 010         | INTRODUCTION TO HYBRID & ELECTRIC VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY | 4     |
| ELECTR 110       | DIRECT CURRENT CIRCUIT ANALYSIS                      | 3     |
| ELECTR 111       | DIRECT CURRENT CIRCUIT LABORATORY                    | 1     |
| ELECTR 115       | ALTERNATING CURRENT CIRCUIT ANALYSIS                 | 3     |
| ELECTR 116       | ALTERNATING CURRENT CIRCUIT LABORATORY               | 1     |
| ELECTR 087       | TECHNICAL CALCULATIONS                               | 4     |
| HMDT 042         | ZERO-EMISSION HEAVY-DUTY TRUCK                       | 2     |
| HMDT 034         | DIESEL ALTERNATIVE FUELS                             | 4     |
|                  | TOTAL UNITS  | 22    |

#### **EXAMPLE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Assemble a diesel engine and/or a Direct Current (DC) or Alternating Current (AC) electric motor in accordance with manufacturer instructions and specifications
- Perform routine servicing of heavy-duty vehicles by evaluating equipment conditions successfully in a manner consistent with industry practices and safety standards
- Troubleshoot an electrical system failure, diagnose the cause and correctly repair that failure in accordance with accepted industry standards

Program Link: https://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/hmdt/ heavt-medium-duty-clean-vehicle-technology-certificate-achievement/

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L.A.B Corporation: Lucas-Nulle Training Systems for Commercial Vehicles and Agricultural Machinery See High-Voltage Systems and Electric Drives

Website: https://www.lucas-nuelle.us/2768/apg/17765/High-voltage-systems-and-electric-drives-.htm Rep: David Bjurlin. Cell 480-319-1168. Email: David@labcorpedu.com Web: www.LABCorpEdu.Com

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