

Timeline & Milestones

Funding period: August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2026

Replace Diesel School Buses with Electric School Buses

The planned activities involve replacing 25 of our existing diesel buses with a mix of 15 electric (EV) buses and ten propane buses. We will also install 15 DC fast charging stations to support the growing number of EV buses in our fleet. These activities are expected to result in substantial reductions in harmful emissions and improvements in air quality while maintaining reliable transportation options for students. This timeline is subject to grant finalization and procurement timelines.

November 1, 2024- Initiate procurement process and partnership with Blue Bird
Complete - Identify EV charging installation site locations

June - July 2025- Driver hands-on training for staff members including examination completion and online modules

August 2025 - First set of electric and propane buses delivered

August 2025 - Monitor fuel usage and emissions calculation after replacement of buses

November 2025 - Engage with local stakeholders from Bibb County on the progress of the propane and EV buses

October-November 2025- Driver hands-on training for new staff members

July 1, 2026: Final technical report submitted to EPA that supports replacement of 25 existing diesel buses with a mix of 15 electric (EV) buses and ten propane buses

Engagement and Trainings:

Ongoing: Develop workforce driving and technician training for current drivers, mechanics, electricians with Blue Bird (manufacturer of the electric school buses) to ensure the electric and propane buses run effectively and are safe on the road. Also, engage local stakeholders and community members of Bibb County on the progress of the installation and replacement of the buses.