



# Better. Connected

The road to net zero

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# The Need for Change

Climate: Transport emits 20% of NI's total GHGs, an increase of 22% since 1990, the biggest contributor is cars

Energy: Transport consumed 30% of NI's total energy in 2019, mostly imported fossil fuel

Health: Poor air quality is the biggest environmental risk to public health in the UK, contributes to 800 deaths a year in NI

Economy: Transport is crucial to connecting society and the economy



# Climate Action

# The Race to Zero



**50%**

reduction in  
emissions by  
2030  
or sooner

**Net  
Zero**

by 2040  
or sooner

**Climate  
Positive**

by 2050  
or sooner

# Translink Zero Emission Bus Programme

## NIH2 Pilot



3 Hydrogen  
buses for  
Belfast - live  
Dec 2020

## Phase 1



80 Electric  
buses and 20  
Hydrogen for  
Belfast – live  
March 2022

## Phase 2



New Foyle Metro  
and Coleraine  
minibus Electric -  
went live Summer  
2023

## Phase 3



100 Electric  
buses for  
Ulsterbus and  
Metro – go live  
2024/25

# Alternative Technology – Battery Electric Vehicle



Wrightbus Electroliner



Vehicle Charging Hubs

# How does a BEV work



VEHICLE CHARGED  
OVERNIGHT



ENERGY STORED  
WITHIN BATTERY



DRIVES ELECTRIC  
MOTOR

# Charging



*Option 1:*

Charger can power 1 output @ 150 kW power



150 kW

*Option 2:*

Charger can power 2 outputs @ 75kW each



75 kW



75 kW

*Option 3:*

Charger can power 2 outputs @ 150kW alternately



150 kW

- kW



- kW

150 kW

# Alternative Technology – Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle



Wrightbus Streetdeck Hydroliner



Hydrogen Refuelling Station

# How does a FCEV work



- Bus is fuelled when required
- Hydrogen is stored within tanks at 350Bar
- Bus drives electrically – electric motors
- Fuel Cell recharges the battery
- Water is the only Emission

# How does a FCEV work



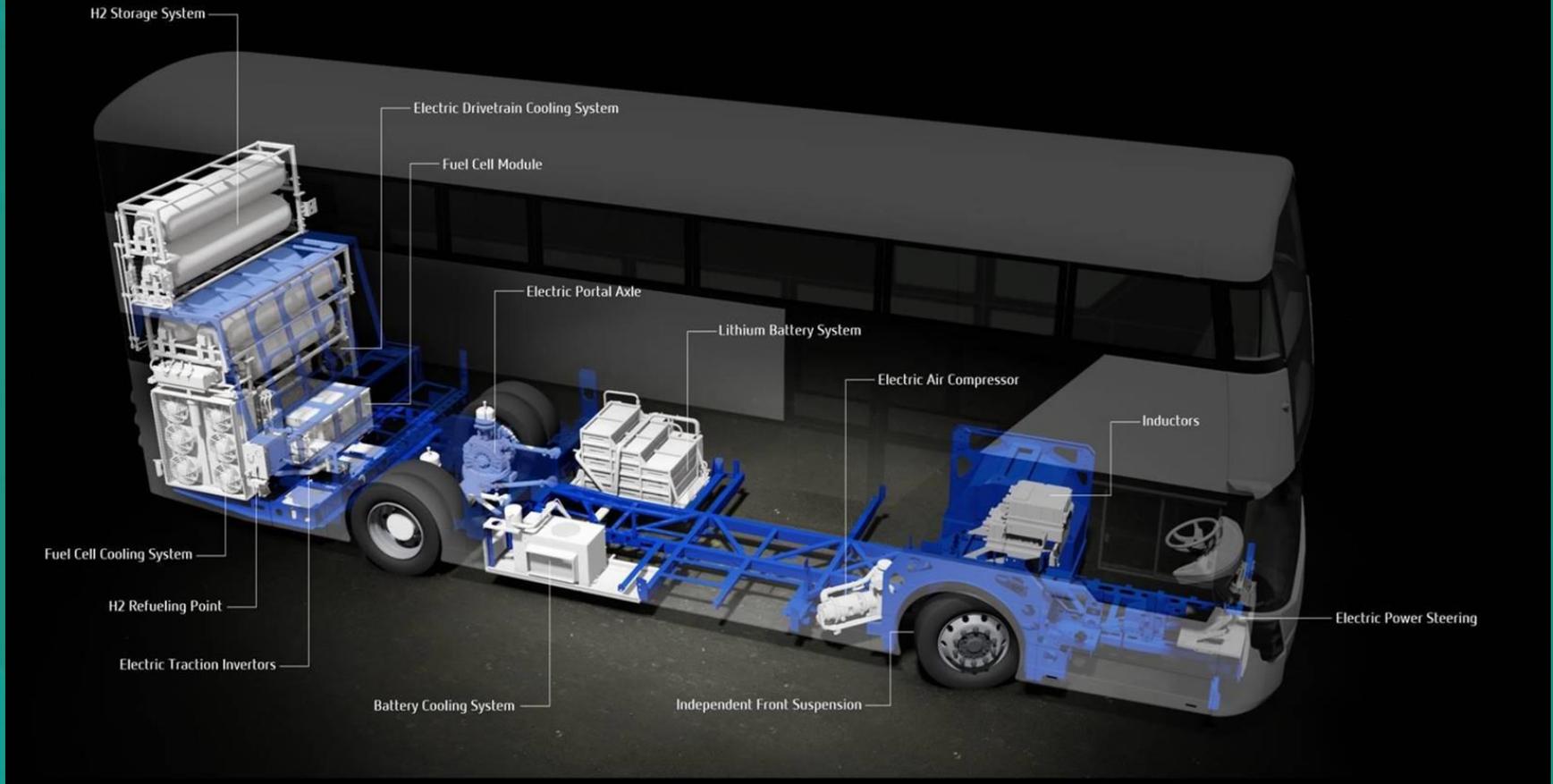
VEHICLE  
REFUELLED WITH  
HYDROGEN



HYDROGEN  
CONVERTED TO  
ELECTRICAL  
ENERGY



DRIVES ELECTRIC  
MOTOR



# Hydrogen Refuelling



# Business Change – it's all about people!



## Safety Assessments/Equipment/ Standards:

### Operations:

- Charge Management
- Route Risk Assessments
- Revised FUSC & Defect Reporting
- Emergency Plan Procedures (engage
- Revised Business Continuity

### Engineering:

- ATEX Certified Equipment
- DSEAR Zones
- Safe Systems of Work
- Risk Assessments



## Training and Staff Competency:

### **+700 Drivers trained on:**

- Vehicle Familiarisation
- Electric Vehicle Driving Style
- Safety features (e.g., AVAS, Brake Toggle)

### **+70 Engineers trained on:**

- ILM Level 1 and 2 (Electric Vehicle Safety)
- Battery Electric Vehicle Maintenance
- Hydrogen Vehicle Maintenance

### **+40 Operational Support Staff**

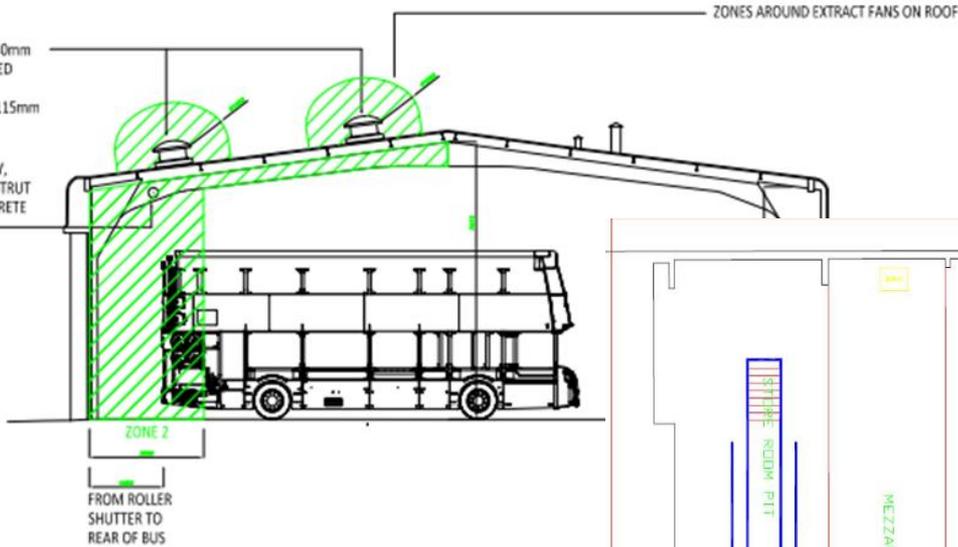
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- Electric Vehicle Charging
- Hydrogen gas refuelling



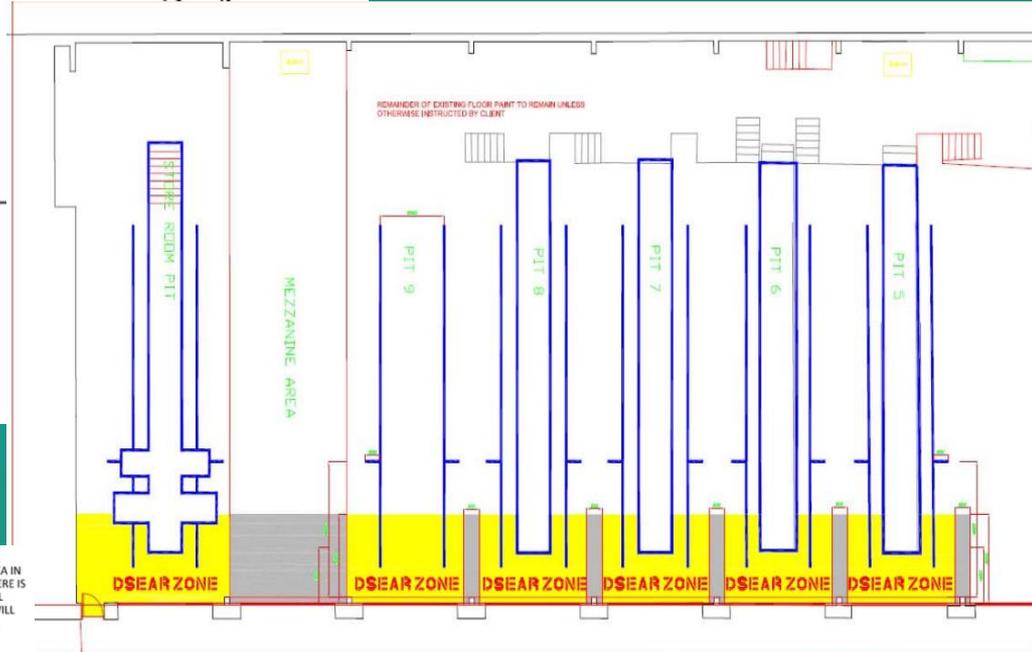
# Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus maintenance

TWO NUMBER ATEX RATED SIZE 650mm  
ROOF FANS MOUNTED ON MATCHED  
KERB UPSTANDS  
FAN COWL DIMS APPROX 1115 x 1115mm

2 No. HYDROGEN SENSORS PER BAY,  
SUSPENDED VIA LENGTHS OF UNISTRUT  
OR SIMILAR FIXED BETWEEN CONCRETE  
STRUCTURAL BEAMS

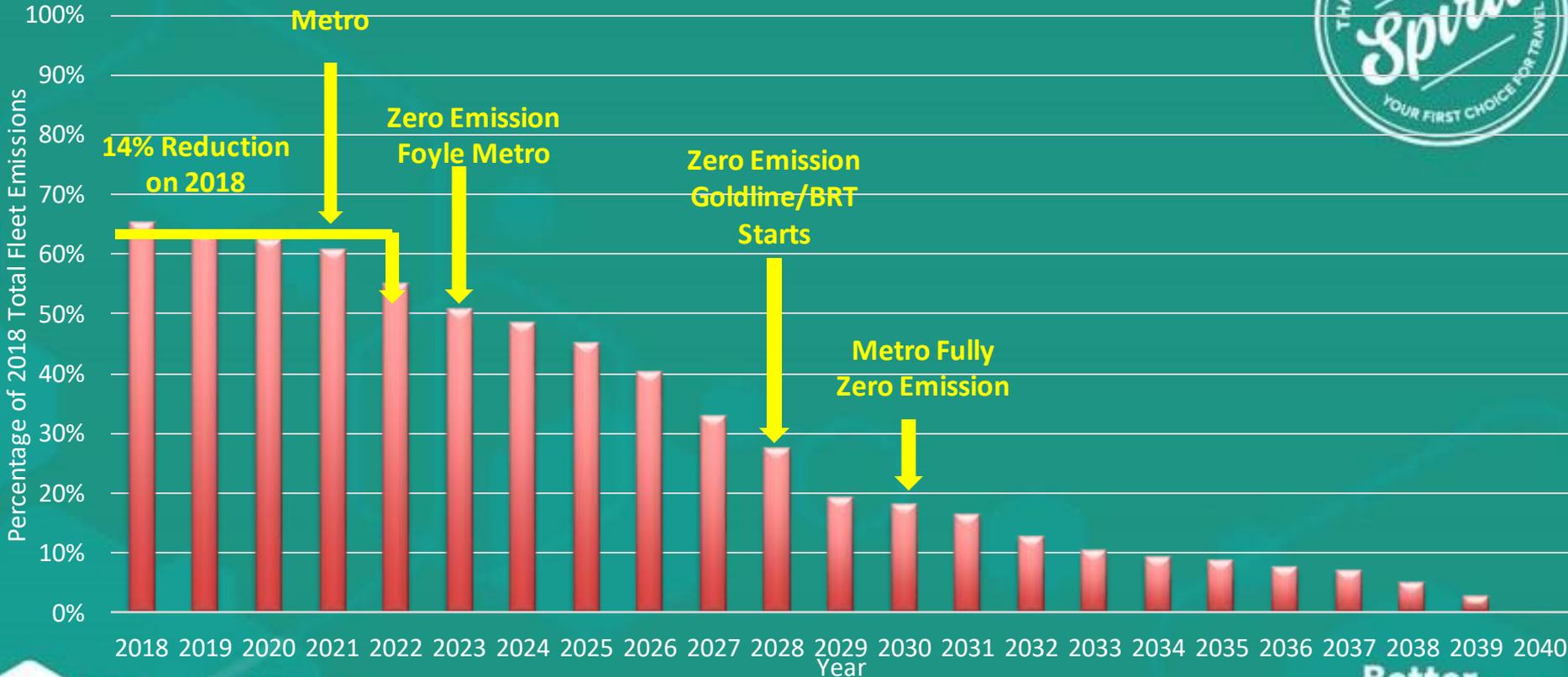


Translink Depo, Newtownabbey - Typical section



ZONE 2  
THAT PART OF A HAZARDOUS AREA IN  
WHICH A FLAMMABLE ATMOSPHERE IS  
NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR IN NORMAL  
OPERATION AND, IF IT OCCURS, WILL  
EXIST ONLY FOR A SHORT PERIOD.  
APPARATUS GROUP: IIC  
TEMPERATURE CLASS T1

# Bus Fleet Milestones



# Public Transport delivering for Northern Ireland

Delivers on  
the Climate  
Change Act

Supports  
a Just  
Transition

Supports the  
10X Economy  
Vision

**Public transport  
improving  
wellbeing  
for all**

Supports the  
Green Growth  
Strategy

Supports the  
Clean Air  
Strategy

Supports the  
Energy  
Strategy



## Critical Actions Now (Transport Strategic Plan)

Climate: Modal shift away from cars to mass transport (public transport)

Energy: Decarbonise public transport- continue to invest in bus and rail fleet transition to renewable energy

Health: Create clean air zones in major cities and towns – encourage active travel

Economy: Extend public transport support for young people, people with disabilities, low income families, employees/employers.





