



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Government supports Tranzit fast charge electric buses**

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) has announced a grant of \$339,602 for a Tranzit trial system to charge electric buses “on the go”.

The ECCA grant will go toward Tranzit’s project to supplement electric public transport network infrastructure with super-fast ‘opportunity charge’ technology.

The project will demonstrate the viability of drive-through electric bus charging technology, where buses batteries gain additional charge as they travel through a network – such as at bus stops.

The project will build a containerised 450 kW opportunity charger with an overhead charge mast and the associated vehicle mounted equipment for one bus. The portability will allow the charger to be taken around the country for demonstrations.

Tranzit last week announced NZ-assembled double-decker electric buses will start on Wellington public transport routes next year.

Tranzit managing director Paul Snelgrove said the project was an important part of meeting public demand for electric vehicles on public transport networks.

“Opportunity-charging will extend the reach of electric bus networks, servicing more of the public and taking them further.”

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For more information about the ECCA fund visit <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/funding-and-support/electric-vehicles-programme/>

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