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Request:

- I was reviewing the EPA Clean School Bus Program and the calendar of important dates shows that the applications won't be approved until May 2025. During the study session you stated the EPA grant is approved and so am I looking at the correct information on the EPA website?
 - The EPA website link is for the current open grant applications 2024 grant. TSD applied for and was awarded the 2023 grant. The calendar of important dates is not our timeline. Our timeline is similar minus one year.
- Based on the numbers in the RFI response, the EPA grant is for \$420,000?
 - Correct, we were awarded \$140,000 per bus for a total of \$420,000. Funding covers buses and charging infrastructure.
- Colorado has ended the program and so is there a chance that if the EPA has not approved the grant for funding, the program could be stopped?
 - There is no chance of funding not being approved, as the funding has already been approved. Once we sign the contract agreement with the State, the funds are allocated for our use within the allotted time stated in the contract.
- The EPA website also states that the buses cannot be ordered until May and when did you plan on placing the purchase order for the buses?
 - This website date is for the current grant application cycle. We have an updated timeline of needing to have the buses and chargers operational by August 2025.
 Due to lead time, we will be putting out the RFP for the buses, chargers, and charger installation as soon as the EPA grant agreement is signed.