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# SOLAR ELECTRIC BRTS – AHMEDABAD EFFORTS

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# INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- Urban Transport: Lifeline of an economy especially necessary for a fast paced urban economy

However,

- Urban Transport: A major contributor of air and noise pollution
- Urban Transport: Fossil fuel dependent causing energy insecurity and future resource depletion
- Electric mobility in various vehicle segments is being promoted by public authorities, supported by industry and private sector and being researched
- 2 wheeler and 4 wheeler privately owned vehicles: Difficult to penetrate as it is user's choice and cannot be forced
- 3 wheeler: Pilots have started working but a regulatory body is needed for high penetration
- **Bus segment: Good potential to put in practice if feasible as it is generally city transport authority decision**
- Metro rail and other rail: Already on grid electricity, may venture into possibilities of renewable power for grid

# Scope and contents of presentation

## Scope: Case Study of electric BRTS for Ahmedabad

1. **Transport Sustainability:** Indicators, models and frameworks
2. Public transport sustainability **framework for Ahmedabad**
3. **Energy in Gujarat** and Ahmedabad: capacity addition for electricity based transit
4. Concept of solar **E-BRTS**
5. Pilot analysis: Financial feasibility using solar rooftop model: Potential failure
6. Phases: Concept development to implementation to operations to salvage and after-life disposal
7. **Total Cost of ownership:** Diesel Vs. Electric and Strategic route identification for phase wise development
8. Similar scope for **AMTS** and Similar scope for most Indian cities
9. Electric BRTS: Current state: Routes, Contract conditions, Fund Sanctioned and other details
10. **Social benefit cost ratio:** One way to look at it
11. Existing investment Vs. additional cost : Great potential for **value addition** to city
12. **Asset Management Plan**
13. Conclusion and future scope
14. Thanks and request for support and collaboration

# TRANSPORT SUSTAINABILITY CONCEPTS

- Study of Indicators (collection of 150 indicators in literature), (12) models and frameworks
- Public transport sustainability (very few specific models)

## Linkage based

- The PSR Model (Pressure – State – Response)
- The DPSIR Model (Drivers – Pressures – State – Impact – Responses)
- The Environment – Economy linkages model

## Impact based

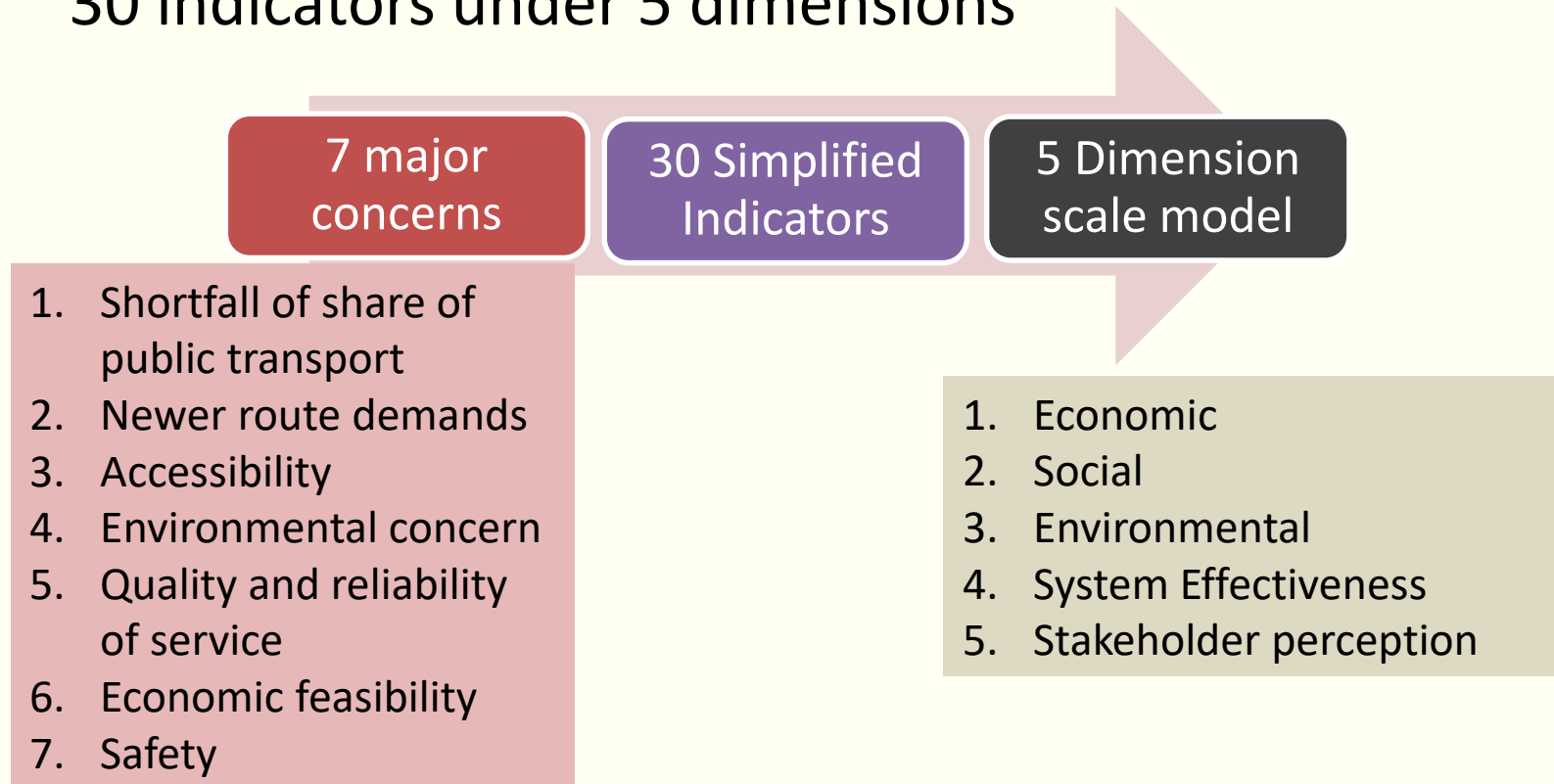
- The Litman (2003) model
- The Pearce and Vanegas (2002) model
- The Rijsberman and van de Ven (2000) model

## Influence oriented

- The Transport Canada model
- The United States Departments of Transportation models
- The European Union model

# Public Transport Sustainability framework for Ahmedabad

- Sustainability model for Ahmedabad: Recommended 30 indicators under 5 dimensions

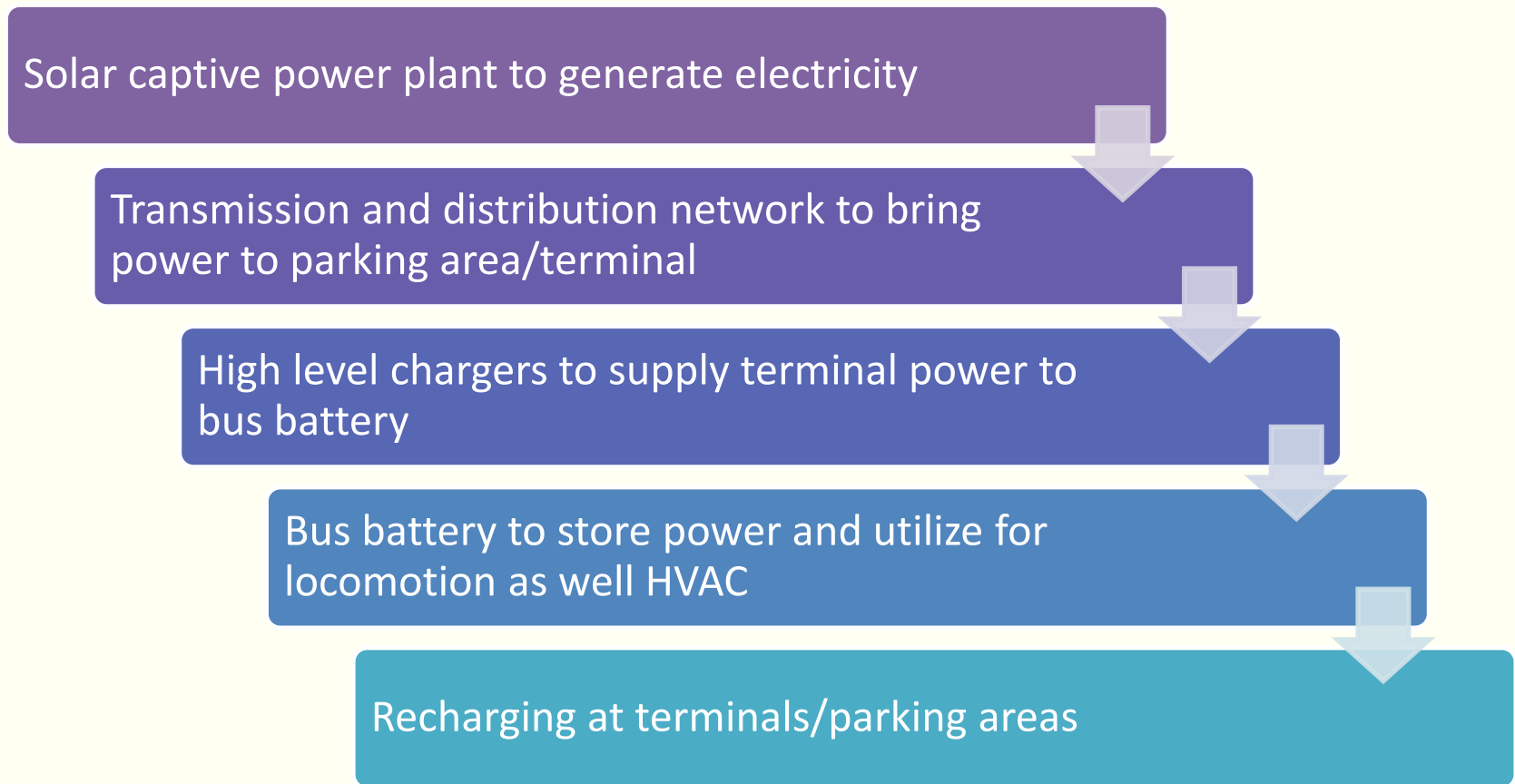


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# Energy in Gujarat and Ahmedabad

- 5 % Surplus energy generation in Gujarat but against that many industries already demanding more power
- In many other Indian cities, power shortfalls on supply side or just sufficient to meet the city demands
- Electricity for e-BRTS will come from ??
- Assuming Solar Captive power plant/ Rooftop solar system
- Capacity addition required for entire Ahmedabad BRTS system (as on 2018) to be electrified is estimated at: 25714 Kwp

# CONCEPT OF SOLAR E-BRTS CONSIDERED



# Pilot analysis: Financial feasibility using solar rooftop model: Potential failure

Solar Rooftop at Ranip Terminal was considered for case, the major findings were:

1. Solar Rooftop area availability constraints limit the no. of buses that can be charged (Demonstrated max. 3 buses may be charged with entire terminal area rooftop)
2. Solar rooftop will not give economies of scale of entire transit system
3. Solar rooftop can generate sufficient energy for maybe HVAC but not locomotion (325 kWh per bus typical requirement)
4. Transmission and distribution and rooftop installations and grid connectivity will get complicated if multiple rooftops used

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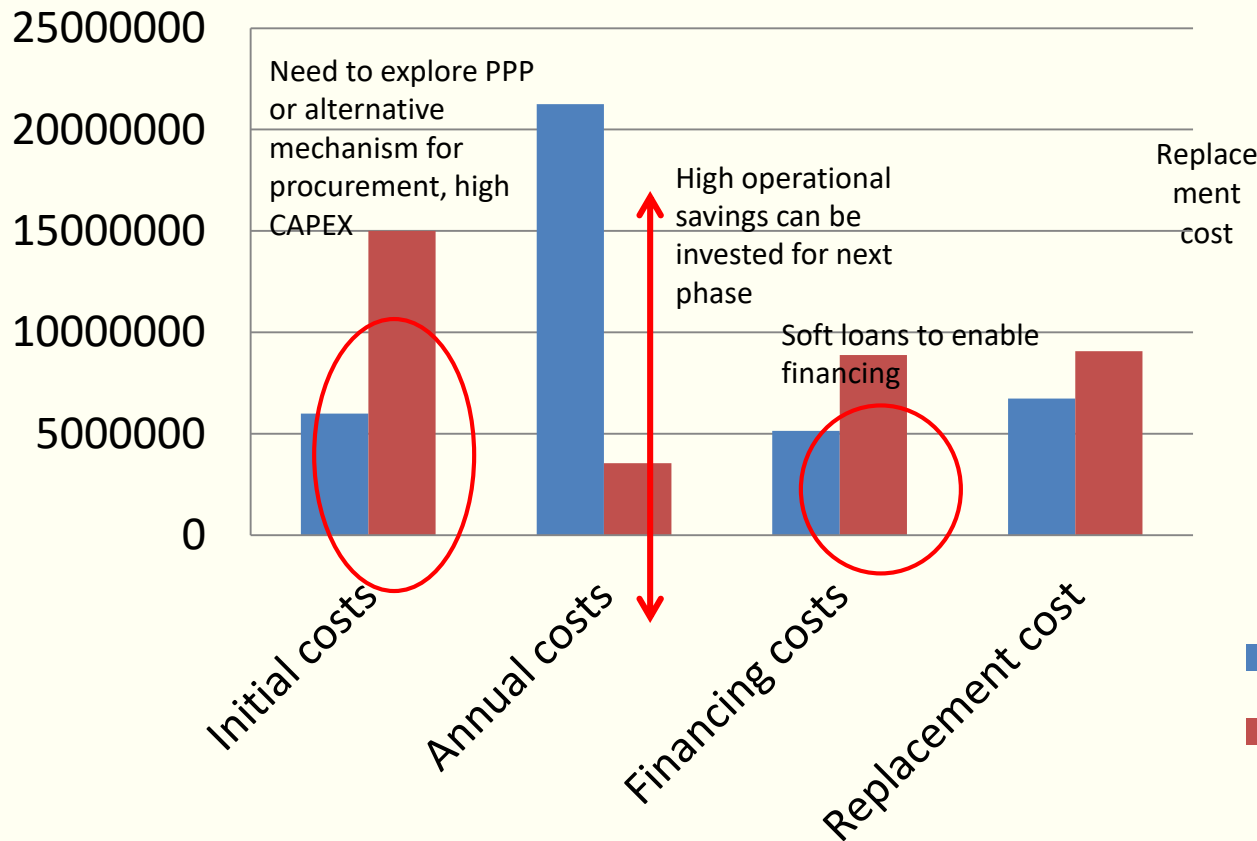


# Phases of development and implementation

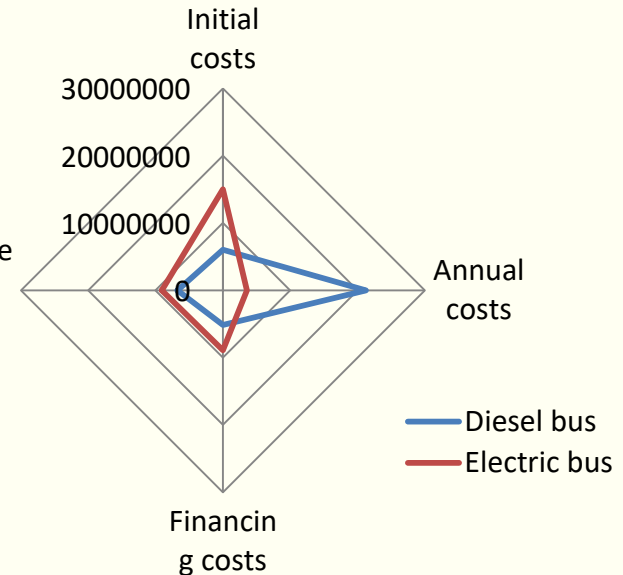
- Concept development
- Technical feasibility
- Financial and economic feasibility and project appraisal
- Permissions, Support and Awareness
- Infrastructure development requirement
- Training of personnel
- Implementation: Bus procurement, charging station procurement etc.
- Operations and maintenance and replacements
- Salvage of buses and after-life disposal of batteries

# Findings: TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP ANALYSIS of brts

## Cost components of diesel and electric bus



## TCO for diesel and electric bus operation



■ Diesel bus  
■ Electric bus

Reference: Sheth A. and Sarkar D., "Total Cost of ownership of electric BRTS", under publication

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# STRATEGIC ROUTE SELECTION FOR MAXIMUM EARLY BENEFITS

TCO CALCULATED FOR INDIVIDUAL ROUTES OF THE NETWORKS

13 BRTS ROUTES

180 AMTS ROUTES

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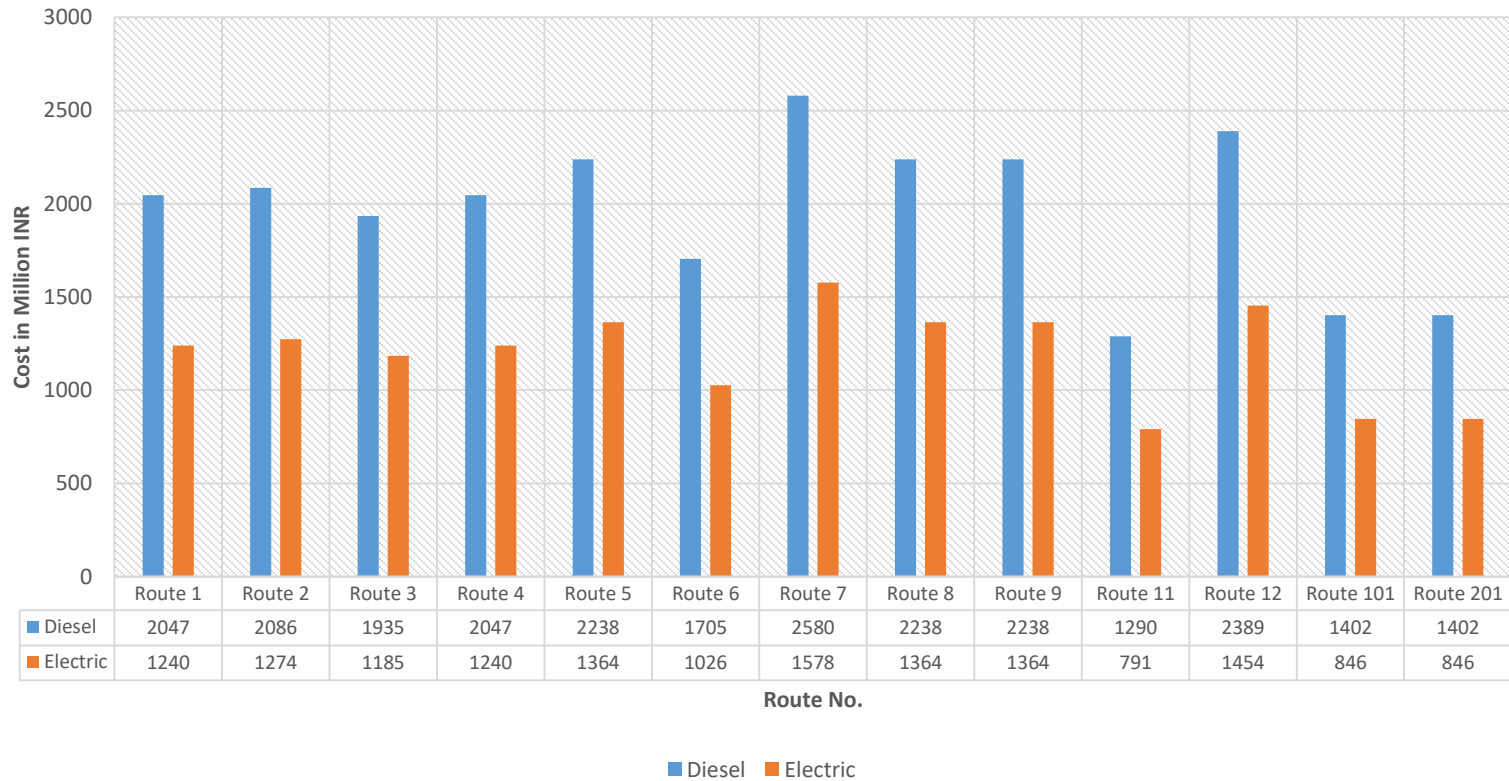
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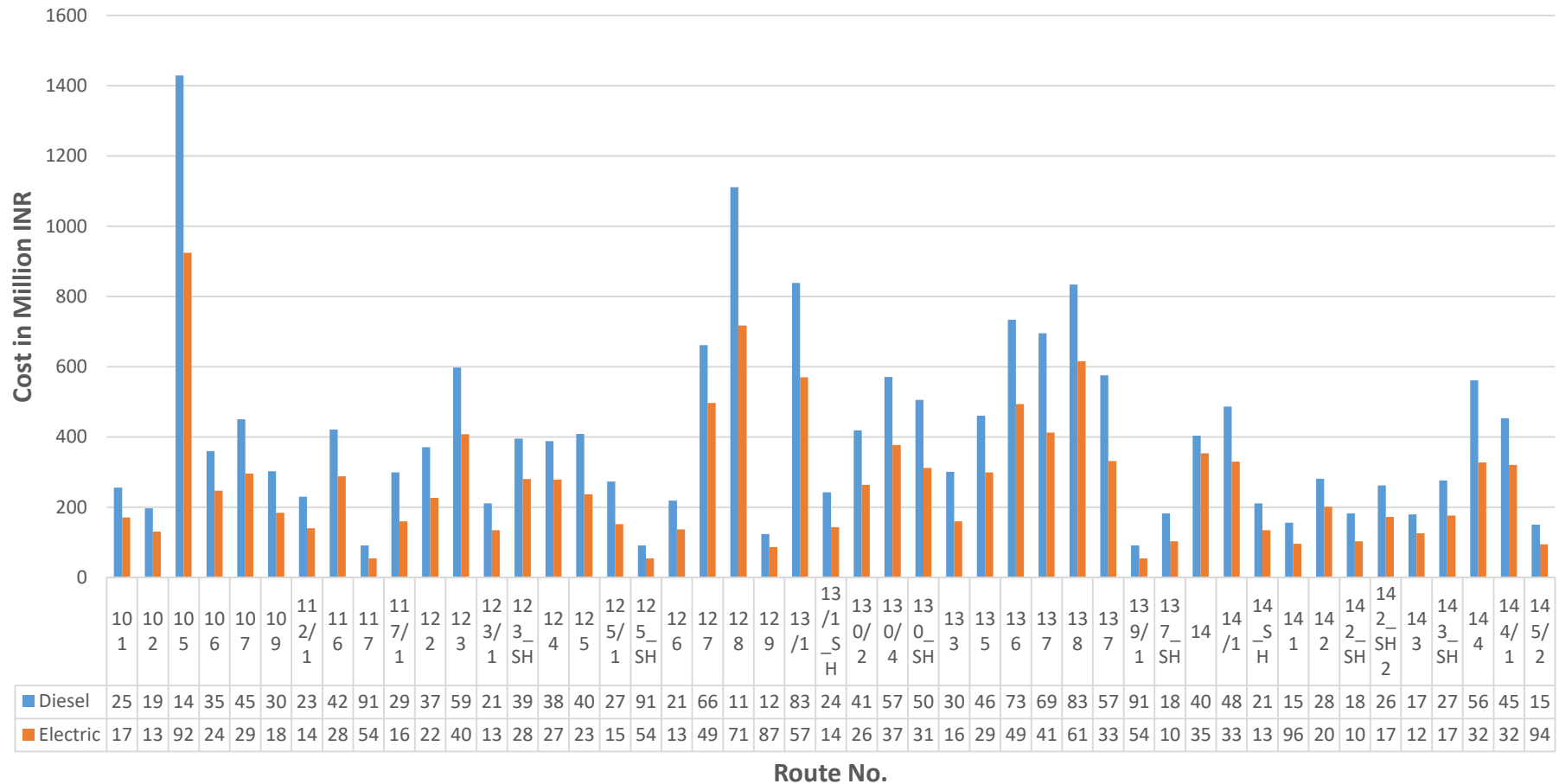
# Life cycle costing assessment : BRTS

Total Cost of Ownership for BRTS



# Life cycle costing assessment (TCO): AMTS

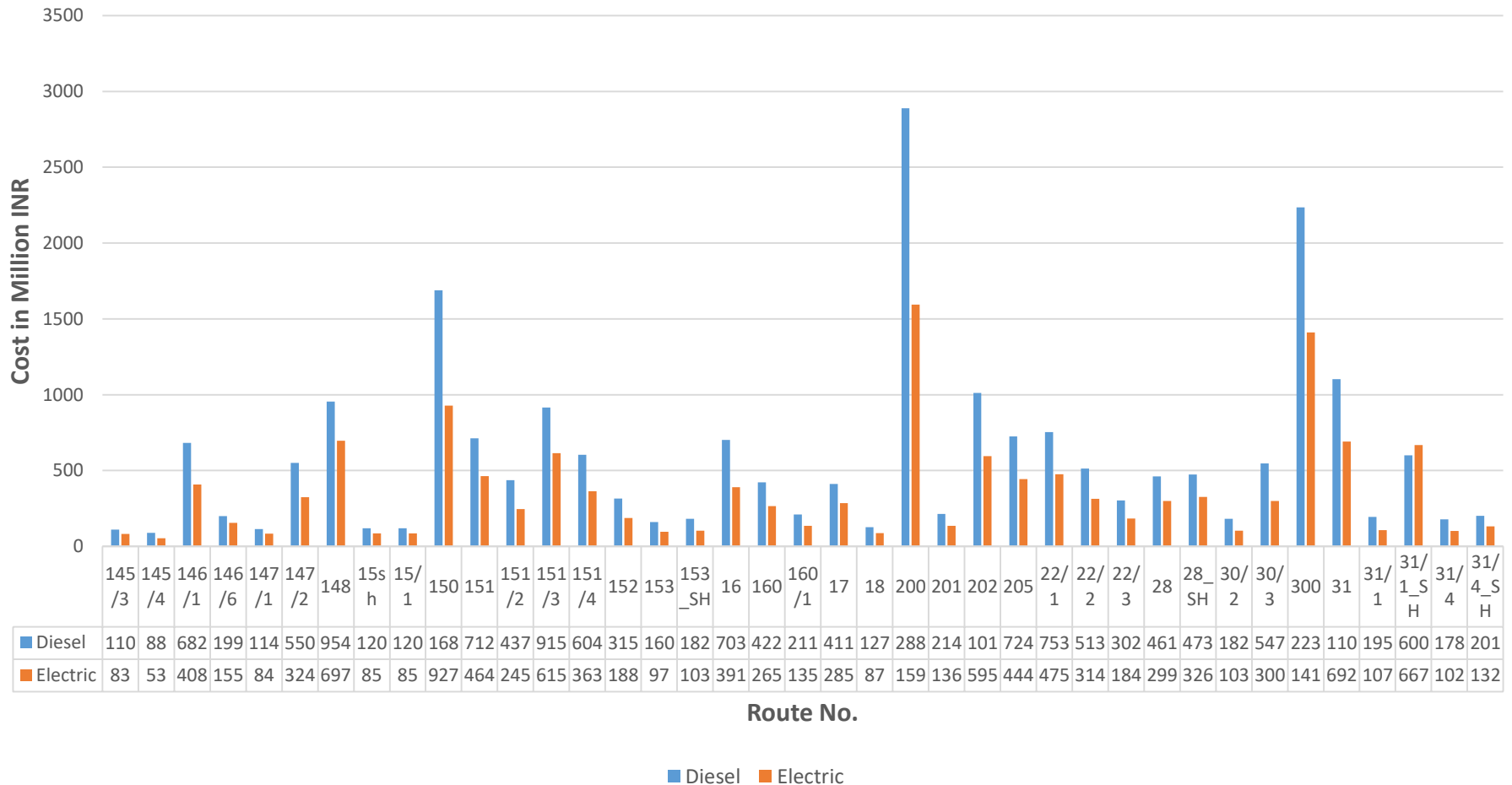
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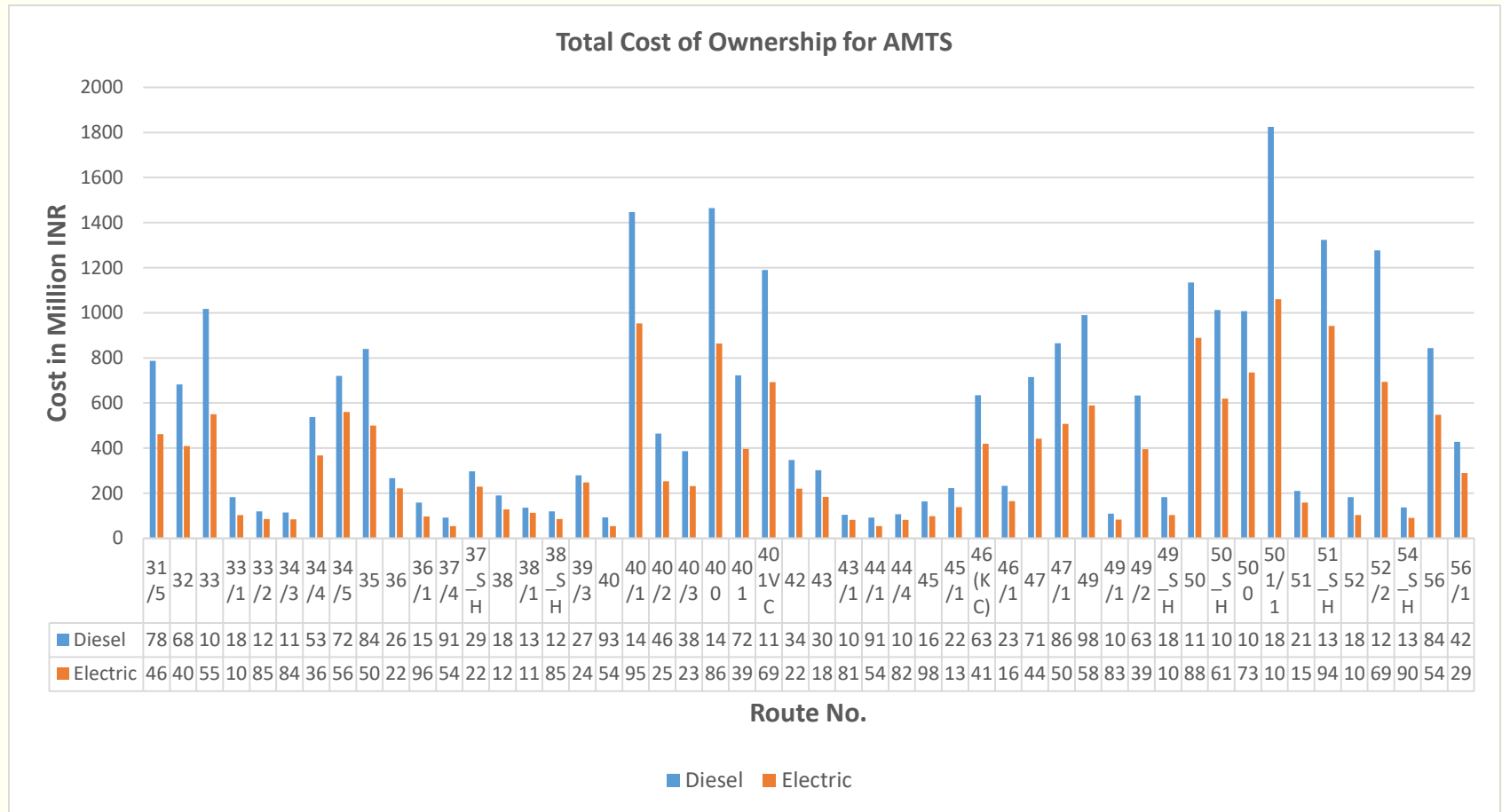
■ Diesel ■ Electric

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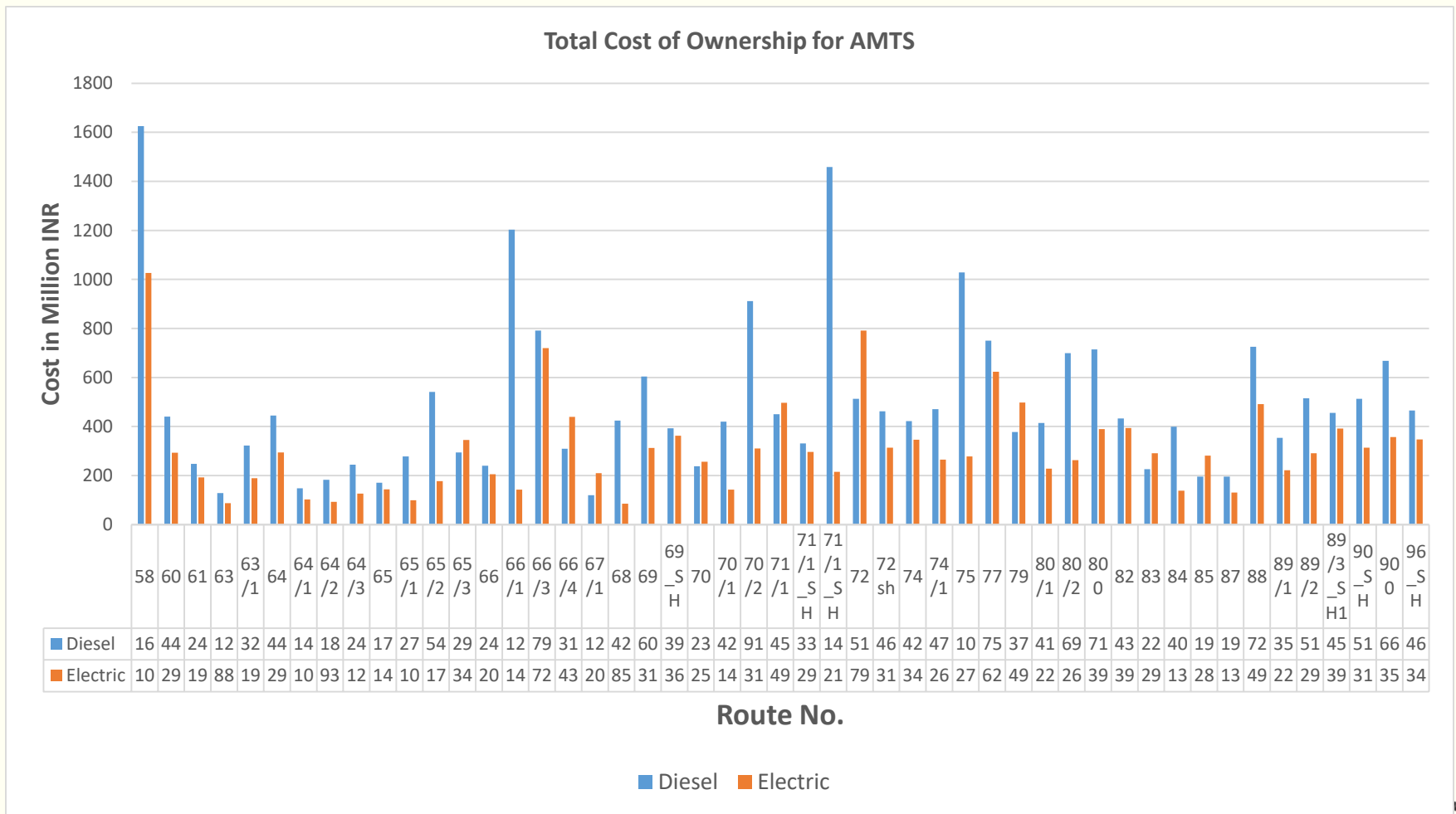
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# Life cycle costing assessment: BRTS Results summary

Diesel BRTS	INR 25596 million
Grid-Electric BRTS	INR 15571 million
Overall life cycle cost savings	INR 10025 million
Additional cost of solar power plant set up if solar electric to be deployed (25,714 Kwp capacity worked out)	INR 17500 million
Biodiesel BRTS (excluding biodiesel plant set up cost)	INR 22118 million
Additional cost of biodiesel plant set up (25.26 Tons capacity worked out)	INR 25722 million

# Life cycle costing assessment (TCO): AMTS

## Results summary

Diesel AMTS	INR 92693 million
Grid-Electric AMTS	INR 58836 million
Overall life cycle cost savings	INR 33857 million
Additional cost of solar power plant set up if solar electric to be deployed (72, 626 KWp capacity worked out)	INR 98140 million
Biodiesel AMTS (excluding biodiesel plant set up cost)	INR 81569 million
Additional cost of biodiesel plant set up (89.39 Tons capacity worked out)	INR 59313 million

# Electric BRTS AHMEDABAD: Current state

- Gross Cost Contract Model with O&M cost predefined at 59 INR/km
- 8 shortlisted routes (list routes)
- Partial fund sanctioned as per FAME India
- Other applicable policies and subsidies:
  - The Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission by the Ministry of new and renewable energy
  - Gujarat State Power Policy
  - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
  - Development of Solar cities program by MNRE
  - The national electric mobility mission plan
  - FAME - India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India) scheme by the Department of Heavy Industry
  - Urban Electric Mobility Initiative by UN Habitat

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Social benefit cost assessment: one way to appraise sustainable transport projects

**CASE STUDY OF AHMEDABAD ELECTRIC BRTS  
SANCTIONED PROJECT**

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# Scope OF DATA SET/SYSTEM CONSIDERED

Scope: Proposed route of 185.1 km comprising of 8 routes

Sr. No.	Route no.	Origin - Destination	Length of the route (km)	No. of buses lying on the route
1	1	Maninagar to Ghuma Gam	21.2	28
2	1	Ghuma Gam to Maninagar	19.9	
3	2	Sola Bhagwat to Maninagar	22.2	14
4	2	Maninagar to Sola Bhagwat	22.9	
5	3	Isckon to Naroda Gam	22.4	22
6	3	Naroda Gam to Isckon	22.2	
7	101	RTO Circle to RTO Circle (Circular route 101)	27.1	12
8	201	RTO Circle to RTO Circle (Circular route 102)	27.2	12
Total route length			185.1	

# Benefits and Costs considered for e-BRTS

## Revenue generation

- Revenue of electric bus system: Ridership & advertisement
- Tax revenue to Government

## Savings in vehicle operating costs

- Reduction in no. of vehicles on road (diverted traffic)
- Ceasing of diesel bus operation on road

## Environmental benefit for users

- Due to reduction in air pollution
- Due to reduction in noise pollution

## Benefits to users due to savings in travel time

## Benefits due to reduction in accidents

- Benefits due to reduction in major fatal accidents
- Benefits due to reduction in minor non-fatal accidents
- Benefits due to reduction in vehicle damage

## Benefit due to non-consumption of fossil fuel

## Infrastructure investment costs

- Capital cost of corridor development
- Capital cost of charging infrastructure development
- Capital cost of bus procurement

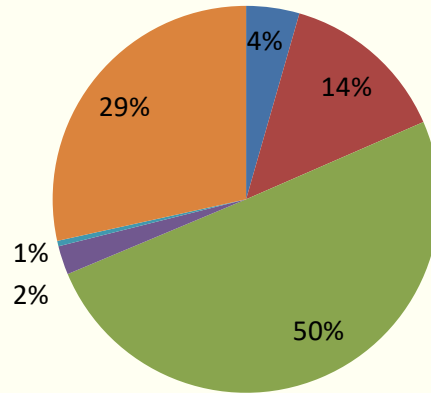
## Infrastructure maintenance cost (civil) and Replacement costs

- Cost of replacement of ITMS infrastructure
- Cost of replacement of buses
- Cost of battery replacement
- Cost of system operation and maintenance
- Cost of additional electric power generation
- Cost of power plant installation
- Cost for transmission and distribution for the additional power

# Distribution of various benefits and costs

Distribution of various benefits (PW)

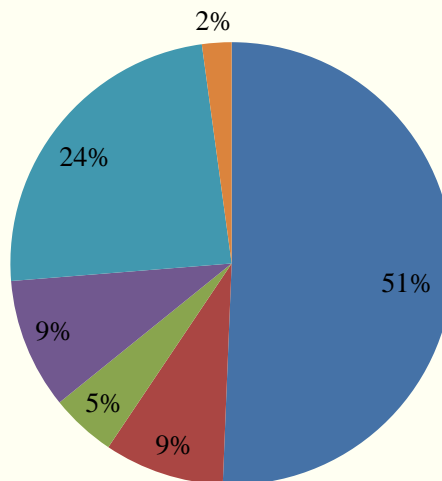
Total present worth of costs =  
 INR 33,053 million  
 (USD 479.03 million)



- Revenue benefits
- Savings in vehicle operation costs
- Environmental benefits

Distribution of various costs (PW)

Total present worth of costs =  
 INR 22,806.21 million  
 (USD 330.52 million)



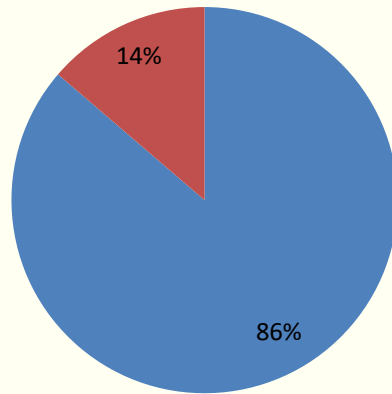
- Infrastructure Investment costs
- Bus procurement cost
- Infrastructure maintenance cost
- Replacement costs of ITMS infrastructure, buses and batteries
- Transit system operation and maintenance cost
- Cost of additional power generation

# Existing vs. Future benefits and costs

Distribution of existing benefits (BRTS) and future benefits (e-BRTS)

## Value addition:

86 % or INR 28,250 million worth additional benefits

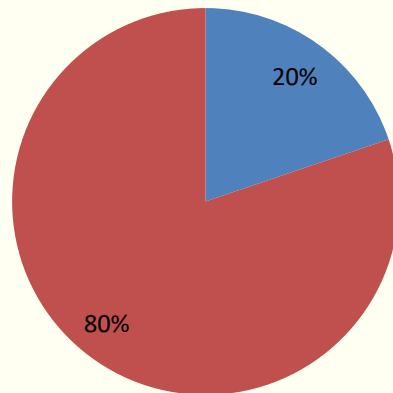


- Additional benefits due to e-BRTS
- Benefits attributed to BRTS in general

## Against

20% or INR 4,514 million worth additional costs for converting Diesel BRTS to Solar electric BRTS

Distribution of existing costs (BRTS) and future costs (e-BRTS)



- Additional costs due to e-BRTS
- Costs attributed to BRTS in general



# Social benefit cost analysis: major findings

- Electric BRTS implementation : Favourable as the present worth of benefits exceeds those of the costs.
- The social benefit cost ratio for a discount rate of 12 % and life cycle of 25 years is found to be 1.45 and the internal rate of return is estimated at greater than 18 %.
- The social benefit cost ratio at 8 %, 10 % and 18 % discount rates are estimated to be 1.72, 1.58 and 1.15 respectively.
- The major beneficiaries are the road users and as much as 50% of the benefits (amounting to INR 16,600 million for the studied case) can be attributed to life cycle environmental benefits.
- The major cost (51 %) involved for implementation of an e-BRT project is for infrastructure development (amounting to INR 11,549 million for the studied case), its major subcomponent being corridor development.
- The additional benefits foreseen due to e-BRTS (86% or INR 28,250 million) far outweigh the additional costs (20% or INR 4,514 million) incurred for its successful implementation. This is viewed as a value addition for the efforts and investment already put in by the city for various socio economic causes.

# ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Principle Applied	Association	Project Benefit
Risk Management	Tackling different identified risks through set protocols	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continuity of Service</li> <li>2. Safety</li> <li>3. Avoiding human or physical asset loss/damage</li> </ol>
Contingency Plan	Tackling with emergency situation of charging	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Continuity of service</li> <li>2.Uninterrupted performance</li> </ol>
Disposal of Assets	Organized phasing out of old diesel buses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Revenue generation</li> <li>2.Minimal monetary loss</li> </ol>
New Asset Delivery	Purchasing ideal electric buses based on desired specifications	Ideal Procurement of assets from Market (Minimal investment for best results)
Maintenance plan	Ensures efficient system	Economic and Sustainable service Delivery
Performance Indicators	Target setting, reviewing system	Leads to improvement strategies
Whole Life Costing	Benefits of investments and Project approval	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Financial feasibility</li> <li>2.Rate of return on investment</li> </ol>

# CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

1. Solar electric BRTS is a promising way for sustainable public transport
2. Social benefit cost assessment reveals positive investment and major value addition with small efforts on additional infrastructure development
3. Life cycle benefits should be looked at as opposed to short term goals
4. Strategic phase wise planning may be helpful
5. A suitable PPP model can aid and enable faster development especially by supporting high CAPEX on finance side and operation-maintenance on responsibility side
6. The project is eligible for international funding including Clean Development Mechanism and these can easily support the viability gap.
7. Environment impact assessment may be able to justify the project better.
8. The model can be easily reciprocated for AMTS as well as other city bus transport in India.

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## Questions ?

## Feedback ?

*If interested, we look forward to collaborating in terms of:*

- 1. Publication*
- 2. Outreach*
- 3. Training*
- 4. Pilot Project*
- 5. Implementation*
- 6. Developing business cases*

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