

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI)

Newsletter

January 2022

Dear valued Transit Partners,

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and successful 2022. Our sincerest thanks for your trust and confidence in working with us. We look forward to continuing our collaboration to deliver new opportunities supporting your transit needs.

Your colleagues at TPI

Happening in 2022

- The Request to Qualify and Quote (RQQ) for **Battery Electric Bus Consulting Services** is scheduled to close in Q1 2022.
 - The RQQ will support transit agencies in planning for the transition to an electric bus fleet. 
 - Additional transit agencies can join post-award.
 - The RQQ allows agencies to flexibly purchase the scope of study that suits their needs and/or builds on previous feasibility study work completed.
- Later in 2022, TPI will develop a **joint procurement for battery electric buses and charging infrastructure** based on our transit partners' requirements.
 - TPI will distribute a survey by March to gauge transit agencies interest and timelines. 

Team News



Kristy Mlakar joined the TPI team in August as a Senior Project Lead, moving from her previous role of Senior

Sustainability Advisor at Metrolinx. Kristy brings a wealth of experience in emerging transit technologies, including battery electric, hydrogen fuel cell electric and automated and connected vehicles.

TPI is also looking to backfill the vacancy for **Program Advisor** in the new year.

Highlights from 2021



The **2000th bus** was delivered to St. Catharines Transit in May, [read more about this milestone!](#)

The **Accessible Minibus Transit Vehicle** contract was awarded to **Creative Carriage** in July 2021:

- Base year, plus option year(s)
- OEM Van: Fiat Chrysler Ram ProMaster 2500
- Side and rear ramp
- Electric bi-fold side door
- Passenger seats: 5 + 2 PMD's, + other layouts
- Driver's barrier and passenger guards
- Comprehensive warranties



The **battery joint procurement** contract is **extended to February 2023!**

- The battery joint procurement has been very successful.
- Participating transit partners continue to benefit from fixed contract pricing, inventory supply, excellent customer support and reliable delivery.
- Battery types include flooded and AGM type batteries, Groups 8D, 31, 34, 48 and 78.
- Battery core refund program still in effect.



More details about TPI can be found in our [2020-2021 Annual Report](#)