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Zion National Park Shuttles Are Now Electric

Zero-emission visitor transportation advances EV and climate goals

Zion National Park has launched a fully electric visitor shuttle fleet, marking a milestone in the National Park Service's (NPS) sustainability efforts. Unveiled on Sept. 4, the fleet transition aligns with President Biden's **Federal Sustainability Plan**, which aims for net-zero emissions by 2050 and the conversion of 600,000 federal vehicles to electric power.

The $33 million project, supported by federal, state, and local organizations, represents the first fully electric transit system in a U.S. national park. The NPS plans similar transitions for parks like Grand Canyon, Acadia, and Yosemite. The new battery-powered buses, acquired through the General Services Administration's Fleet program, replace propane-powered vehicles in service for over 20 years.

More than 4 million people visited Zion in 2023. The electric buses enhance the visitor experience with quieter operations and increased capacity, while also reducing pollution in the park. NPS Director Chuck Sams emphasized the importance of this initiative in protecting natural landscapes for future generations. GSA Administrator Robin Carnahan added that the project showcases how government agencies can lead by example in sustainability efforts.

Zion National Park Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh highlighted the collaborative efforts that made this transition possible. The Zion National Park Forever Project, which helped launch the original shuttle system in 2000, continues its support, ensuring a sustainable future for the park and its visitors.

> **As stewards of our national parks, our goal is to protect these landscapes for future generations. This step towards a clean energy future supports the protection of America's most treasured landscapes, natural wonders, and historic sites in the face of a changing climate**

-National Park Service Director Chuck Sams