



Demonstration of Zero-Emission Technologies for Freight Operations at Ports: Fuel Cell Hybrid Electric Top Loader

The project team, led by Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE), is building and will demonstrate an electric top loader with fuel cell range extension and wireless charging capability. The objective of this project is to promote future commercialization that will significantly transform the industry while achieving greenhouse gas, criteria pollutant, and toxic emission reductions. The demonstration will generate performance data that will be analyzed to determine the project's effectiveness in meeting its objectives.



The electric top loader is being built and integrated by Hyster-Yale Group; two 45-kW fuel cell engines are being built by Nuvera Fuel Cells, LLC; 250-kW wireless charging equipment is being built by Wireless Advanced Vehicle Electrification (WAVE); and hydrogen fuel will be provided via mobile refueler. Fenix Marine Services will demonstrate the electric top loader in regular container handling service at the Port of Los Angeles for 8-months.

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Grantee: CTE
Partners: Hyster-Yale Group, Nuvera Fuel Cells, WAVE, Fenix Marine Services

Grant Amount:
 CARB Contribution: \$6,508,543
 Matching Funds: \$2,366,159
 Project Total: \$8,874,702



Vehicles/Equipment Funded

Under the Demonstration of Zero-Emission Technologies for Freight Operations at Ports grant, CARB will be funding the following equipment:

- One (1) electric top loader developed and built by Hyster-Yale Group.
- Two (2) 45-kW fuel cell engines developed and built by Nuvera Fuel Cells, LLC.
- Two (2) 250-kW wireless charging systems developed and built by WAVE.
- One (1) hydrogen mobile refueler.

This equipment will be delivered to and operated at the Port of Los Angeles by Fenix Marine Services for a period of 8 months.

Lessons Learned

- The ability to accommodate for tire wear when charging wirelessly is an important design factor for large heavy duty vehicles.
- Robust communication among all stakeholders is important for all phases of design, build, risk mitigation, issue resolution, and deployment.

Status Updates

- Base electric vehicle systems have been validated on a mule top loader truck and final truck assembly has begun.
- Final fuel cell engine assembly and validation is underway after two successful prototype iterations.
- Wireless charging systems have undergone significant redesign in parallel with construction planning to ensure reliable final product.
- Site design has been accomplished for construction and installation c s and permitting/approvals are under review.

