

“Big Money Means Big Potential: States Prepare for VW Settlement Appendix D Funds”

Rhode Island’s Potential Path Forward



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State of RI- Settlement Funds

2.0 L Allocation Funding

\$ 13 M

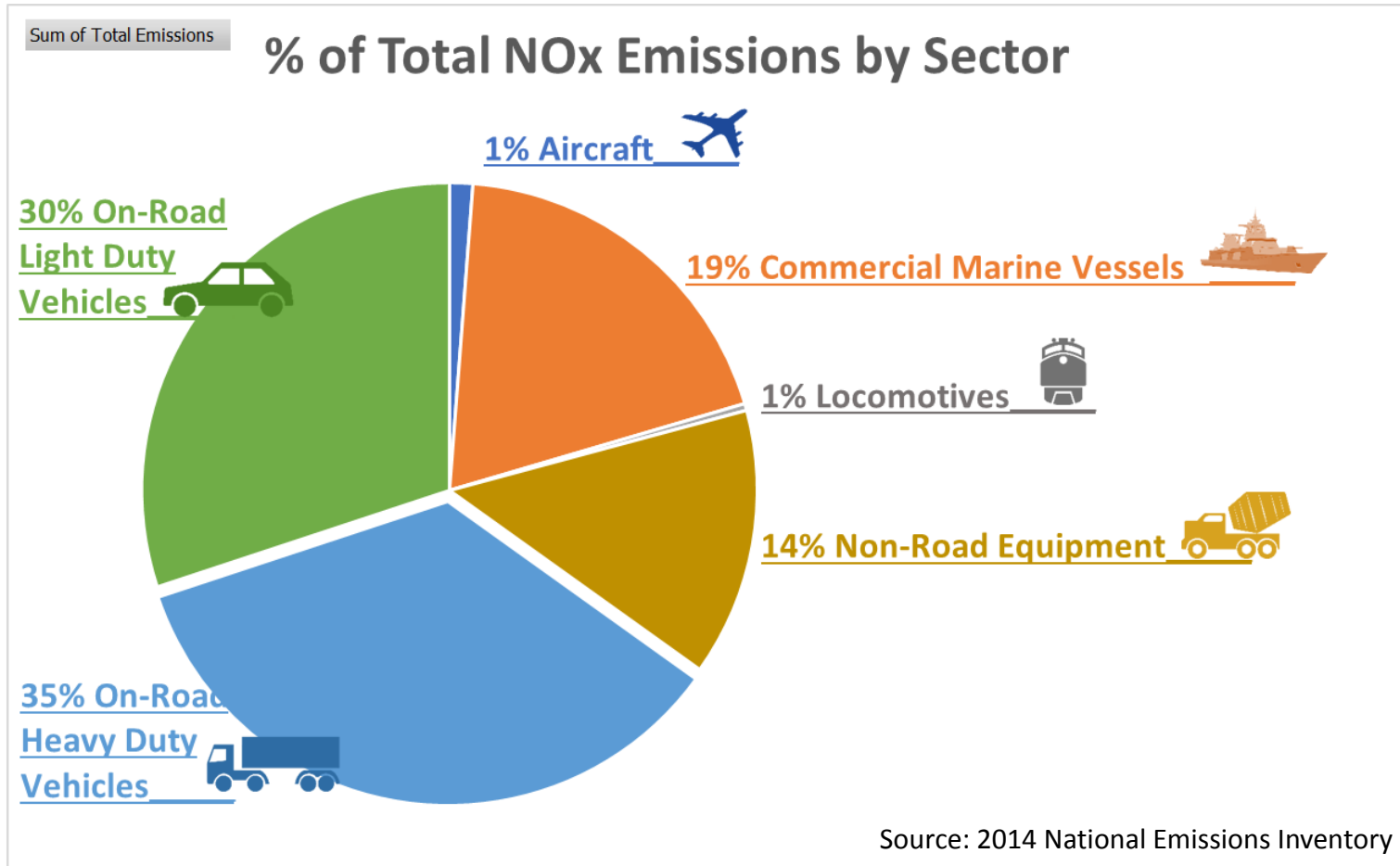
3.0 L Allocation Funding

\$ 874 K

TOTAL FUNDS

\$ 14 M

NOx Emissions in Rhode Island



Primary Goals

- To improve and protect ambient air quality by implementing eligible mitigation projects that will:
 - Achieve significant and sustained reductions in diesel emission in terms of tons of reductions in diesel emission exposures in areas designated as poor air quality areas, areas with historical air quality issues, and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel fleets; and
 - Expedite development and widespread adoption of zero emission and near-zero emission vehicles and engines.



Transformation of Public Transit Buses

Initial allocation: \$13.5 million

Replace diesel buses in RIPTA's fleet with electric buses (75%)

Additional bus-related infrastructure or EVSE equipment (15%)

Administrative expenses (10%)

- This investment will leverage Federal & State funds designated for public transit vehicle acquisition.
- With this investment, RI's bus fleet will be about 35% low and zero-emission vehicles ---Significant progress towards RIPTA's 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2035



Transformation of Public Transit Buses



Public Health



Environmental Justice



Mode Shift



Economic Development



Workforce Mobility



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