“Nobody ever got fired for buying IBM”
Which fuel?

- What is your ideal vehicle – what fuel options are available for that?
- Fleet Size? Replacement frequency?
- Your service area – long distance? Local?
Which Fuel (cont.)

- If no local infrastructure, can you fuel on your site once per day – is this possible? $$$?
- Fueling must be accomplished in vehicle off-hours or very quickly
- Are there any logistic or legal land mines?
Our Choice

- Small fleet
- Paratransits
- Small Service area
- Fueling options
Where to fuel?

- INDOT 2013–2016
- New Station 2016
Servicing the Vehicles

Where to service vehicles?

- In–house
- Dealer
- Local shop
Convincing the Boss
4 years – problems?

- One time, fitting popped off in engine
  - Towed in. (Inexperience)
  - Fix – reattach hose, start engine (purge as part of sequence)

- Multiple times, vehicle hesitation, stalls
  - Computer issue for some – Roush is great, Ford works with then
  - Pump/ filter issue (learning experience)
  - Required draining tank to fix, kind of a pain

- One time, ran out of fuel in vehicle
  - Bad Gauge
  - Towed (late) – could have gotten supplier to fill during work day

- Supplier issue for propane in first winter
  - INDOT let me have the fuel
  - New supplier is Co–Alliance
My suppliers

- Midwest Transit Equipment
- Ford
- Elkhart Coach
- Hoekstra Transportation, Inc.
- Roush CleanTech
- Co-Alliance
- A-1 Alternative Fuel Systems
TransPorte All-Propane Fleet