



**MODEL 1 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

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**Model 1 Moves the Commercial Vehicles Market Forward in EV;  
Lands Unprecedented Contract with The California Vanpool Authority**

*CalVans adds more than 400 electric passenger vehicles to its fleet*

INDIANAPOLIS – [Model 1 Commercial Vehicles](#), the nation’s largest bus and transportation services dealer, has signed an unprecedented contract with the [California Vanpool Authority](#) (CalVans), which purchased 403 new [Ford E-Transit](#)<sup>□</sup> passenger vans. CalVans is a public transit agency that meets the needs of California commuters by offering a vanpool program. It connects residents in areas with low population density with employment centers and is especially critical to meeting the needs of the farming community and its workers.

CalVans’ fleet of Ford E-transits was upfitted by [Forest River Bus](#) and fully safety certified by Forest River Bus, [BraunAbility](#), [Q’Straint](#) and [Freedman Seating Company](#). The fleet includes both 12-person and 9-person passenger vans upfitted for different configurations and route needs, including ADA compliance and room for passenger bags and tools.

Before the purchase of the Ford E-Transit units from Model 1, CalVans’ fleet of nearly 1,000 vehicles included many traditional-fuel units that had exceeded the recommended lifecycle or were reaching end-of-life. CalVans struggled to find parts to maintain old gas-fueled models or traditional unit options to meet timing demands. While many vehicle dealers were still recovering from pandemic-related supply chain issues, Model 1 was investing not only in EV inventory, but in EV infrastructure, product support and technical training. Model 1 was poised to meet CalVans timing and deliver an entire fleet of Ford E-Transit passenger vans.



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"It's encouraging to see adoption of electric vehicles happening at a significant scale," said Tony Matijevich, President of Model 1. "We hope the move by CalVans – and their collaborative approach with Model 1 – emboldens other agencies and organizations to make the commitment to EV units." Matijevich noted that Model 1 has units in stock as other organizations and agencies are expanding their fleets and considering EV.

"CalVans could not be more excited to lead the way in electric mobility," said Steve McShane, CalVans Board Chair. "This single move will grow our fleet by more than 40 percent and save millions in miles not traveled in the next year – greenhouse gas- and gas-free," he explained.

"QUOTE" Jim Farley, James D. Farley, Jr., Ford CEO.

Model 1 represents more than 20 top commercial vehicles (bus, van, EV, and other alternative fuel) manufacturers across the country. For more information on Model 1, its [products](#), [service](#), [parts](#), and [solutions](#), visit [www.model1.com](http://www.model1.com).

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### **About Model 1**

Model 1 Commercial Vehicles serves businesses, schools, and communities that need to move people. Established in 1980 in California as Creative Transportation Systems, Model 1 is the blueprint for creative commercial vehicle and bus solutions – with a drive for continual improvement and innovation in both traditional-fuel and alternative-fuel vehicles. Today, the company is headquartered in Indianapolis, operates 23 dealer locations throughout the U.S. and employs more than 400 professionals.

### **About CalVans**

California Vanpool Authority (CalVans) was formed in 2011 to provide the non-standard workforce of commuters with a shared telematics driven mobility option. It has grown to include hundreds of vanpools tailored to meet the needs of government employees, student populations and commuters working in a variety of California industries. CalVans, which operates across 32 counties, is a self-funded Joint Powers Agency created via the membership of Council of Governments from various air districts across the state. Since its inception, CalVans vanpools have saved more than 1 billion road miles not traveled.

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