

	CDM: Response form for Request for revision of approved methodologies (version 01.1)
Date of Meth Panel meeting:	22 - 26 June 2009
Title and number of Request for revision	Expansion of applicability conditions to AM0031 and subsequent change/addition of corresponding formulas AM_REV_0142
Summary of the query: Please use the space below to summarize the request for revision on the related approved methodologies.	
<p>AM0031 “Baseline Methodology for Bus Rapid Transit Projects” is applicable to project activities that reduce emissions through the construction and operation of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system for urban road based transport. The methodology is also applicable for extensions or expansions of existing BRT systems (adding new routes and lines).</p> <p>The request for revision seeks the following amendments to the methodology:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Expansion of the applicability of the methodology to allow the use of electricity as energy source for road-based vehicles such as electric buses either in the baseline or in the project case; (2) Expansion of the applicability of the methodology to allow the existence of a complementary rail-based transport system which was operating before the implementation of the project activity and continues to operate after the implementation of the project activity, e.g. trams which existed in the baseline and continue to operate in coordination with the BRT. The request is not intended to expand the applicability of the methodology to the construction of new rail-based transit systems; (3) Expansion of the applicability of the methodology to cases where use of biofuels in the public transport systems is not limited. Currently, the methodology imposes a limit of less than 3% blend for the use of biofuels. The request is not intended to expand the applicability of the methodology to project activities that involve additional use of biofuels and claim emissions reductions for that. The objective is to remove the current restriction to broaden the applicability of the methodology. A conservative approach is suggested to calculate emissions; <p>The underlying project activity is the extension of an existing bus rapid transport system in Quito, Ecuador. The existing system exists since 1996 and is not part of the project activity. The project activity will extend the existing BRT system by creating new infrastructure consisting of 2 trunk routes totalling 29 kilometres of dedicated bus lanes, an extension of the trolleybus-lane by 2 km and 3 semi-trunk routes with a total distance of 32 km. The routes have standardized bus stations that allow pre-board ticketing using rechargeable electronic cards to streamline the boarding process. Part of the new buses are electrically driven.</p>	
Recommendation by the Meth Panel: (a) Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).	
Not applicable.	
(b) Please use the space below for providing guidance, as per Para 93 of EB25 Report, on what type of projects need to revise the PDD as a consequence of the suggested revision, if the recommendation is to revise the methodology.	
Not applicable.	

Answer to authors of the request for revision by the Meth Panel :

Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query

The recommendation is [to approve](#) the request for revision, with corrections, as presented in the revised AM0031, contained in the annex of the Meth Panel's 39th meeting report.



Signature of Meth Panel Chair

Date: 26/06/2009

(Philip Gwage)



Signature of Meth Panel Vice-Chair

Date: 26/06/2009

(Pedro Martins Barata)

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