

Building an Adaptive Fleet Strategy

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DB in numbers

226,000

employees

across the DB Group

~21,000

route miles

with about 62% electrified

5,411

passenger stations

across Germany

2.5+ bn

passenger journeys

regional + long-distance annually

165 m

metric tons of freight

moved annually

2,340

freight locomotives

DB Cargo fleet

4,022

regional trains

multiple-unit fleet

403

high-speed trainsets

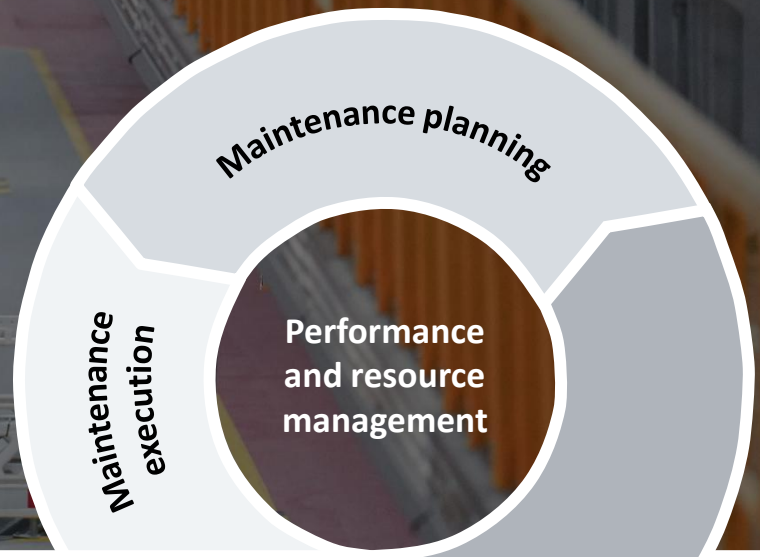
ICE fleet

11,927

buses

in operation

Strategic approach to maintenance: top-down based on objectives and targets – bottom-up continuous improvement



Fleet strategy & fleet deployment plan

Maintenance objectives

Maintenance program

Fleet Strategy

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Caltrans Fleet



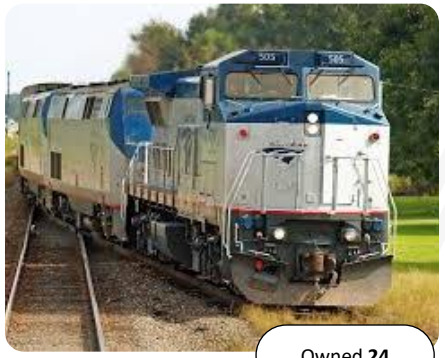
Owned **24**

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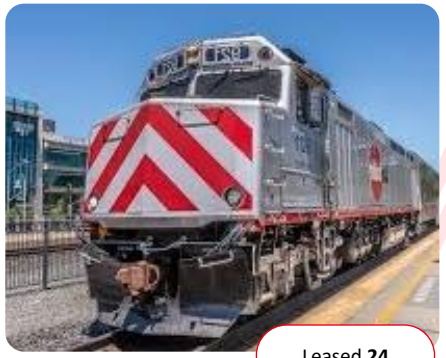
Owned **24**

F59PHI



Owned **24**

P32-8



Leased **24**

F40PH-2C



In procurement **24**

FLIRT H2



Owned **65**

California cars



Owned **22**

Leased **39**

Surfliners



Leased **12**

Superliners



Owned **49**

Venture cars



Owned **14**

Comet cars