

Cars for Schools Update

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Program Overview

BAR provides retired CAP vehicles to publicly funded automotive technical training programs operated by:

- High Schools
- Community Colleges
- Regional Occupational Programs

Subject to availability, schools may request:

- The year, make, and model of vehicle desired
- Manual transmission or automatic transmission
- Diesel, gas, or hybrid
- Other options

History and Current Status

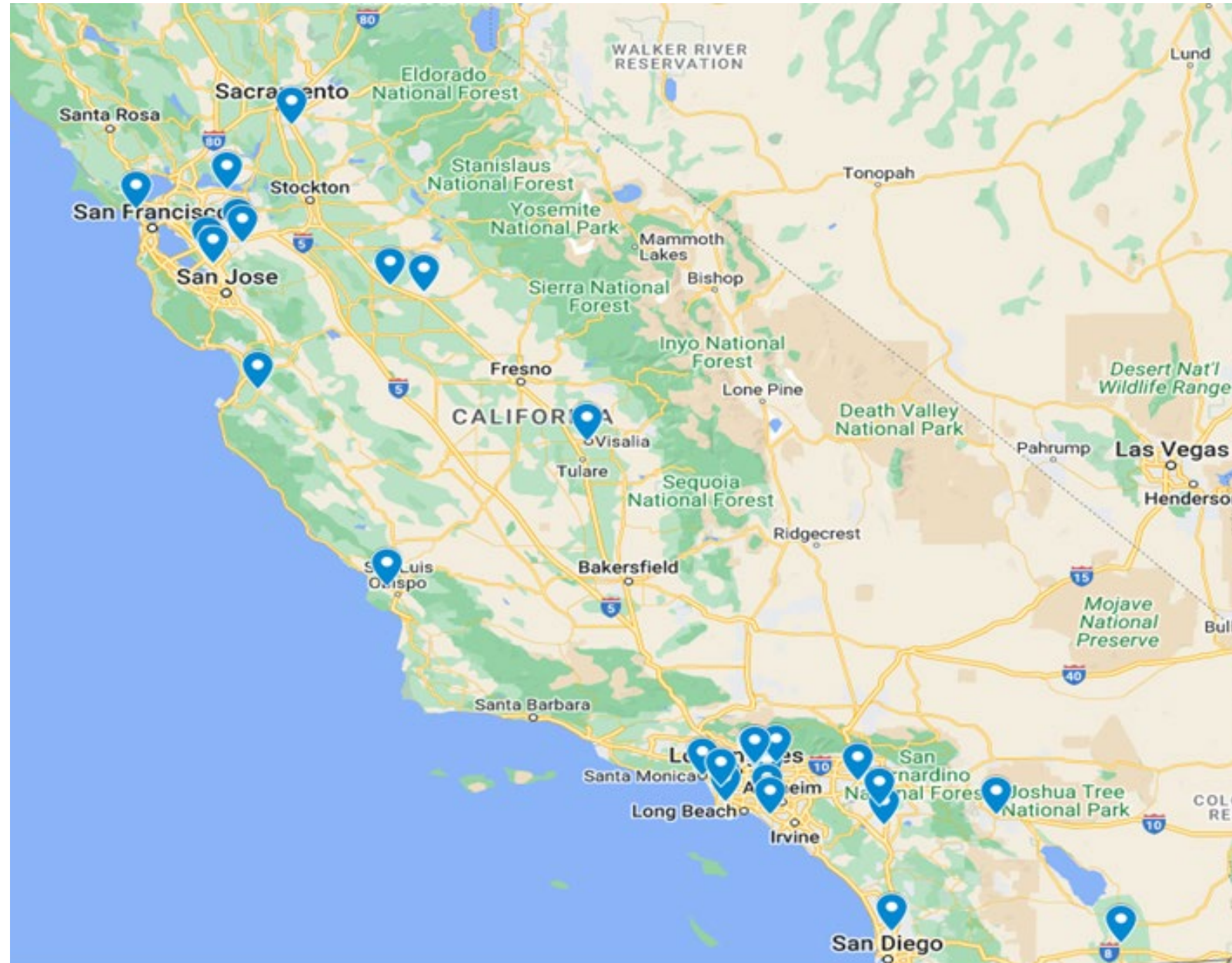
2020-22 Startup and Pandemic Delays

- Cars for Schools provided its first vehicle in January 2020
- Program expansion stopped at 12 schools in March 2020 due to pandemic related school closures
- Program expansion resumed in July 2022

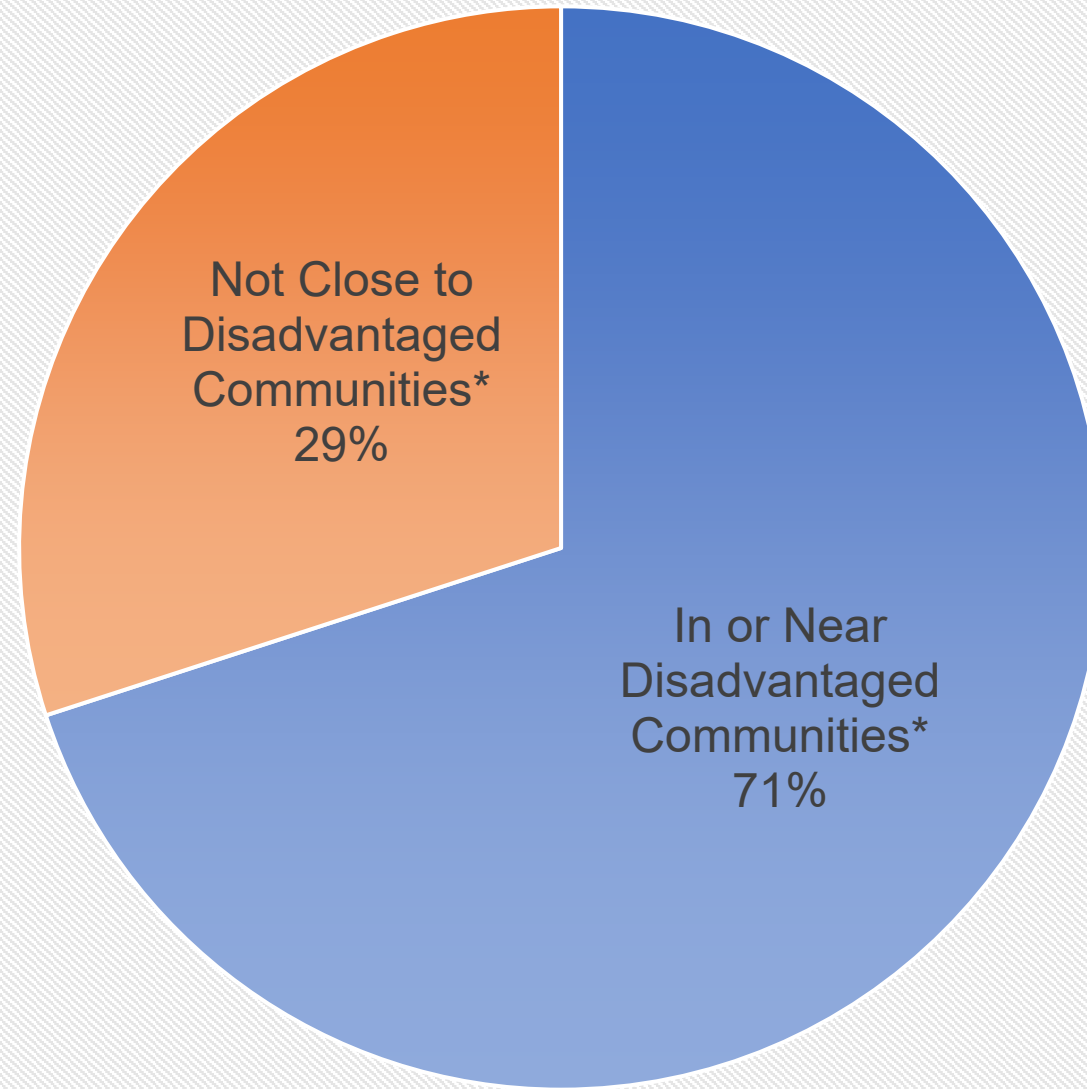
July 2022 Expansion

- Currently 33 - 13 community colleges, 5 regional occupational programs, and 15 high schools have signed memorandums of understanding with BAR
- 57 vehicles have been assigned to schools
- 5 of the assigned vehicles are hybrids

Distribution of Schools



Schools Serving Disadvantaged Communities



*References communities designated as disadvantaged by CalEPA pursuant to SB 535 (Chapter 830, Stats. 2012)

Feedback from Instructors

Vehicles are Used for the Following Purposes:

- Lecture Demonstration
- Student Practice (Remove/Replace, Repair, Diagnostic Routines)
- Training Category: General Repair, Smog Check, Auto Body, and Introduction to Hybrid Technology

Reasons Instructors Appreciate the Program

- May choose from a range of different vehicles depending on class needs
- Don't need to worry about damaging vehicle (provided all parts are returned)
- Can bring vehicles back and order others from year to year
- Low cost

Requests for Improvement

- Need help to transport vehicles to the schools
 - Provide discounted towing services and more time to pick up
- Provide a report prior to pick up of reason for retirement and condition of vehicle
- Provide more vehicles to each school
- Work on lowering wait time for rarer vehicles

Plans for Future Improvement

- Continue outreach and increase the number of participating schools
- Explore ways to provide schools with discounted towing/transport
- Explore ways to provide schools with basic reports on vehicle condition at time of offer
- Explore ways to increase the number of vehicles provided
- Partner with educators and automotive repair industry on ways to improve the program

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