

Problem

King County Metro is leading the transition from diesel buses to a zero-emission fleet, with plans to achieve full zero-emission status as soon as 2035. To begin this project, we conducted user interviews with 5 employees and identified the following key challenges in their current zero-emission plan.



Lack of Suitable Solutions

Limited tools in the market offer tailored, comprehensive simulations for zero-emission fleet planning.



Time-Consuming Analysis

Requires 8–16 hours of preparation with consultants and an additional 2 hours to generate a single basic zero-emission report.



High Cost

Agency spend up to several hundred thousand dollars a year on external consultants for zero-emission reports.

Solution

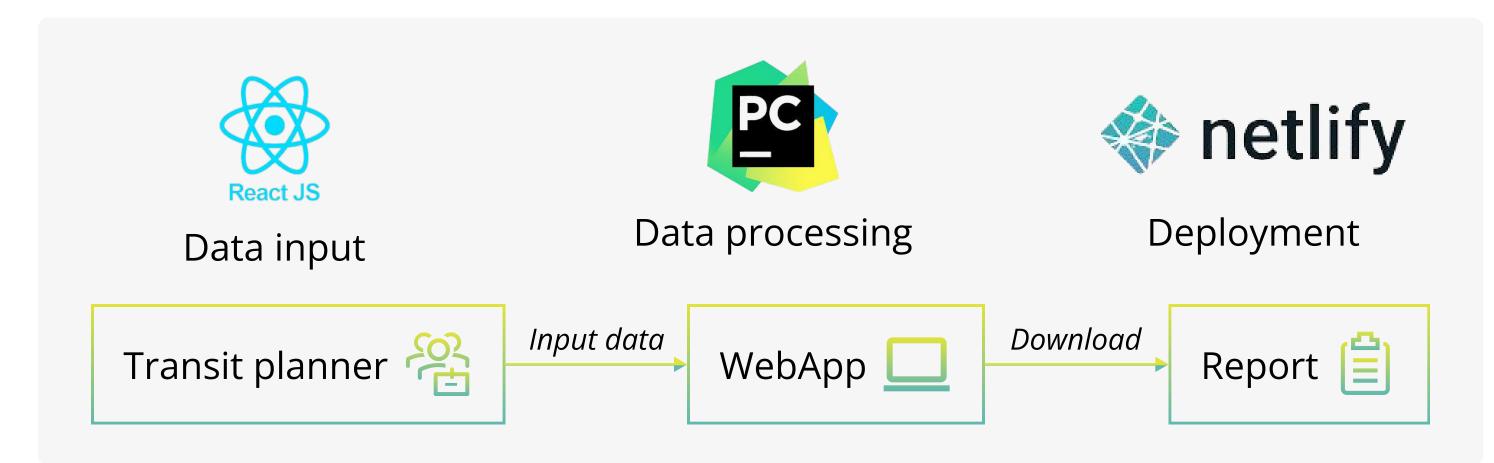
ZETA is a fleet and service data analysis and simulation tool designed to help transit agency's transition from diesel bus to an allelectric bus fleet.

The tool serves as both an educational resource and a decisionmaking tool, replacing the need for extensive consulting reports with a more accessible, visual, and actionable approach. By replacing complex consulting reports with an intuitive and interactive tool, stakeholders can independently explore fleet transition strategies and make informed, data-backed decisions.

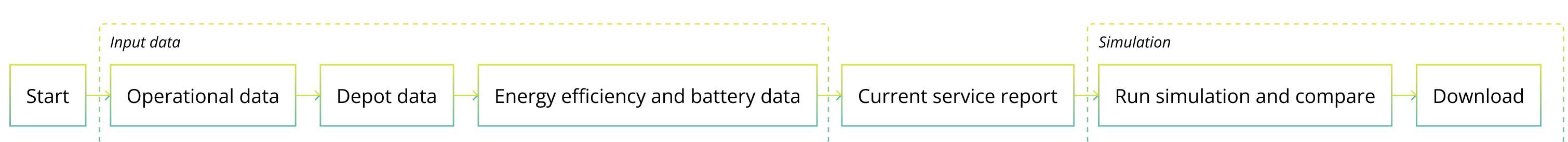
Key Features

ZETA offers streamlined onboarding and easy data upload for simulation. Adjust variables and simulate actions to view real-time outcomes. Users can generate comprehensive reports for different settings of scenarios, download reports in multiple formats, and easily share with stakeholders.

Technical Architecture

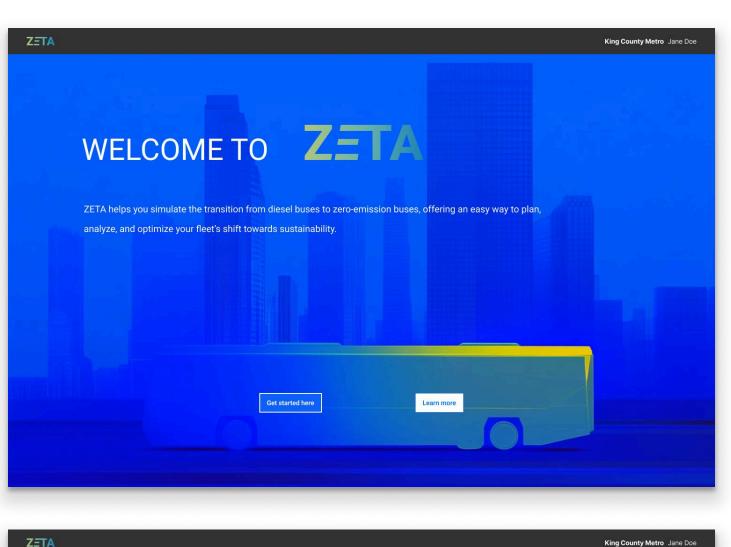


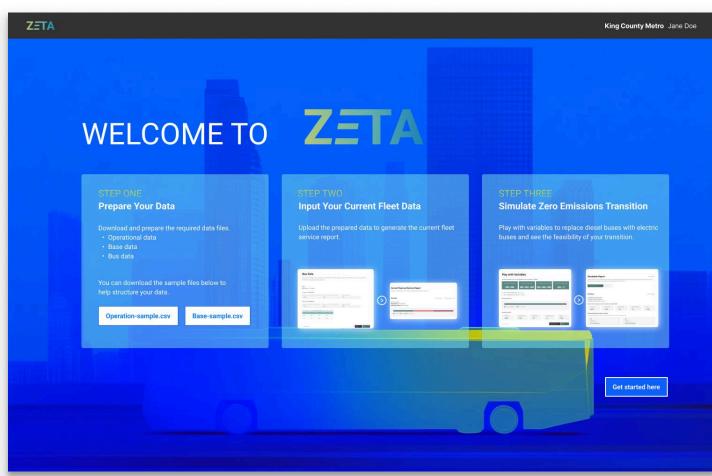
User Flow



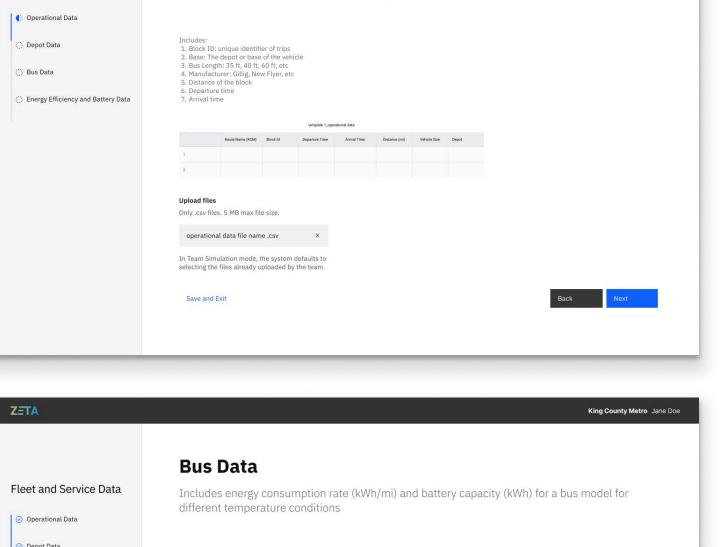
High-fidelity Prototypes

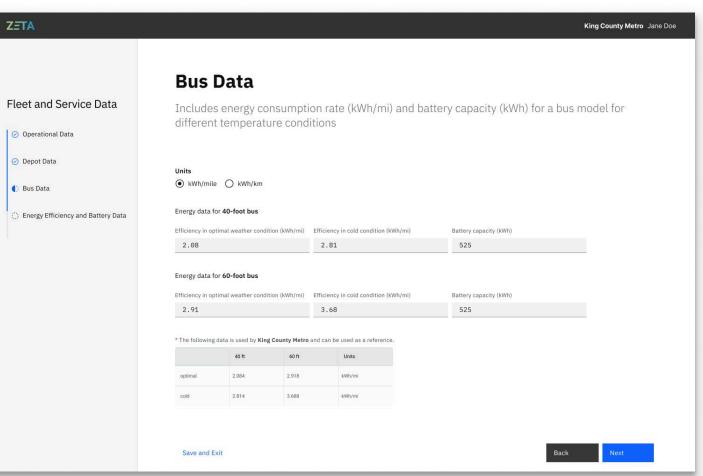
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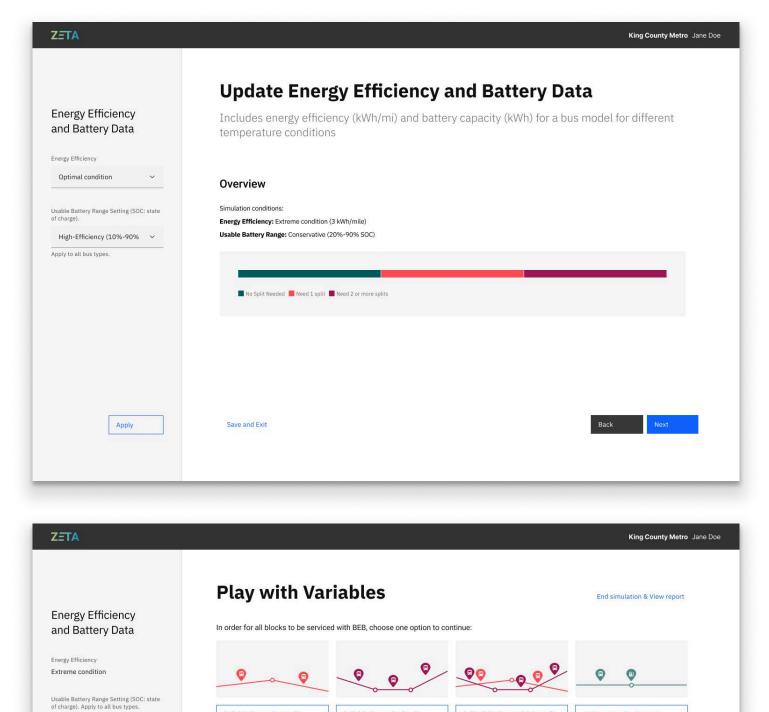


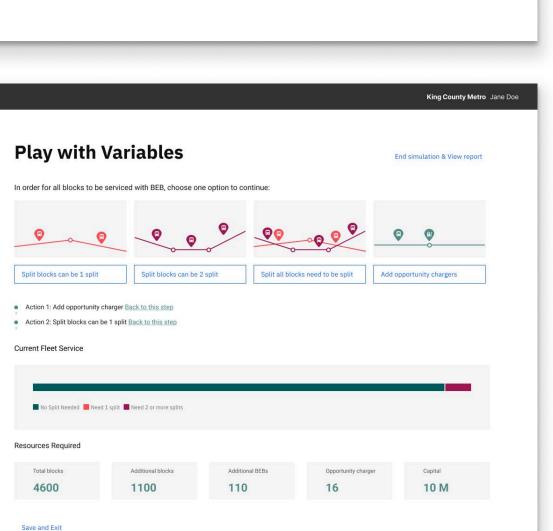
Step 2: Fleet and service data input



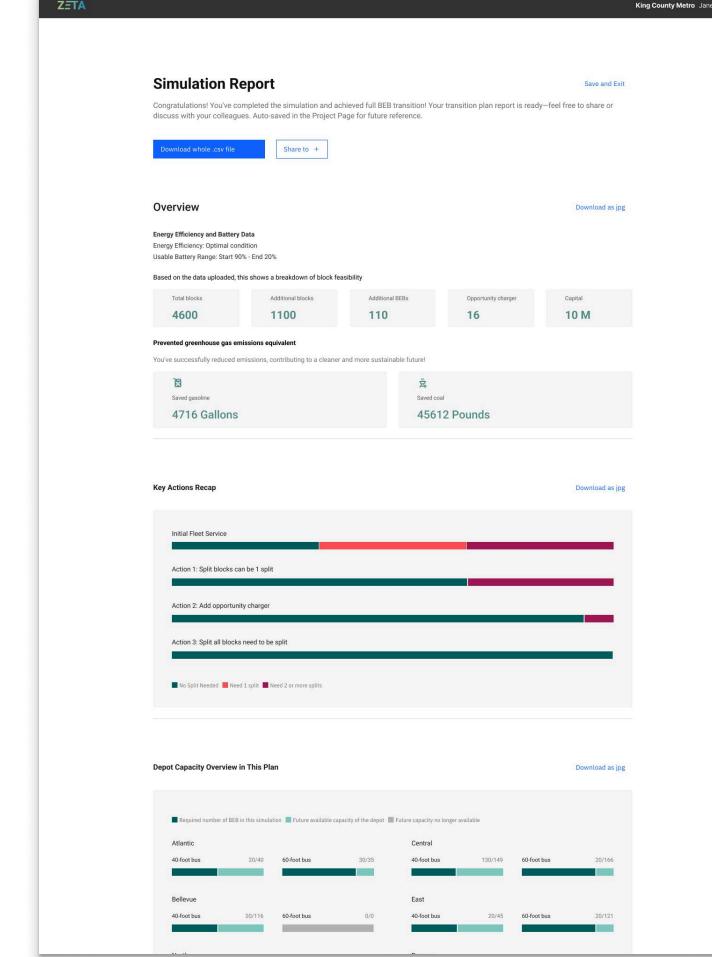


Step 3: Simulation decision





Step 4: Results and collaboration



Approach



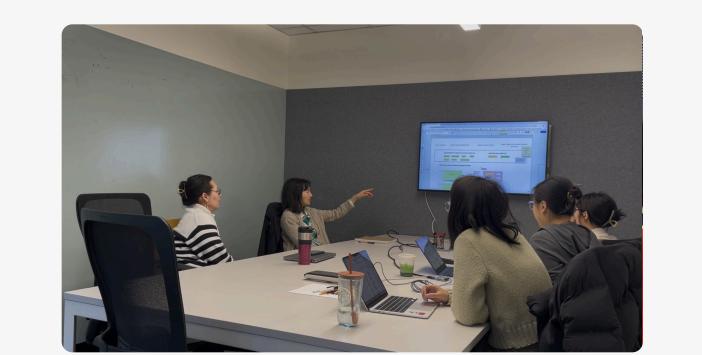
Field research+Interview SME

We gained comprehensive insights into the project through in-depth interviews with Subject Matter Experts and extensive field research.



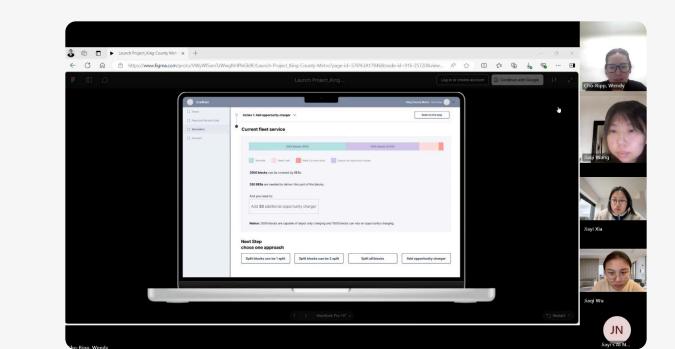
Ideation+brainstorming

Our extensive brainstorming sessions and discussions with sponsors generated multiple viable solutions for the KCM-ZE project.



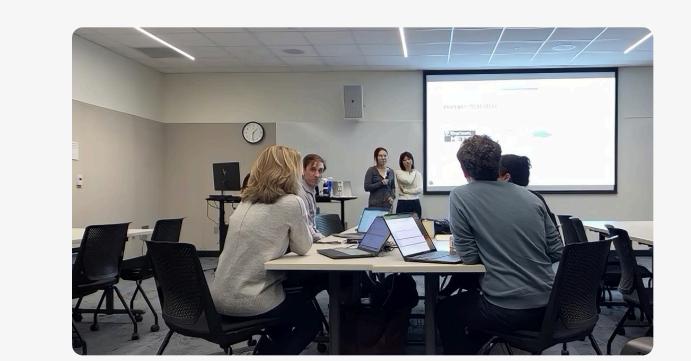
Review sessions with sponsor

We have multiple review sessions with our sponsor to monitor progress and ensure timely assistance to keep us on track.



Design+usability test

We developed a low-fidelity UX prototype that incorporates essential functionality, enhancing design iterations through user feedback.



Develop+ functional test

This design approach enabled us to conduct functional tests effectively





