

# CAP-IT

# Decarbonisation of the Transport Sector in Samoa

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# Samoa





# Also Samoa



# CAP-IT Project Summary



**Regional project umbrella:**

*Promoting Green Transformation in the Pacific Region towards Net-zero and Climate-resilient Development (PNG, Samoa, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu)*

*(21-Feb-23 – 21-Feb-25)*



**General outcome:**

*Jump start the green transformation to achieve a clean energy future and increase resilience to climate change*



**CAP-IT focus:**

*Promoting decarbonization of Samoa's land & maritime transport sectors by embracing electric transportation solutions*



**Donor:**

*Government of Japan (USD 36,8 mill)*



**CAP-IT Project Value:**

*~ USD 15,5 mill*





**OUTCOME 1:**

STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE,  
FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL CAPACITY OF THE  
**TRANSPORT SECTOR** TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AND MARITIME  
TRANSPORT **WITHOUT HARMFUL EMISSIONS**



**OUTCOME 2:**

INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE  
DECARBONIZATION OF THE **LAND**  
TRANSPORT SECTOR BY CREATING GREENER  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS



**OUTCOME 3:**

DECARBONIZATION OF THE **MARITIME**  
SECTOR

**Target 25 Gg CO<sub>2</sub> reduction from Land Transport Sector by 2030**

**Why develop a low carbon transport system for Samoa, when their emissions are less than 0.01% of global emissions?**



Reduce imported fuel dependence



Improve air quality, reduce noise



Better choices to access jobs, education, shops and healthcare



Demonstrator for other island nations



Establish Samoa as ready for the future



Improve health outcomes through active travel



# Samoa – Transport Context



# Buses

- Really well used
- 60% “wooden” buses
- Iconic and popular
- Convenient, bus stop is wherever you want
- Natural air conditioning
- “Atmospheric”
- Fun!





# ..also buses

- Mostly over 25 years old
- Poor accessibility
- No maps or timetables
- Frequent stopping
- Overcrowding
- 6 litre diesel engines
- Smokey and noisy
- Idling





# Bus infrastructure

- Main bus station in Apia lacking
- Some bus stops and shelters, but...

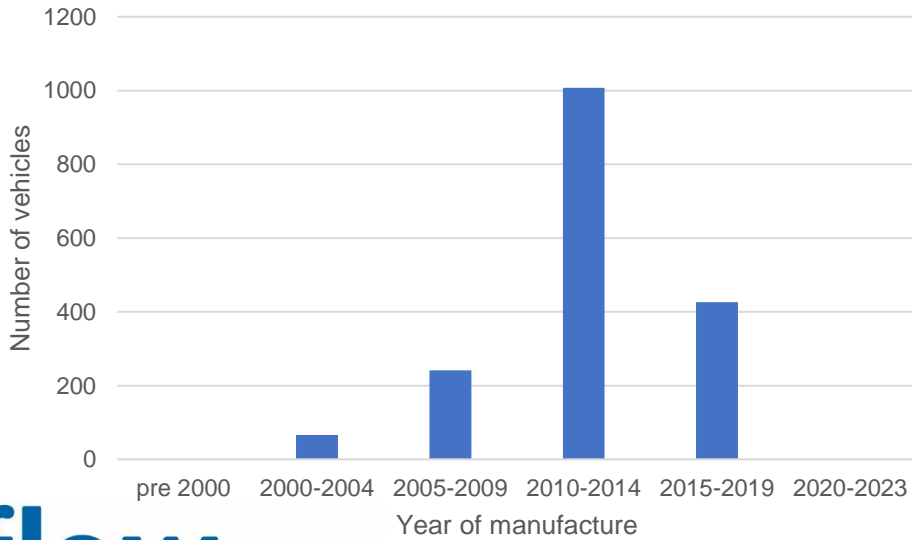




# Taxis

- Plentiful
- Relatively cheap
- “Less than 15 years old”
- Petrol powered

Samoa Taxi Fleet Age





# Private Cars

- ~24,000 private cars, vans, pickups, minibuses
- Low car ownership but rising quickly
- Large vehicles popular
- Oldish fleet
- Low annual mileage
- Hardly any hybrid or electric





# Walking and cycling

- Footpaths in Apia and along main road
- Raised crossings
- Low speed limits
- Police bikes
- 17% of households “own a bike”





# ...also walking and cycling

- Lacking network of footpaths outside Apia
- Parking on footpaths
- Very wide vehicle crossings
- Zero cycling infrastructure and almost zero cyclists
- IT'S REALLY HOT!



30°

Partly Cloudy

Apia

31° / 25° Feels like 38°



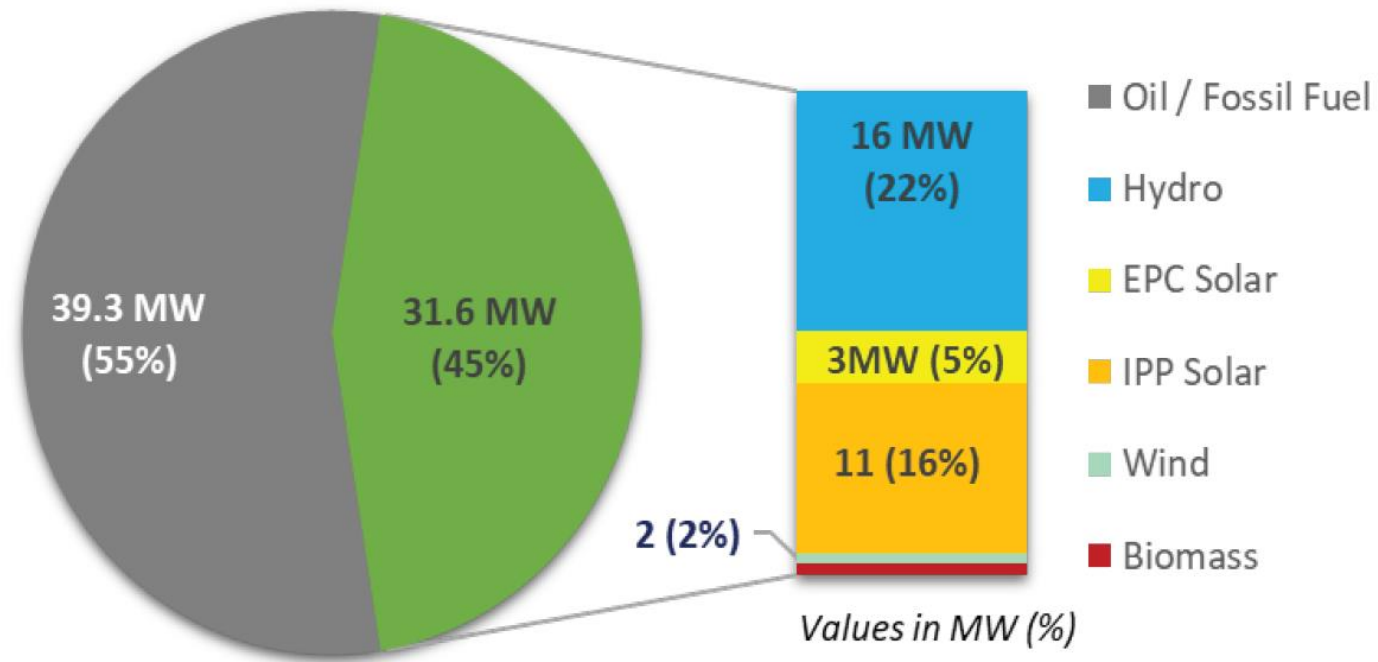
# Motorcycles and Scooters

- Nope



# Oh, and..

- Samoa's electricity is currently 55% generated from burning diesel



- Target is 70% renewable by 2030

# Decarbonisation Strategy





# Long List of Interventions

## Electrify the Fleet

- Buses
  - Wooden
  - Purpose Built
- Taxis
- Government Vehicles
- Trucks
  - Light
  - Medium
  - Heavy
- Private Vehicles

## Less Driving

Reduce need to drive by:

- New express e-Bus services
- Upgrade Bus stations
- Walking and Cycle paths
- Shared Mobility
  - E-Minibuses
  - E-Bikes
  - E-Motorbikes

## Policy

- Sustainable Management Plans
- Remote access to services (banking, health, Govt services etc)
- Traffic management Improvements
- Overhaul of Bus Operating Model
- Vehicle Scrappage Scheme



# Option Evaluation

- MCA evaluation of 22 options
- **Objectives:** Lower carbon emissions (70%), improved equity (10%), inclusivity (10%) and accessibility (10%)
- **Feasibility:** Capital costs, legislation, capacity, complexity, stakeholder alignment
- **Social and environmental impacts:** Economic, Health, Environment, Policy and Public Alignment, Safety and Security

# Option Evaluation

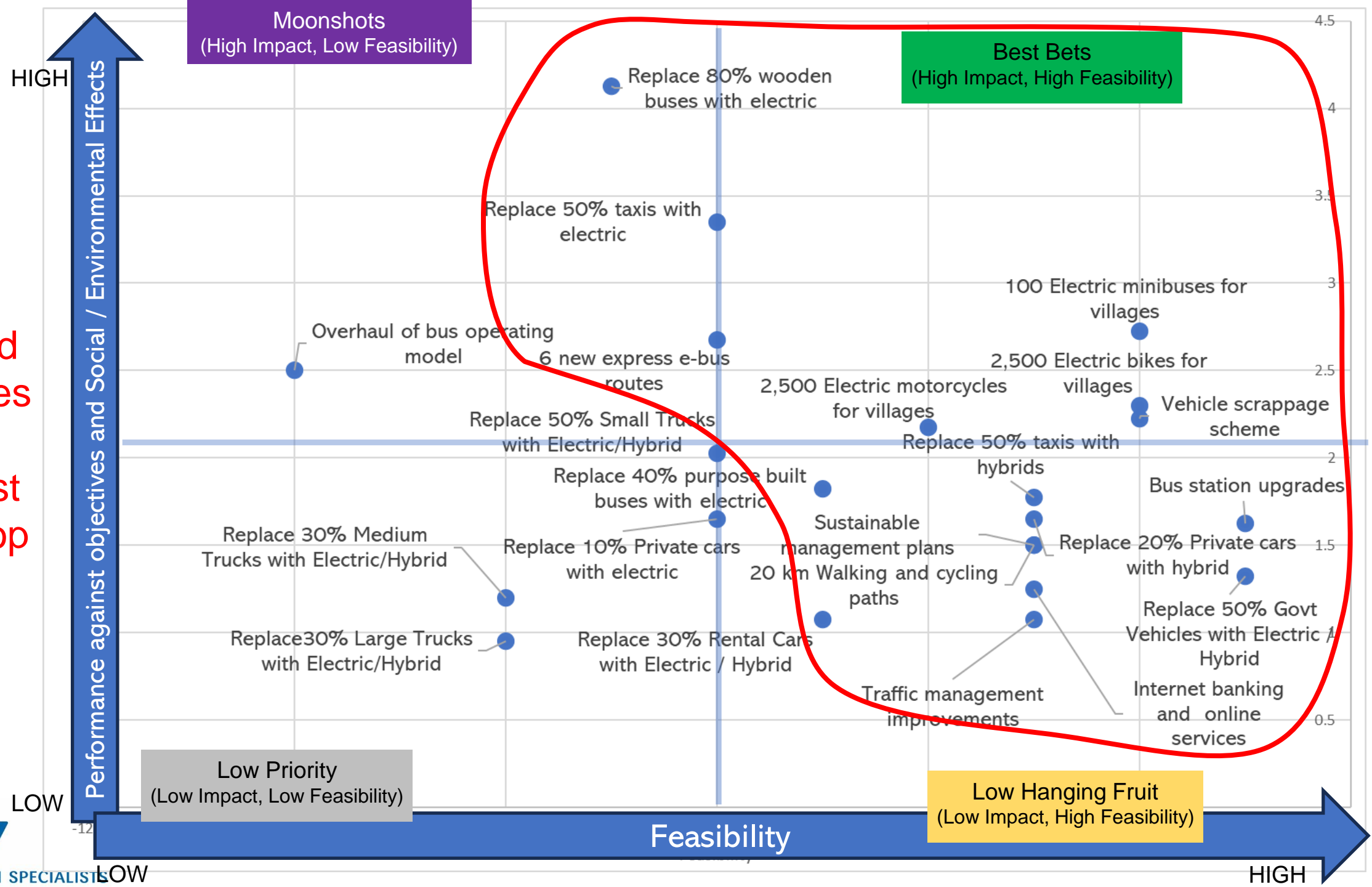
Need to specify degree of intervention for many options: eg

- Replace **80%** of wooden buses with e-buses
- Replace **50%** of taxis with electric
- **100** e-minibus for village shared mobility
- **2,500** e-bikes for village shared mobility
- Replace **20%** of private cars with hybrids
- **6** new express e-bus services
- etc



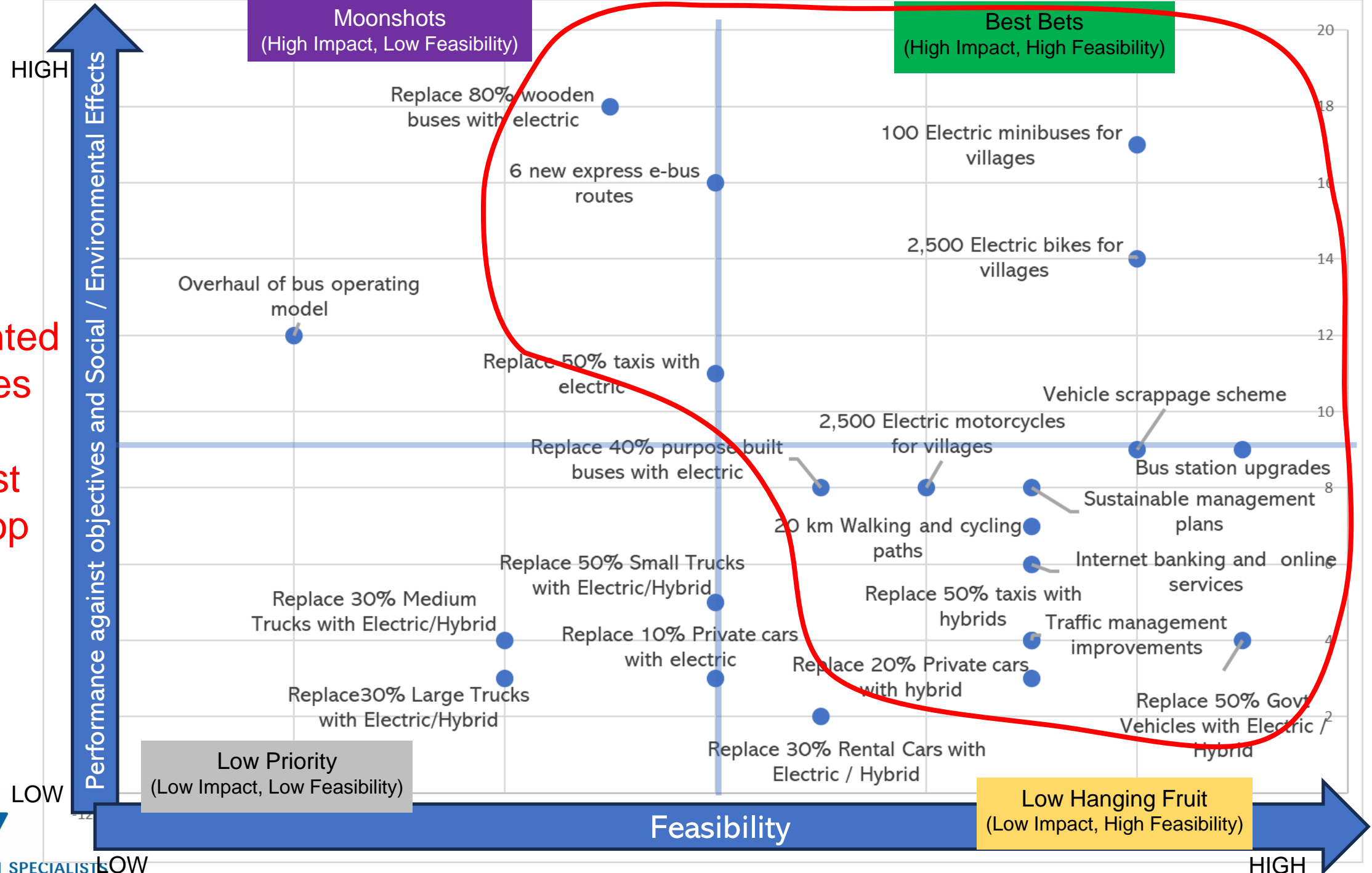
Weighted Outcomes

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Unweighted Outcomes

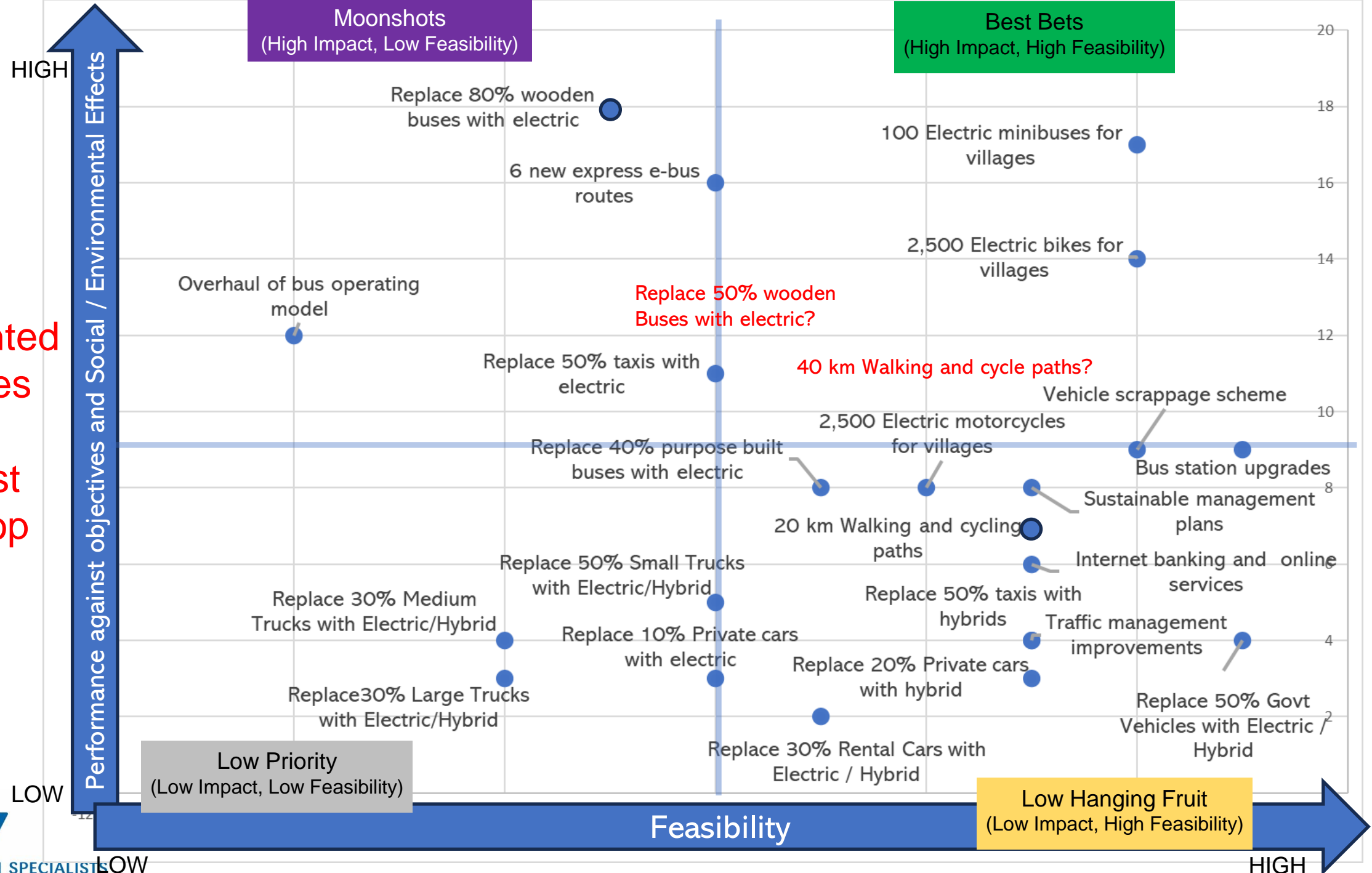
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Unweighted Outcomes

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# What do you think?

- Have we missed any other options?
- Should we be weighting the outcomes?
- Do we need to test a range of levels of intervention for all options before deciding on a short list?



# Assessing the Carbon Reduction Potential of Packages

## Samoa Transport Emissions Model

### Option Assessment Module

Change these proportions to test effects

| Option                                 | % of Fleet | Capital Cost \$US 2023 | Net Cost over 5 years \$US 2023 | Carbon Reduction Effect on 2022 | \$Capex/tonne CO2 reduced/year |
|--|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Replace Wooden Bus Fleet with Electric | 50.00      | \$36,125,000           | \$6,621,323                     | 4.1%                            | \$ 6,498                       |
| Replace PB Bus Fleet with Electric     | -          | \$0                    | \$0                             | 0.0%                            | \$ 9,031                       |
| Replace Taxis with Electric            | 30.00      | \$10,924,200           | -\$2,936,789                    | 2.9%                            | \$ 2,780                       |
| Replace Taxis with Hybrid              | 50.00      | \$16,256,250           | -\$626,957                      | 2.1%                            | \$ 5,582                       |
| Replace Govt Pickups with Electric     | 30.00      | \$6,100,500            | \$376,525                       | 0.7%                            | \$ 6,211                       |
| Replace Govt Pickups with Hybrid       | 30.00      | \$5,602,500            | \$644,626                       | 0.3%                            | \$ 12,783                      |
| Replace Govt Vans with Electric        | 30.00      | \$4,256,250            | \$495,947                       | 0.4%                            | \$ 7,980                       |
| Replace Govt Vans with Hybrid          | 30.00      | \$3,064,500            | -\$281,386                      | 0.2%                            | \$ 12,867                      |
| Replace Rentals with Electric          | -          | \$0                    | \$0                             | 0.0%                            | \$ 13,433                      |
| Replace Rentals with Hybrid            | 20.00      | \$7,389,000            | -\$74,066                       | 0.2%                            | \$ 23,100                      |
| Replace Private with Electric          | 5.00       | \$16,496,250           | \$1,887,731                     | 1.4%                            | \$ 8,343                       |
| Replace Private with Hybrid            | 20.00      | \$52,788,000           | \$361,262                       | 2.6%                            | \$ 14,630                      |
| New Express e-bus routes               | 50.00      | \$6,375,000            | \$1,090,460                     | 0.5%                            | \$ 8,972                       |
| Shift car trips to electric bike       | 100.00     | \$5,000,000            | -\$3,961,932                    | 0.9%                            | \$ 4,157                       |
| Shift car trips to electric motorbike  | 50.00      | \$10,000,000           | -\$377,727                      | 1.0%                            | \$ 7,119                       |
| Shift car trips to shared e-minibuses  | 100.00     | \$5,250,000            | \$676,998                       | 0.6%                            | \$ 6,261                       |
| <b>Total</b>                           |            | <b>\$170,377,450</b>   | <b>\$3,596,744</b>              | <b>16.4%</b>                    |                                |

# What's next?

- Next week – MCA workshop
- June to October 2024
  - Public surveys
  - Public awareness campaigns
- Draft reports by August, final reports by December for
  - Decarbonization Strategy for the Transport Sector
  - Up-skilling programme
- August to Feb 2025
  - Sustainable Land Use and Mobility Plan



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Thank you

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