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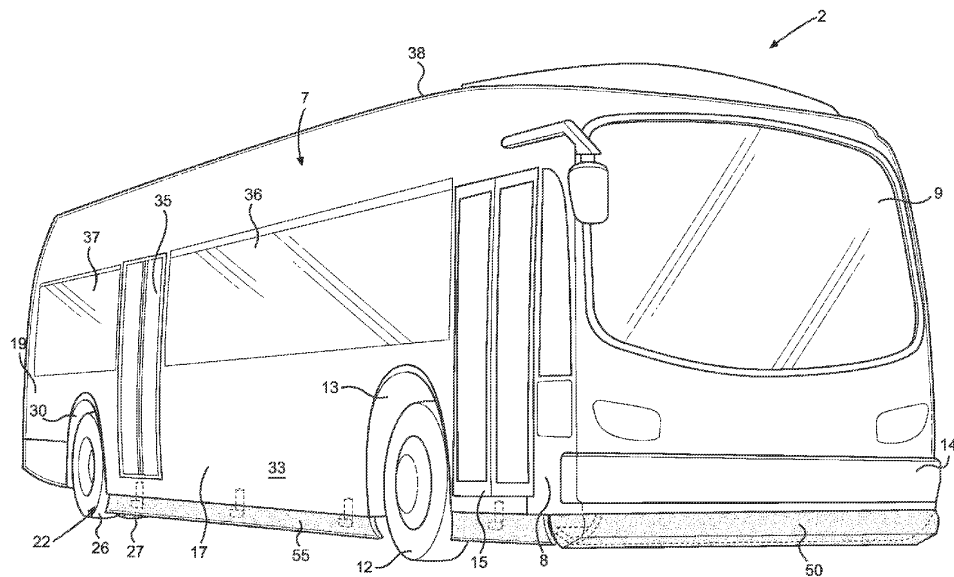


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A safety guard (55) attached to and extending down from a body portion (7) of a vehicle (2) can pivot against a biasing force relative to the body portion (7) if the safety guard (55) engages an animate or inanimate object. In addition, the safety guard (55) is mounted for vertical movement relative to the vehicle body (7) and a support surface for the vehicle (2), with the vertical movement being selectively performed by an operator of the vehicle (2) or automatically based on sensor inputs (380, 390) used to assess road and/or vehicle operating conditions.

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