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LADOT Supercharges L.A.'s Green New Deal with Record Purchase of 155 Zero-Emission, Electric Buses

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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has finalized the purchase of 155 zero-emission buses. This purchase represents a major step forward to realizing Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City of Los Angeles' commitment to meet environmental sustainability goals and transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2028. The buses will be deployed to increase the frequency of service on existing routes and expand to new routes.

"The clean transportation revolution is not a distant vision for the far-off future — it's underway on L.A.'s streets right now," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "Putting 155 zero-emission buses onto our roads is more than a critical step toward our goal of a fully electric bus fleet by 2028 — it's an investment in cleaner air and a down payment on a more sustainable future."

"If we do not get off fossil fuels, we are killing our kids and their planet. Fortunately, Los Angeles has the ability to make a big impact in combating the climate crisis," said Councilmember Mike Bonin. "Moving to a fleet of electric buses is an important step, and I'm glad to work with Mayor Garcetti and the Electric Bus Coalition to make it happen."

"Los Angeles is making a bold investment in a clean transportation future," said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. "These 155 buses will save the city money on fuel costs and improve air quality and health for families across the region we serve."

130 of the buses were purchased from local manufacturer BYD representing the largest single electric bus purchase in the U.S. to date. 25 additional buses were purchased from local manufacturer Proterra. The purchase was funded using grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), the California Hybrid and Zero-Emissions Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program (HVIP), Transformative Climate Communities (TCC), Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), and city matching funds.



Buses from the purchase will be used to improve headways, expand into new neighborhoods, connect to new rail stations, and other major attractions in LADOT's efforts to provide healthy, sustainable commute options that better serve Angelenos. Delivery and deployment of the buses will begin March 2020 and through 2021.

About LADOT Transit

LADOT Transit is the operating division of the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation responsible for providing commuter bus, neighborhood circulator bus, on-demand first-mile/last-mile service and accessible transportation for seniors and the disabled. LADOT Transit is the largest operator of municipal transit services in Los Angeles County providing over 20 million trips to those who live, work and visit Los Angeles.

LADOT Transit's Commuter Express program offers point-to-point workday bus service, from the San Fernando Valley, Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, the Beach Cities, El Segundo, and the Westside to Downtown Los Angeles; from Downtown to El Segundo as well as between Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank, San Pedro and Long Beach, and from the San Fernando Valley to the Westside and South Bay.

DASH neighborhood circulator bus services operate in Downtown Los Angeles and 26 other neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles.

LAnow is an on-demand, shared-ride first and last-mile pilot service operated by LADOT Transit in the communities of Del Rey, Mar Vista, Venice Beach, and Palms.

Cityride is the largest voluntary paratransit program of its kind in the nation, offering essential transportation services to seniors and the mobility challenged with dial a ride van, taxi and discounted fares on conventional transit services.

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