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LADOT Transit Awarded \$36.1 Million Toward Purchase of Electric Buses

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The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation's Transit Services has been awarded a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant of \$36.1 million. The grant will allow LADOT Transit to purchase 112 zero-emission (battery electric) buses to replace existing propane buses as well as add more buses to the DASH fleet. Replacing and adding electric buses are part of the City's commitment to transition to 100 percent zero-emission buses by 2030. Additional buses will be used for improving frequency and adding more DASH routes, part of a proposed LADOT Transit expansive service plan.

"Environmental stewardship guides so much of what we do in Los Angeles, because we're serious about cleaning our air and making our city healthier and more livable," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "This funding is an investment in clean transportation for Angelenos today — and a strong step toward meeting our goal of a fully electric bus fleet by 2030."

"We will continue leading in transportation to zero-emission electric bus transit service with this pivotal improvement," said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. "Enhancing LADOT's DASH system, adding new routes to underserved communities, and connecting the community through sustainable solutions like battery-electric buses will help us all travel safely and live well."

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program was created by Senate Bill 862 with the goal of providing monies to fund transformative capital improvements that modernize California's intercity rail, bus ferry and rail transit systems. In 2017, Senate Bill 1 (SB1) was enacted which provides an additional \$350 million in annual funding to the TICRP for California public transit agencies to improve fleets and services. The funds for the grant awarded to LADOT Transit are available through SB1.

The California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) are responsible for administering the TIRCP program. TIRCP is also funded through the Cap and Trade Program, one of many programs developed to fight climate change through California Climate Investments.

About LADOT Transit's DASH Service

LADOT Transit is the largest municipal provider of transit service in Los Angeles County offering commuter bus and neighborhood circulator services as well as mobility services to seniors and the disabled. Its DASH circulator bus services operate 5 routes in Downtown Los Angeles and in 27 other neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles.

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About LADOT

LADOT leads transportation planning, project delivery, and operations in the City of Los Angeles. We work together and collaborate to deliver a safe, livable, and well-run transportation system in the city and region. Our vision is for all people in Los Angeles to have access to safe and affordable transportation choices that treat everyone with dignity and support vibrant, inclusive communities

