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TRANSPORTATION

Proposition A is the primary funding source for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation’s transit services, including DASH, Commuter Express, CityRide Dial-a-Ride, LA Now, and the Senior/Youth Transportation Charter Bus Program. A March 27, 2024 report from LADOT (CF 18-0244-S4) describes a structural deficit in Proposition A funding, and suggests that potentially significant changes to the Department’s transit operations may be necessary in response to projected budget shortfalls.

The report’s projections include an estimated \$57.2 million for one-time capital expenditures at DOT. This cost is based on DOT’s goal of full fleet electrification by 2030, and covers the purchase of zero-emission electric buses and the installation of charging stations to support the fleet.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District provides a large number of grant programs to support the transition to zero-emission transportation. The statewide Carl Moyer Program, for example, expanded its eligibility in 2017 to include funding for charging and electrification infrastructure, in addition to funds for the purchase of low- and zero-emission buses. Additionally, the federal Inflation Reduction Act’s Direct Pay provision includes funding for cities to electrify their transit fleets.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation to report on funding programs available from the South Coast Air Quality Management District that can support the electrification of the Department’s bus fleet and the installation of associated charging infrastructure. The report should address the Carl Moyer program and AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Subvention funds, at minimum, as well as the federal Inflation Reduction Act’s Cash For Communities Direct Pay Provision, and include:

- Eligibility information;
- Application deadlines;
- DOT projects for which these funds may be used;
- Steps necessary to secure funding;
- Engagement with AQMD staff on guidance available to support the Department’s applications;
- Maximum funding amounts available, and the extent to which these funds can offset the proposed shortfalls of Proposition A funding.

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