

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to available funding programs for the electrification of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) bus fleet.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman – Hutt):

INSTRUCT the LADOT to report on funding programs available from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) that can support the electrification of the LADOT's bus fleet and the installation of associated charging infrastructure with said report to 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 further include:

- a. Eligibility information
- b. Application deadlines
- c. LADOT projects for which these funds may be used
- d. Steps necessary to secure funding
- e. Engagement with AQMD staff on guidance available to support the Department's applications.
- f. Maximum funding amounts available and the extent to which these funds can offset the proposed shortfalls of Proposition A funding.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 5, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Raman – Hutt) relative to available funding programs for the electrification of the LADOT bus fleet. According to the LADOT, Proposition A is the primary funding source for the LADOT'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 LADOT report (Council File No. 18-0244-S4) describes a structural deficit in Proposition A funding, and suggests that potentially significant changes to the LADOT'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 the LADOT. This cost is based on the LADOT'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. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
DE LEON:	ABSENT
RAMAN:	ABSENT

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