

MOTION

Since 2017, the Department of Transportation (LADOT) has received \$40,717,207 in grant funding to increase transit service, including the transition to electric buses. The Department has also received \$46,466,455 in grant funds for associated operational costs. Part of this funding is a \$1,225,000 grant award from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), under the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - 5339(c) grant program, to purchase twenty-five Proterra battery-electric buses. The grant also provided funding to develop a plan to upgrade two of the City's existing bus yards to provide power to battery-electric buses. This grant application was prepared and submitted in partnership with Proterra and CALSTART. LADOT needs authority to accept the FTA grant funds.

On November 9, 2017, the Council directed the Department to take numerous actions to ensure a transition to a 100 percent zero emission bus fleet by 2025 (C.F. 17-0739), including an analysis of the operational and transit facility needs to make this transition.

On March 28, 2018, the Transportation Committee considered the Motion (Bonin – Blumenfield) instructing the LADOT and CAO to report relative to the City's transit services, and recommendations for additions and/or modifications, as well as the required funding (C.F. 08-0244). The Committee instructed LADOT to present the report and recommendations and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to present funding options that will provide the necessary resources to support the LADOT's transit service recommendations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE LADOT to accept the award of \$1,225,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339(c) grant funds for the purchase of 25 Proterra battery-electric buses and deposit the funds into the Proposition A Local Return Fund No. 385 and appropriate therein to the "Zero Emission Bus Purchase" Account No. 94MA04; and
2. INSTRUCT LADOT not to expend any of the FTA 5339(c) grant funds until further policy guidance by the Council is provided relative to the expansion of transit services and future bus purchases; and
3. AUTHORIZE LADOT to enter into contract with CALSTART to provide an electrification plan for two LADOT bus maintenance yards and pay invoices of up to \$215,000 from Proposition A Local Return Fund No. 385, "Zero Emission Bus Purchase" Account No. 94MA04.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be authorized to make any technical correction or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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