


CITY OF LOS ANGELES

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Members of the Information Technology and General Services Committee

Attention: Councilmember Nithya Raman, Chair
Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.

FROM: Eugene D. Seroka, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MOTION COUNCIL FILE 21-0680 – ZERO-EMISSION FIRST FLEET PROCUREMENT POLICY

In response to the attached motion (Council File 21-0680) to codify and implement the Zero-Emission First fleet procurement rule for vehicles as outlined in LA's Green New Deal, the Harbor Department herein transmits its updated Green Purchasing Policy.

In 2011, the Harbor Department created and implemented a Green Purchasing Policy for all of the equipment it operates. The policy gives priority to the cleanest technology available at the time the equipment is purchased. These policies are updated every five years or when a new technology emerges, whichever occurs sooner.

The Harbor Department finalized an update to its Green Purchasing Policy in July 2021. It specifically includes the City's goals for a completely zero-emission fleet, consistent with LA's Green New Deal, as well as prioritizes the purchase of other zero-emission equipment wherever possible.

Please contact me at (310) 732-3456 if there are any questions or comments.


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Enclosure

MOTION

Mitigating and preparing for climate change is a moral imperative for the City of Los Angeles. One source of local greenhouse gas emissions and smog-forming pollutants over which the City has direct control is our municipal fleets, which total around 13,000 vehicles. The City has demonstrated a high level of leadership in this area, having procured over 900 electric vehicles across all LA City fleets to date. Still, we have further to go.

While a wide range of zero-emission options are available in the light-duty vehicle sector, Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) are now bringing viable zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to market that can meet the City's operational needs and cost constraints -- vehicles like box trucks, step-in vans, and more specialized equipment like refuse collection vehicles and street sweepers.

Given advances in technology and zero-emission vehicle availability, it is time to formally put in place the fleet procurement guidelines that have been outlined in LA's Green New Deal. These include a 100% zero-emission procurement requirement for all new light-duty vehicle purchases and a Zero-Emission First procurement policy that applies to all other vehicles. Doing so will ensure the City's continued leadership in responding to the climate crisis. It is critical that we clearly define our vehicle procurement policy and rules, make deliberate investments to enable a zero emission municipal fleet, and ensure adequate oversight and enforcement mechanisms are in place.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the General Services Department's Fleet and Supply Divisions, working with any other relevant divisions or departments and, as needed, the Mayor's EV Task Force, the Chief Procurement Officer, and the City Administrative Officer, to report within 60 days with proposed rules to meet the intent of the Zero-Emission First procurement policy and a proposed compliance or certification process.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct the General Services Department to report on staffing and funding needs to ensure that EV charging infrastructure, or any other zero-emission fueling infrastructure, will be installed in parallel to or in anticipation of a future 100% zero-emission municipal fleet.

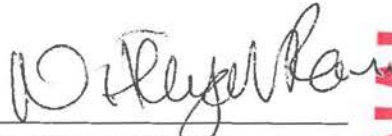
I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct LAPD and LAFD to report within 60 days on their short, medium, and long-term plans to transition their fleets to zero-emission vehicles, inclusive of specialty and pursuit-rated vehicles (excluding aerial equipment).



I FURTHER MOVE that the Council direct LADOT to report within 60 days on the progress toward meeting the bus-electrification targets previously established by Council.

I FINALLY MOVE that the Council request that Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to report within 60 days on how they will codify and implement the Zero-Emission First fleet procurement rule.

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