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**Long Beach Transit to Purchase Additional Battery-Electric Buses**

*The Addition of 14 Zero-Emission Buses Moves the Agency Closer to its Sustainability Goals*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (November 7, 2019) – The Long Beach Transit Board of Directors approved the purchase of 14 additional battery-electric buses to expand LBT’s zero-emission fleet. The action continues the agency’s commitment to sustainability and achieving an entire fleet of zero-emission buses.

“Once again, the LBT Board of Directors has demonstrated our commitment to the communities we serve with sustainable transportation,” said Colleen Bentley, Chair of the LBT Board of Directors. “We have been utilizing 10 battery-electric buses on the Passport route in Long Beach since 2017 and recently expanded deployment on other routes. We are now ready to purchase more battery-electric buses.”

In March 2017, LBT was one of the first public transportation agencies in the nation to deploy BEBs. In the ensuing years, the agency built a more robust charging infrastructure and honed its operating and maintenance skills to ensure reliable, daily use. Following the purchase of the first 10 BEBs, LBT committed to expanding its zero-emission fleet.

“Our experience with the first 10 BEBs has been instrumental in getting us to where we are today,” said Kenneth A. McDonald, LBT President and CEO. “We continue to make everyday life better for our customers and the community as a whole by growing our sustainable fleet and decreasing our carbon footprint.”

**About Long Beach Transit**

Long Beach Transit is dedicated to connecting communities and moving people, making everyday life better by providing transportation services in Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, as well as Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, Norwalk, Paramount and Seal Beach. For more information, visit [www.ridelbt.com](http://www.ridelbt.com).

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