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Long Beach Transit Seeks up to 10 Battery-Electric Buses *Innovative buses will operate with zero emissions*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (September 24, 2014) – On Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Long Beach Transit released a Request For Proposal (RFP) seeking up to 10 battery-electric buses from a qualified Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM).

With the addition of battery-electric buses, over 80 percent of Long Beach Transit's active revenue fleet will be either hybrid, compressed natural gas or zero-emission battery-electric buses. The new buses will replace aging diesel-powered buses.

"Long Beach Transit is dedicated to bringing new innovations and green technologies to our eco-conscious city," said Kenneth McDonald, Long Beach Transit President and CEO. "Battery-electric buses are leading edge in the advancement of public transportation and provide a zero-emission travel experience for our customers. Top priorities at LBT are safety for our customers and for our environment. These new battery-electric buses will provide both."

Responses to the RFP are due to LBT by November 26, 2014. An award and contract will be finalized within 180 calendar days of the proposal opening.

Long Beach Transit, Board Chair, Freda Hinsche Otto said, "We are thrilled to venture into the next generation of buses that will lower the carbon footprint of LBT's fleet, creating an even better Long Beach. These buses will be quiet and clean-running, offering our residents and visitors to our community something new and exciting.

Long Beach Transit's battery-electric buses are currently scheduled to provide service to Long Beach Transit customers in 2016.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves over 28.6 million boarding customers in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill—as well as portions of Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, Norwalk, and Paramount and Seal Beach. Water taxi services via AquaBus and AquaLink are available summer through early fall. For more information visit www.lbtransit.com.

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