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Long Beach Transit Receives Grant to Purchase Clean Air Bus Engines

(Long Beach, October, 25, 2017) – Long Beach Transit (LBT), a leading transportation agency in the use of clean air technology, announced today that it received a \$600,000 grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Near Zero Incentive Program for the purchase of 40 “near zero” compressed natural gas (CNG) engines. The engines are upgrades to a recent bus procurement as the “near zero” engines were not available when the purchase was authorized in 2016.

The buses will be equipped with the Cummins Westport 8.9 liter engine that is certified by the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to meet or exceed optional and more stringent near zero standards.

LBT has a long history of using innovative technologies to promote clean air in its service area that includes 13 cities and 100 square miles. When diesel buses were standard throughout the industry, LBT was an early adopter of particulate traps to prevent harmful matter from escaping from the exhaust. In the mid-2000s, LBT was an innovator when it began to step away from diesel and purchased gasoline-hybrid buses. In 2012, LBT purchased its first CNG buses. In March, the transit agency began battery-electric bus service on its Passport Route.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves 26 million annual 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 spring through fall. For more information visit, www.lbtransit.com.

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