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Long Beach Transit Board of Directors Opposes Proposition 6

*The November ballot measure will take \$9.7 million away
from Long Beach Transit services*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (September 24, 2018) – Today the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors joined other transportation agencies around California by opposing Proposition 6, which will be considered by the voters on November 6, 2018.

“LBT stands to lose over \$9.7 million dollars that we would invest in important transit services if the voters approve Proposition 6,” said President and CEO Kenneth A. McDonald. “That means fewer clean, battery-electric buses for our customers, the inability of LBT to expand bus service and countless negative impacts statewide.”

When Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1 (SB1) into law in 2017, the State committed \$54 billion over ten years to local agencies to fix roads and bridges, improve public transit and clean the air. This funding is a critical part of Long Beach Transit’s plans to have an entire fleet of alternatively fueled buses by 2020 with the long-term goal of going all-electric. These funds are also used to keep well maintained buses on the streets to take customers to schools, their job and everywhere they need to go every day.

“LBT is committed to environmental sustainability and reducing our carbon footprint,” said McDonald. “We cannot achieve this goal and meet State mandates without the commitments in SB1 to purchase clean buses, enhance LBT services and implement the Systemwide Transit Analysis and Reassessment (STAR) recommendations from last year. I thank our Board of Directors for taking a position in opposing Proposition 6.”

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, 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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