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# **RESOLUTION 2017-30**

## BOARD REPORT NO. 020-17/18

## AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO APPROVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ON ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) amend the Transportation Services Division (Transportation) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to approve the capital improvements, including child restraint seats, back-up camera mirrors, and air conditioning, for new electric school buses, as defined in Board Report 020-17/18, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference, at an estimated cost of \$39,283.82 utilizing Measure Y bond funding; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2006, the School Construction Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee approved Resolution 2006-28 School Bus Purchase Strategic Execution Plan to set aside \$25 million as part of the Measure Y package for school bus purchases leaving approximately \$1.25 million remaining in available Measure Y bond funds; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Services Division has been awarded grant funding of \$536,000 for two electric school buses from South Coast Air Quality Management District and California Air Resources Board Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District's Transportation Services Division owns, maintains, stores and operates 1,300 school buses with an average age of 13 years; and

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WHEREAS, the use of alternative fuel school buses have significantly reduced emissions of particulate matter as compared to conventional diesel powered school buses and therefore provide increased protection of school children's health as compared to conventional diesel-powered school buses; and

WHEREAS, District Staff has concluded that the proposed SEP Amendment represents an appropriate and acceptable use of District bond proceeds and is consistent with the mission of the District and of the BOC, and

WHEREAS, District staff has concluded that the proposed SEP Amendment will help facilitate the implementation of the Transportation SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the Transportation SEP.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The School Construction Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education adopt the Transportation SEP amendment as defined in Board Report 020-17/18, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the Oversight Committee's website.
- 3. The District is directed to track the above recommendation and to report on the adoption, rejection, or pending status of the recommendations as provided in section 6.2 of the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Oversight Committee and the District.

ADOPTED on August 10, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENCES: 3

Quynh Nguyen

Barry Waite

Quynh Nguyen Chair Barry Waite Vice-Chair



# **Board of Education Report**

## File #: Rep-020-17/18, Version: 1

Award of South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and California Air Resources Board (CARB) Grants and Amend Transportation Services Division Strategic Execution Plan for Capital Improvements Involving Electric School Buses

# August 22, 2017

**Transportation Services Division** 

#### Action Proposed:

Staff proposes that the Board of Education accept grants from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) totaling \$536,000 for two electric school buses. Staff also proposes an amendment to the Transportation Services Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to approve \$39,283.82 in capital improvements for these buses. These improvements include equipment such as child restraint seats, back-up camera mirrors, and air conditioning utilizing Measure Y bond funds. Staff further proposes that the Superintendent or her designee be authorized to execute on behalf of the District all necessary documents including, but not limited to, agreements, amendments, and payment requests necessary to secure grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes of the grant program.

#### Background:

Transportation Services Division (TSD) has been selected by SCAQMD and CARB HVIP to be awarded \$536,000 for two electric powered school buses. The SCAQMD and other agencies, including CARB, have partnered with TSD to help replace more than 600 diesel engine school buses with clean air alternative fuel school buses. This aligns with the Lower-Emission School Bus Program of 2001 and the Healthy Breathing Initiative adopted by the Board of Education in 2003 to reduce harmful effects of diesel emissions to students and the school community.

#### **Expected Outcomes**:

The District will use the \$536,000 to fund two electric powered school buses and necessary charging equipment. The District will spend \$39,283.82 in capital improvements including child restraint seats, back-up camera mirrors, and air conditioning from Measure Y bond funds on the new electric school buses.

#### **Board Options and Consequences:**

The Board may approve the grant award of \$536,000 from the SCAQMD and CARB HVIP to fund purchase of zero emission electric powered school buses and necessary charging equipment. The Board may approve \$39,283.82 in capital improvements such as child restraint seats, back-up camera mirrors, and air conditioning utilizing Measure Y bond funding.

The Board may opt not to accept the grant award of \$536,000 and decline to participate in this phase of the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. The Board may opt not to approve \$39,283.82 in capital improvements such as child restraint seats, back-up camera mirrors, and air conditioning utilizing Measure Y bond funding. If the Board does approve the acceptance of the grant but not approve the capital improvements, the electric buses would not meet District specifications to enhance student safety.

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**Policy Implications**: None

# **Budget Impact:**

The award of \$536,000 from SCAQMD and CARB HVIP will be used for two new electric powered school buses. Although matching funds are not required, TSD has exercised the options for capital improvements consisting of air conditioning, child restraint seats, and back-up camera mirrors at a cost of \$39,283.82. Allocated funds for school bus replacement from the 2005 voter approved Measure Y Bond will fund the capital improvements.

## **Student Impact:**

This item is aligned with the Lower-Emission School Bus Program of 2001 and Healthy Breathing Initiative adopted by the Board of Education in 2003 to reduce harmful effects of diesel emissions to students and the school community. In addition, the capital improvements including child restraint seats, back-up cameras, and air conditioning will ensure the safety of students.

#### **Issues and Analysis**:

N/A

# Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) Recommendations:

This item was considered by the BOC at its meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Staff has concluded that this proposed Transportation SEP amendment will facilitate implementation of the TSD SEP and, therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the TSD SEP.

#### Attachment:

Resolution 2017 - 30 Amendment to Transportation Services Division Strategic Execution Plan for Capital Improvements on Electric School Buses

#### Informative:

Award of South Coast Air Quality Management District and California Air Resources Board Grants and Amend Transportation Services Division Execution Plan for Capital Improvements on Electric School Buses

#### Submitted:

08/01/17, Revision #2

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## **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**APPROVED & PRESENTED BY:** 

MICHELLE KING, Ed.D. Superintendent

**REVIEWED BY:** 

THELMA MELÉNDEZ DE SANTA ANA Chief Executive Officer Office of Educational Services

# **APPROVED & PRESENTED BY:**

**RY**AN SOLCHENBERGER Director Transportation Services Division

DAVID HOLMQUIST General Counsel

\_\_\_\_ Approved as to form.

**REVIEWED BY:** 

CHERYL SIMPSON Director, Budget Services and Financial Planning

\_\_\_\_ Approved as to budget impact statement.