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LADOT TO TEST ELECTRIC BUSES ON BUSY DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES DASH

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (February 19, 2014) – The first pure electric, emissions free bus to be demonstrated in Southern California will hit the streets of Downtown Los Angeles on Monday, February 24, 2014. The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has partnered with BYD Motors of Lancaster, California and Shenzhen, China for a 90-day trial placing the bus into service on LADOT’s popular DASH Downtown LA service that carries an average of 29,000 riders each weekday.

LADOT has had a two decade commitment to clean air buses according to its Transit Executive James Lefton, “Over the past two decades, LADOT has piloted the use of almost every fuel type that offered the promise of low or zero emissions. From Liquefied Propane to Compressed Natural Gas, that powers our current fleet, LADOT has sought those technologies that delivered significant air quality benefits.”

BYD, which stands for Build Your Dreams, is a publicly traded, privately owned manufacturer of rechargeable batteries, buses and advanced technology. United States investors, including Warren Buffett, own over 60% of BYD’s stock. BYD pure electric buses have been successfully demonstrated in New York, London, Paris, Madrid and Barcelona. BYD Pure Electric Buses have been in revenue service since August 2012 in Shenzhen, China.

LADOT’s Lefton said, “Downtown DASH LA service is very demanding with multiple stops and large passenger loads. Should the BYD buses perform well under these conditions, it will prove to be very influential in LADOT’s decision to adopt the pure electric technology.”

DASH Downtown LA provides circulator bus services over five routes that connect the majority of points of interest in Downtown Los Angeles. In addition to DASH Downtown LA service, LADOT also provides DASH service to 27 neighborhoods in the City. Other bus services operated by LADOT include Commuter Express service to and from Downtown, the San Fernando Valley and the Westside as well as Cityride transportation services for seniors and the mobility challenged. LADOT is the second largest transit provider in Los Angeles County carrying more than 26 million annual riders. For information about LADOT transit services, visit ladottransit.com or call the LADOT Transit Store at (213, 310, 323 or 818-808-2273).

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