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RESOLUTION 2026-10**BOARD REPORT 422-25/26**

RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SAN JULIAN ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE USE OF BOND PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF 79 ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BRANCH'S STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, District Staff is leveraging multiple grant awards from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (CHDV) Program, the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Carl Moyer Program, and the California Zero-Emission School Bus and Infrastructure (ZESBI) incentive project to purchase electric school buses and install the necessary infrastructure across Los Angeles Unified to power them.

WHEREAS, District Staff has defined a project to replace 79 eligible internal combustion engine Class 7 school buses with electric school buses located at the San Julian Bus Yard.

WHEREAS, the purchase of 79 electric school buses will directly benefit students by enabling the District's Transportation Services Branch (TSB) to support the timely delivery of students to schools.

WHEREAS, the purchase of the 79 electric school buses is part of a broader comprehensive effort that will bring the necessary infrastructure to fully electrify the San Julian Bus Yard and implement a workforce development, bus maintenance, and training program at Los Angeles Unified.

WHEREAS, the proposed project supports the District's resolution, "Transitioning Los Angeles Unified School District to 100% Clean, Renewable Energy Resulting in Healthier Students and More Sustainable, Equitable Communities (Res-018-19/20)."

WHEREAS, the replacement of 79 diesel school buses with electric school buses will help reduce harmful emissions, improve air quality, and reduce operational costs for school transportation.

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WHEREAS, the purchase of 79 electric school buses will facilitate the replacement of an equivalent number of diesel buses within the existing fleet that are approaching the end of their useful life. The current cost to maintain and fuel each diesel bus is approximately \$32,000 annually, totaling \$2,528,000 for 79 buses. By comparison, the cost to maintain and power each electric bus is approximately \$6,500 annually, or \$513,500 for 79 buses. The transition from diesel to electric buses is projected to reduce annual operating costs supported by the General Fund by approximately \$2,014,500.

WHEREAS, a breakdown of cost estimates and associated funding is provided below:

Item	Qty.	Total Cost	EPA CHDV	Carl Moyer	ZESBI 1	ZESBI 2	Measure RR
Zero-Emission School Bus	79	\$33,240,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,995,123	\$6,800,000	\$3,240,000	\$12,204,877

Whereas, the purchase of the electric school buses will have the following equity impact:

Component	Score	Score Rationale
Recognition	3	This project will support the District's efforts to transition to 100% clean renewable energy resulting in healthier students by limiting their exposure to harmful pollutants and creating more equitable communities. This will also directly benefit students by improving the timely delivery of students to schools as new buses have significantly fewer breakdowns.
Resource Prioritization	3	The new, zero-emission electric school buses will benefit all students as they will contribute to support overall route coverage for all students in the District.
Results	3	These electric school buses will help ensure students get to school on time every day, so they have the opportunity to learn.
TOTAL	9	

WHEREAS, the District's Office of the General Counsel has reviewed the proposed Projects and determined that they may proceed to the School Construction Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) for its consideration for recommendation to the Board of Education; 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 implementation of the Transportation SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the Transportation SEP.

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NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education approves the San Julian Electric School Bus Purchase Project, including the purchase of 79 electric school buses with a budget of \$12,204,877 and an amendment to the Transportation SEP to incorporate therein, as defined in Board Report 422-25/26, 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 BOC'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 April 30, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 4

/Michael Hamner/

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Chair

/Robert Campbell/

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Vice-Chair