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### Metro Deploys Chevy Bolt Electric Vehicles as Part of Agency's Non-Revenue Fleet



To help reduce the use of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has purchased 10 Chevy Bolt zero emission vehicles for its non-revenue fleet.

The Bolt is a zero-emissions electric vehicle with an estimated range of 238 miles per charge. Charging time is 9.5 hours. Metro will be testing the cars over the next year for their feasibility and operational viability. The cars will be used as part of Metro's vehicle pool for field operations and driver relief assignments.

"Metro is building a cleaner, healthier transportation future for all of our communities," said Metro Board Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. "These vehicles are an opportunity to lead by example — in cutting emissions, making our air better, and saving money in the long run."

Life-cycle costs will be assessed to determine the feasibility of replacing the entire Metro sedan fleet with electric vehicles. Preliminary research indicates that although initial electric vehicle capital costs are higher, operating costs — for maintenance and fuel — are lower and will continue to be reduced as battery technology advances and the range of vehicles increases.

“These vehicles have the potential to be an important part of our sustainability efforts,” said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. “We need to constantly explore new technologies so Metro can be as environmentally friendly as possible.”

As part of the initial pilot program, Metro has installed charging stations at Union Station, Division 13, Division 18 and the Central Maintenance Facility.

The Metro Board of Directors voted earlier this summer to endorse the conversion of the entire Metro bus fleet to zero-emission buses by 2030. The buses are currently powered by compressed natural gas, which is far cleaner than diesel but is still a fossil fuel.

Metro’s Sustainability program is focused on reducing the agency’s impact on the environment. More information can be found at <https://www.metro.net/projects/sustainability/>

### **About Metro**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation’s transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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