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BYD to Provide LAX with U.S Largest Airfield Fleet of All-Electric Buses

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has announced the purchase of 20 units of BYD battery-electric buses for the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), to be used for airfield passenger transportation and replace all of its diesel-operated buses and introduce a few more. The buses will make up the largest airport fleet of its kind in the U.S, and the vehicles will be produced at the BYD Lancaster plant in Southern California.



BYD 60-foot articulated electric bus

The 20 BYD 60-foot articulated buses being delivered are battery-electric, and the first in their category available in the US. They have an approximate range of 250 miles on a single charge and capacity for up to 120 passengers, depending on their configuration. The fleet is projected to reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions from 308 tons of GHG to zero, or the equivalent to saving over 34,000 gallons of gasoline or removing 66 conventional passenger vehicles from the road for an entire year. LAWA announced that additionally to the environmental benefits, and providing users with quieter rides, these buses will significantly reduce the fleet's energy and maintenance costs.

The selection of BYD to supply the vehicles was a result of LAWA's need to take advantage of the latest

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technological developments in clean transportation. The acquisition of the fleet was approved at a recent meeting of the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners, as a move for LAX to comply with LA's "Sustainable City pLAn," an initiative by Mayor Eric Garcetti to reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions to 45% below the 1990 baseline levels by 2025. It also brings LAX a step closer to fulfilling the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Requirement initiated in 2017, the year when the airport's bus operations transported over 2.4 million passengers on more than 53,000 trips.

BYD is the world's largest electric vehicle manufacturer, as well as the largest electric bus maker in North America. The company entered the U.S. market in 1999 and has so far invested a total of around 300 million USD in the country. With deliveries of battery-electric buses to more than 40 U.S. clients – including Facebook, Stanford University, UCLA, UCI and Long Beach Transit – BYD has also been successful in introducing a range of battery-electric trucks to customers like SF Goodwill, LA Port and Daylight.

"With the introduction of these new electric buses, LAX will have the largest fleet of electric airfield buses at an airport in the U.S., transporting us to a cleaner and quieter future for buses," said Michael Christensen, LAWA's Deputy Executive Director for Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group. "These buses are smart for both the environment and our bottom line, and we're excited to start rolling them out in the coming year." The company's Deputy Executive Director of the Environmental Programs Group, Samantha Bricker, stated that "These electric buses represent an important step up in terms of sustainability and carbon footprint reduction," and added, "By replacing 14 diesel-powered engines and expanding our battery-electric bus capacity, we're looking at making a substantial reduction in tailpipe emissions, which means cleaner air for our guests and surrounding neighbors." Macy Neshati, Senior Vice President of BYD Heavy Industries, said: "We are proud to provide LAX with 20 California-made electric transit buses, which will provide cleaner air and help create healthier communities."

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BYD Company Ltd. is a leading high-tech multinational company based in Shenzhen, China. Since its establishment in 1995, BYD has developed solid expertise in rechargeable batteries, becoming a relentless advocate of sustainable development. It has successfully expanded its renewable energy solutions globally with operations in over 50 countries and regions. After 23 years' development, BYD has created a Zero Emissions Energy Ecosystem – affordable solar power generation, reliable energy storage, cutting-edge electrified transportation and a state of the art monorail – has made it an industry leader in the energy and transportation sector. BYD is listed on the Hong Kong and Shenzhen Stock Exchange. For more information, please visit <http://www.byd.com>.

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