



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF MEETING:	June 17, 2020
ITEM TITLE:	CLIMATE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT AND FLEET PROCUREMENT GOALS
PREPARED BY:	Aurora Jackson, General Manager
DIRECTOR:	N/A
ACTION REQUESTED:	Adoption

PURPOSE: To request the Board of Directors adopt a resolution adopting a Climate Action Policy Statement and Fleet Procurement Goals.

ROLE OF THE BOARD: The Board's role in this instance is to adopt a policy statement.

HISTORY: In 2007, the Oregon Legislature committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 75 percent by 2050 and the State of Oregon named the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area as one of eight major contributors to GHG emission from tailpipes. Additionally, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) acknowledged that public transportation plays an important role in confronting environmental challenges.

The LTD Board of Directors ("Board") established an Ad hoc Sustainability Committee composed of three Board members who were tasked with assisting the entire Board of Directors in taking meaningful action to address climate change by reducing carbon emissions. The committee has met regularly with a focus on two key areas:

- Developing guidance on Board-level policy for fleet procurement.
- Developing guidance on Board-level policy for intergovernmental collaboration.

The Ad hoc Sustainability Committee met on March 9, 2020, to develop a Climate Action Policy Statement and Fleet Procurement Goals for bus fleet procurement. A resolution supporting the committee's policy statement and fleet procurement goals includes the following:

"LTD recognizes the urgency in addressing climate change and is committed to reducing community greenhouse gas emissions by taking steps to maximize public transit ridership and support low-carbon active transportation modes. LTD is also committed to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions and consumption of fossil fuels from its fleet of vehicles as quickly as possible in a financially and socially responsible manner. LTD is committed to eliminating the use of fossil fuels in its bus fleet by 2035 and will develop plans to achieve that goal."

Goal 1 – Short-term

- 25 electric busses in 3 years

Goal 2 - Long-term

- 100% fleet turnover and phase out of fossil fuels by 2035
- 75% GHG emissions reduction by 2030

Goal 3 – Other considerations

- Deliberate exploration of emerging technology and fuels
- Joint community GHG emission reduction goals with partner jurisdictions
- Iterative process to review progress & goals annually

CONSIDERATIONS: This policy statement is an important step towards making progress in reducing LTD's GHG emissions.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Request the Ad hoc Sustainability Committee develop an alternative policy statement and fleet procurement goals.
- 2) Wait to set GHG reduction goals until the conclusion of the Fleet Procurement Plan and Alternative Technology/Fuel Analysis is completed.

NEXT STEPS: If approved by the Board, staff will use the Climate Action Policy Statement and Fleet Procurement Goals to develop a Climate Action Policy.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- 1) Sample Fleet Replacement
- 2) Resolution No. 2020-06-17-038

PROPOSED MOTION: I move adoption of LTD Resolution No. 2020-06-17-038:

It is hereby resolved that the LTD Board of Directors adopts the Climate Action Policy Statement and Fleet Procurement Goals as presented [amended].