RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06-17-038

ADOPTION OF A CLIMATE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT AND GOALS

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Oregon Legislature committed to a 75% reduction in GHG emissions by 2050;

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon named the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area as one of eight (8) major contributors to greenhouse gas (GHG) emission from tailpipes;

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) acknowledged that public transportation plays an important role in confronting environmental challenges;

WHEREAS, the LTD Board of Directors (“Board”) has the enumerated power to conduct business that may be necessary or convenient;

WHEREAS, the 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;

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Sustainability 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; and,

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee met on March 9, 2020, and developed a Climate Action Policy Statement and Goals for LTD’s bus fleet procurement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane Transit District Board of Directors passes a Resolution as adopting a Climate Action Statement and Fleet Procurement Goals as follows:

"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 our 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


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