

YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 8-21

ZERO-EMISSION BUS FLEET CONVERSION POLICY STATEMENT

- WHEREAS, *The Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority was formed in 1975 for the purpose of providing public transit services to the residents of the Bi-County Area; and,*
- WHEREAS, *It has long been Yuba-Sutter Transit's mission to provide safe and cost effective public transportation services that increase mobility and improve the quality of life for Yuba and Sutter County residents; and,*
- WHEREAS, *Yuba-Sutter Transit strives to meet or exceed community expectations by adhering to the guiding principles of operating a safe, reliable and comfortable quality of service; providing an effective and efficient level of service in response to demonstrated community needs; and, enhancing quality of life through improved mobility; and,*
- WHEREAS, *Yuba-Sutter Transit has consistently improved and expanded the quality and scope of the services provided through the development and introduction of new and enhanced facilities, vehicles, equipment, and technology; and,*
- WHEREAS, *The California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation in December 2018 requiring all public transit agencies to transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus (ZEB) fleet with a statewide goal for a full transition by 2040; and,*
- WHEREAS, *The ICT regulation applies to all transit agencies that own, operate, or lease buses with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 lbs. which applies to all buses now operated by Yuba-Sutter Transit; and,*
- WHEREAS, *For Yuba-Sutter Transit, the ICT regulation requires beginning January 1, 2026, that 25 percent of all new buses purchased must be ZEBs until January 1, 2029, when 100 percent of all new buses purchased must be ZEBs; and,*
- WHEREAS, *Yuba-Sutter Transit has previously identified that a replacement transit maintenance, operations, and administration facility is essential for even a modest introduction of ZEBs to the fleet let alone a full-scale conversion to a ZEB fleet; and,*
- WHEREAS, *Introduction of ZEBs into Yuba-Sutter Transit's service network is contingent upon sufficient funding being available to construct a new zero-emission operations and maintenance facility from which to operate these vehicles as well as the incremental cost for their purchase; and,*
- WHEREAS, *Yuba-Sutter Transit's adopted capital improvement plan provides for the complete turnover of the fleet between 2025 and 2035 which is an excellent opportunity for an early 100 percent conversion of the vehicle fleet to ZEB operation that would result in enhanced service quality and passenger experience; reduced operating and maintenance costs; and, improved quality*

of life for all Yuba and Sutter County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority Board of Directors does hereby commit to the 100 percent conversion to zero-emission buses by 2035 well in advance of the statewide goal of 2040 contingent upon the availability of sufficient funding by 2025 to construct the Next Generation Zero-Emission Transit Maintenance, Operations and Administration Facility as well as to finance the incremental cost of all replacement and/or expansion buses purchased thereafter by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT AUTHORITY AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 2021.

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

*Janet Frye
Secretary to the Board*