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Link Transit Adds Two New Electric Buses to its Fleet

Burlington, NC – Two K7M 30’ battery-electric buses have been delivered to the City of Burlington to serve the passengers of its Link Transit Fleet. The zero-emission BYD | RIDE buses will be utilized in for Link’s five routes covering Burlington, Gibsonville, Elon, and Alamance Community College. The 30-foot buses fit up to 22 passengers and are equipped with the industry’s safest batteries, providing a smooth, quiet, and sustainable ride throughout its bustling city.

These buses and associated chargers were purchased off the State of Georgia statewide cooperative procurement which allowed the City of Burlington the ability to purchase in line with federal rules for the purchases of transit vehicles under 49 U.S.C. § 5323(u), administered within the guidelines of the Federal Transit Administration.

“BYD | RIDE applauds the City of Burlington for making the transition to clean, zero-emission transportation,” said BYD’s Senior Vice President, Patrick Duan. “We are thrilled they chose our K7M to help redefine the future of transportation by transitioning to green technology.”

The City of Burlington increased accessibility to clean transportation and mobility by connecting its pedestrian walkways, greenways and bikeways to the Link bus stops, where passengers can ride on a zero-emission BYD | RIDE bus.

“We are excited to give Link Transit passengers the opportunity to ride a zero-emissions transit bus with more capacity”, stated John Andoh, Link Transit Manager. “As LINK Transit replaces its buses in the future, those replacements would also become zero emissions battery electric buses as well. We are doing our part to make the environment better for future generations”.

The buses are purpose-built by members of the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation (SMART) Workers Union, Local 105, at the BYD | RIDE Coach and Bus Facility located in Lancaster, CA.

An open house to see the buses will occur on Monday, August 28, 2023, between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., at Transdev, 2801 Troxler Road, Burlington, NC 27215. Link Transit staff will be available for interviews.

Learn more about Link Transit, its routes, and how to ride at www.linktransit.org or call (336) 222-LINK. Follow Link Transit on Twitter @LinkTransitNC, Facebook @LinkTransitNC and on Instagram @LinkTransitNC.

You can also track Link Transit in real time by visiting www.mylinktransit.org, calling (336) 429-5465

and input the bus stop number, texting "LINK <stop number>" to 41411, downloading the Transit App, Moovit App from App Store and Google Play store or using Apple Maps, Google Maps or Bing Maps to plan a trip in real time

About

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Transit

Link Transit operates five fixed routes and a door-to-door demand response service for persons with disabilities is available in Burlington, Gibsonville, Elon and to/from Alamance County Offices and Alamance Community College, Monday through Saturday. All routes meet in Downtown Burlington at the transfer hub located at Worth Street and Webb Avenues. Link Transit is funded with local, state and federal funds. Learn more about Link Transit at www.linktransit.org or call (336) 222.LINK.

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