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Los Alamitos Awards EV Transit Contract to Circuit Transit, Inc.



Concept pictures of potential electrical vehicles that would transport residents. Pictures left to right: Volkswagon ID.Buzz, Kia Niro, and Ford E-Transit WAV

The Los Alamitos City Staff has recommended awarding the Citywide On-Demand Electric Vehicle (EV) Transportation Services Agreement to Circuit Transit, Inc. (Circuit), marking a significant advancement in sustainable, community-focused mobility. The seven-year, \$3,808,667 contract will improve accessibility for seniors and other residents while reducing congestion and emissions. The City's 2035 General Plan prioritizes multi-modal transportation solutions to reduce dependence on single-occupancy vehicles, improve air quality, and enhance accessibility. Circuit's all-electric, ADA-compliant fleet directly supports these goals by:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through zero-emission vehicles.
- Providing accessible transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Offering first-mile/last-mile connectivity to key destinations, encouraging public transit use and reducing congestion.

Circuit was recommended following extensive outreach conducted from 2022 to 2023, which identified critical transit needs, particularly among older adults. Surveys and public meetings revealed that 11% of seniors

required transportation services, particularly for medical appointments, grocery trips, and visits to the Los Alamitos Community Center. The project is partially funded by the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Measure M2 grant, which allocated \$1,930,472 to support the initiative. The City will match these funds over seven years, contributing \$257,115 in the first year. Annual funding is expected to increase by approximately 2% each year. Founded in 2011, Circuit has pioneered all-electric micro-transit, delivering over 10 million zero-emission rides nationwide. Operating in 45 communities across the U.S., Circuit specializes in bridging transit gaps, improving accessibility, and supporting local businesses by increasing foot traffic. Circuit Project Lead Daniel Kramer provides a deep understanding of the city's layout, infrastructure, and community priorities. Additionally, Circuit's presence in Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and Long Beach enables resource-sharing, training consistency, and service coordination with regional infrastructure. Circuit is backed by diverse capital sources, including venture funding and a senior debt facility, ensuring

financial stability. In 2024, the company launched 10 new transit programs across the U.S., demonstrating its ability to expand operations while maintaining service reliability. Strong partnerships with leasing firms and vehicle manufacturers enable timely fleet procurement and deployment. Circuit's Los Alamitos service will operate five days a week for up to 12 hours daily, utilizing ADA-compliant electric vehicles such as the Ford E-Transit WAV, Volkswagen ID. Buzz, and Kia Niro EV. Professionally trained local drivers will ensure safe, high-quality transportation. To support adoption, Circuit will conduct onboarding sessions, distribute printed guides, and offer multiple booking options, including a mobile app, call center, and online platform. The service will integrate real-time GPS tracking, ride-pooling technology to reduce waiting times, and comprehensive data analytics for ongoing performance improvements. City officials view this partnership as a transformative step toward equitable, environmentally conscious mobility. Circuit's commitment to clean energy and accessible service aligns with Los Alamitos' broader sustainability goals, ensuring lasting benefits for residents.

Upcoming Events Calendar

City Meetings

City Council Meeting
Date: July 21, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
Date: August 6, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
Date: July 23, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM

Traffic Commission Meeting
Date: August 13, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM

City Events

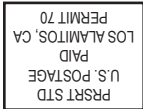
Concerts in the Park
Band: Remix (Funk & R&B)
Date: July 17, 2025
Location: 4000 Farquhar Ave.
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Concerts in the Park
Band: Chris Lozano Band (Country & Rock)
Date: July 24, 2025
Location: 3662 Kempton Dr.
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Concerts in the Park
Band: Hard Day's Night (Beatle's Tribute)
Date: July 31, 2025
Location: 4000 Farquhar Ave.
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Concerts in the Park
Band: Spin Town (Top 40 Band)
Date: August 7, 2025
Location: 3662 Kempton Dr.
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

More events can be found on the City website: cityoflosalamitos.org



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Los Alamitos Approves Transportation Plan to Secure M2 Funding



The corner of Catalina St and Walnut St being repaired on schedule and below budget.

The Los Alamitos City Council unanimously approved a series of critical actions to maintain the City’s eligibility for Measure M2 sales tax revenue. Measure M2, administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), provides cities with local sales tax revenue earmarked for transportation-related improvements. In order to receive these funds, cities must submit annual documentation demonstrating compliance with OCTA requirements. This year, Los Alamitos’ submission includes an updated Measure M2 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal years 2025/26 through 2031/32 and two key resolutions affirming the City’s alignment with countywide transportation policies. The approved Seven-Year CIP serves as a roadmap for prioritizing transportation projects that enhance mobility, reduce congestion, and maintain the

City’s transportation infrastructure. While the plan itself does not commit City funds to specific projects, it is a required element for the City to qualify for Measure M2 funding. Projects listed in the updated CIP are consistent with the City’s broader CIP Budget and Strategic Business Plan. They include road rehabilitation, intersection improvements, and traffic mitigation strategies designed to support both safety and efficiency. Alongside the CIP, the Council adopted two critical resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2025-21 affirms that the City’s General Plan Circulation Element remains consistent with the County’s Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). This ensures that the City’s transportation network aligns with the regional system and that no unilateral reductions have been made to arterial lane capacities.

- Resolution No. 2025-22 confirms the City’s updated Pavement Management Plan (PMP), which outlines strategies for extending the life of local roadways through preventive maintenance and cost-effective rehabilitation. The PMP, last updated in May 2025, plays a vital role in guiding road repair decisions and maximizing the longevity of public infrastructure. It evaluates pavement life cycles, estimates maintenance costs, and helps staff determine priority areas for work. In addition to maintaining the MPAH and PMP, the City continues to enforce its developer Mitigation Fee Program. This program ensures that new developments contribute their fair share toward transportation improvements needed to support growth. Biennially, OCTA requires certification that such a program is in place, which the City provided through the latest submission. For fiscal year 2025/26, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$351,503 from Measure M2’s local fair share program. Approval of the current documents not only secures this funding but also positions the City to compete for additional grants through OCTA’s competitive Measure M2 programs. Residents can expect continued improvements to local roads and transportation systems within the City.

Military Operations Changes 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular



This year’s 38th Annual UWS 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular was notably different from past celebrations, as military operations at the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) in Los Alamitos required a scaled-back event to accommodate a regional troop deployment. Traditionally a large public gathering held on the JFTB grounds, the event typically features live entertainment, food vendors, family activities, and a grand fireworks finale. Thousands of attendees from across the region normally fill the base to enjoy the patriotic festivities. However, due to the base’s active role in supporting public safety operations across Southern California, the public was not permitted on base for this year’s celebration. The restriction was implemented in response to ongoing regional deployments, as military personnel and equipment were stationed at JFTB. JFTB serves as a key location for the coordination and mobilization of National Guard units during times of heightened emergency preparedness, including natural disasters, civil disturbances, and other significant public safety concerns. The base’s role as a staging area for state and federal support efforts continues to grow as regional needs evolve. As part of this year’s preparations, military assets were made available to support local law enforcement and emergency services throughout the region. JFTB remains a critical hub in ensuring readiness and collaboration between military and civilian agencies. The partnership between the City of Los Alamitos and JFTB has long been a source of strength for the community, enabling mutual support during both celebration and crisis. Despite the limitations, City officials ensured the show could go on, albeit with a smaller footprint. Fireworks were still launched from the base, allowing residents in surrounding neighborhoods to enjoy the dazzling display from their homes, parks, and other nearby viewing areas. Many residents gathered with friends and family on front lawns and cul-de-sacs, maintaining the festive spirit in a more intimate setting. While the celebration lacked its usual attractions and in-person atmosphere, the continuation of the fireworks display was seen as a gesture of tradition, pride, and unity for the community.

Los Alamitos Launches Survey to Improve Community Outreach



Los Alamitos is committed to keeping residents informed and engaged, from important community alerts to fun neighborhood events and educational updates about City projects and services. Our mission is to build a stronger and more connected community through open communication. The City prioritizes transparency, timely updates, and community engagement. The residents deserve to know how decisions are made, how tax dollars are spent, and have access to learn about the work being done at City Hall every day. Another priority of the City is sharing timely and relevant content. Residents lead busy lives and need easy access to updates. That’s why the City utilizes a variety of platforms, including the City website, social media platforms, and a regularly published

newsletter, to keep you informed as quickly and efficiently as possible. The City’s Facebook and Instagram pages are updated regularly. You’ll find everything from events, updates on city projects, public safety updates, community spotlights, and behind-the-scenes content. We continue to grow our presence on LinkedIn, demonstrating that Los Alamitos is a great place to live and work. The City’s YouTube channel features various videos from the Mayor’s Business Spotlight, council meetings, and other important messages. Finally, strengthening our connection with residents means listening, responding, and creating opportunities for conversations. The City wants feedback, welcomes questions, and works to be accessible and responsive. Through town halls and forums,

and digital engagement tools, the City wants to better understand resident concerns and priorities. Residents and Staff have a collective story and journey in Los Alamitos. The City wants to celebrate the good things happening in our neighborhoods, feature the people making a difference, and create a sense of pride and unity. The City is committed to keeping communication open, honest, and meaningful. That means being upfront about the good as well as the bad. The City requests your feedback in order to succeed. The City of Los Alamitos communications team is evaluating how information is shared and how residents best receive that information. Please take a moment to complete this short survey at <http://bit.ly/4lqt1Cm> or scan the QR code below to go directly to the website.



Los Alamitos City Council Approves SB-1 Funding for Local Road Improvements



The Los Alamitos City Council has approved Resolution No. 2025-20, adopting the fiscal year 2025-26 project list for SB-1 funding. This decision ensures continued investment in the city’s transportation infrastructure by securing financial support through California’s Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The resolution authorizes the City to receive approximately \$301,653 in Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds, earmarked for the Various Local Street Improvements Project. This initiative will focus on maintaining and enhancing roadways, benefiting residents, commuters, and local businesses.

SB-1, enacted in 2017, is one of California’s most significant infrastructure funding measures, allocating \$52.5 billion over a decade to improve transportation systems statewide. The legislation generates revenue through increased per-gallon gasoline and diesel taxes, higher vehicle registration fees, and a flat fee applied to electric vehicles. These funds flow to cities through various channels, including the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (Gas Tax) and the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA), ensuring local governments can maintain and upgrade roadways.

To remain eligible for SB-1 funding, cities must submit an annual project list to the California Transportation Commission for approval. Los Alamitos has consistently leveraged these funds to address road maintenance needs, enhancing the safety and accessibility of local streets.

The fiscal year 2025-26 allocation will support pavement rehabilitation on Farquhar Avenue, stretching from Bloomfield Street to Lexington Drive, and Chestnut Street, from Katella Avenue to Sausalito Street. According to

the city’s Pavement Condition Index (PCI), which measures road quality on a scale of 1 to 100, Farquhar Avenue has a PCI rating of 56, indicating moderate wear, while Chestnut Street registers a score of 36, suggesting a greater need for resurfacing and structural repairs. Lower PCI scores signal deteriorating conditions that require attention to maintain safe and functional roadways.

The City Engineer Chris Kelly estimates that these improvements will extend the lifespan of the affected streets by 10 to 15 years, reducing the need for more frequent repairs. In addition to SB-1 funding, the fiscal year 2025-26 budget incorporates supplementary contributions from the Gas Tax and Measure M funds, bringing the total project investment to \$546,653. By combining multiple funding sources, Los Alamitos ensures a comprehensive approach to road maintenance and infrastructure development.

The resolution further affirms that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of CEQA Guidelines. City officials determined that the approved road improvements will not result in direct or indirect environmental changes, allowing the project to proceed without additional environmental review.

Beyond essential road maintenance, SB-1 funds can be applied to a broad range of transportation projects, including safety enhancements, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, railroad grade separations, and stormwater drainage improvements. These investments contribute to a more resilient and efficient transportation network, improving mobility and safety for all users.

The approval of Resolution No. 2025-20 represents Los Alamitos’ ongoing commitment to maintaining and upgrading local streets, ensuring a safer and more reliable road network. By securing SB-1 funding for another year, the City continues to prioritize infrastructure improvements that benefit the community. For more information on the project please visit mylosalengage.com/en/ or scan the QR code to the left.



City Reviews Los Alamitos Museum’s 2025-26 Plan to Preserve Local History



The Los Alamitos City Council has reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year schedule, activity plan, and budget submitted by the Los Alamitos Museum Association. The proposal, which outlines a modest \$5,431 budget, reflects the Museum’s continued commitment to preserving the city’s rich cultural and historical heritage.

The Los Alamitos Museum Association, a nonprofit organization established through a city agreement on July 28, 1975, operates out of a historic building formerly known as the Los Alamitos Fire Station. The facility, owned by the City of Los Alamitos and granted by the County of Orange in 1976, is designated for public museum or recreational use for the benefit of all county residents.

In its recommendation to the City Council, city staff has advised approval of the Association’s detailed activity calendar and financial plan. Additionally, the recommendation includes authorization for the City Manager or a designated official to approve any necessary modifications to the schedule or budget during the fiscal year.

The Museum remains a free public resource, open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and is operated entirely by volunteers. Over the past year, approximately 400 guests visited during regular hours, with more than 200 additional children attending scheduled tours, including school groups and scout troops.

Volunteer opportunities are a critical part of the Museum’s structure, ranging from docent-led tours to event support. Community members are encouraged to get involved, with docents working in groups to guide visitors through historical exhibits such as 1900s period clothing displays and the Hall of Fame, which highlights local figures of cultural significance.

The Los Alamitos Museum Association’s strategic plan, reaffirmed during an April 2025 board meeting, emphasizes increasing public awareness, growing membership, enhancing educational outreach, and improving publicity. These efforts have already seen success, bolstered by email campaigns, social media promotions, and a refreshed website presence.

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Los Alamitos Museum Association proj-

ects \$5,431 in revenue against \$4,931 in expenses. Funding is derived from donations, a membership program, local grants, and fundraisers. Notably, the Los Alamitos Museum continues to receive annual support from the Rossmoor Women’s Club and the Finest Annual Trout Tournament, both of which have committed to ongoing sponsorship.

The City of Los Alamitos supports the Museum by maintaining the property, providing janitorial services biweekly, and covering repair and maintenance costs through the Development Services Department. Officials confirm sufficient funding exists in the City’s upcoming fiscal budget to support these needs.

The Los Alamitos Museum’s mission remains steadfast: “To collect, advance, preserve, and exhibit cultural, historical, and other related materials so that we and our posterity may receive the full benefit of our city’s history.” In alignment with this vision, the Board of Trustees has created mobile exhibits for community outreach and plans to showcase them at new Pine Street events.

Among recent highlights, the Museum hosted a June 2024 open house to celebrate its reopening following facility upgrades. The event, which featured the induction of musician, writer, and director Joe Escalante into the Hall of Fame, drew a standing-room-only crowd, underlining the community’s continued interest in local history.

Looking ahead, the Museum aims to expand its oral history collection by interviewing longtime residents, further enhancing the depth and diversity of its historical archives.

For more information about the Los Alamitos Museum and how to volunteer, please go to <http://www.losalamitosmuseum.org/>, call (562) 431-8836 or scan the QR code below:



Celebrating Service: Los Alamitos Recognizes Young Volunteers at 2025 LAVP Awards



Ariana Hernandez, Lexi Rock, and Decker McCoy receiving their 2025 LAVP Scholarship checks in the Los Alamitos Council Chamber.

The City of Los Alamitos honored three outstanding young leaders during the 2025 Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (LAVP) Scholarship Awards Presentation on June 9, 2025. Hosted in partnership with the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission, the annual event celebrates youth volunteers who exemplify leadership, commitment, and personal growth through service. The LAVP engages over 100 participants between the ages of 11 and 17 in hands-on civic involvement throughout the year. Volunteers contribute to city events, support recreation pro-

grams, and assist nonprofit efforts—gaining valuable skills in communication, professionalism, and teamwork. This year’s scholarship recipients—Ariana Hernandez, Decker McCoy, and Lexi Rock—were recognized not only for their hours of service but also for their thoughtful scholarship submissions. Ariana Hernandez, an 8th grader at Oak Middle School, completed 41 hours of volunteer service in her first year with LAVP. Her scholarship essay focused on environmental conservation, highlighting her successful initiative to replace Styrofoam lunch

trays at her school with reusable alternatives after advocating to the Superintendent and School Board. Seventh grader Decker McCoy logged 71 volunteer hours supporting events like Serve Los Al, Trunk or Treat, and the 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular. His essay explored his growth as a leader through roles in ASB, baseball, and church, where he applied lessons from LAVP to build supportive and inclusive environments. Lexi Rock, an 8th-grade student and two-year LAVP member, completed 70 hours of service and is admired for her creativity and reliability. Her vid-

eo submission reflected her journey of self-discovery through art, symbolizing resilience and personal growth using visuals of a girl swimming through pages of childhood stories. Recreation Coordinator Samantha Kenny, a former LAVP member herself, commended the students during the ceremony. “We are thrilled to recognize three outstanding scholarship recipients here with us today, joined by their families and loved ones,” she said. “Each of these students has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and compassion through their volunteer work and thoughtful scholarship submissions. They are shining examples of how young people can positively shape their communities.”

Following the award presentations, recipients posed for commemorative photos with members of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission. The evening concluded with conversation, as attendees reflected on the importance of youth engagement in civic life.

The City of Los Alamitos extends its heartfelt congratulations to Ariana, Decker, and Lexi, and thanks all LAVP participants for their continued dedication to service and leadership. For more information about the Los Alamitos Volunteer Program or scholarship opportunities, visit www.cityoflosalamitos.org/recreation or contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 430-1073.

Los Al Urges Residents to Fight Mosquitoes During Peak Season, Provides Prevention Tips



Mosquito season is officially here. Don’t let your backyard become a breeding ground. Take simple steps now to reduce mosquito populations and protect your family from itchy bites and mosquito-borne illnesses. At the June 9th City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting, Brian Brannon, Public Information Officer with the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCDD), presented on the importance of National Mosquito Control Awareness Week and what residents can do to help prevent mosquito infestations. National Mosquito Control Awareness Week is observed from June 15 to June 21 and focuses on public education and prevention. It’s a timely reminder that mosquito season in Or-

ange County typically spans from late spring through mid-October, peaking in the warm summer months. The combination of higher temperatures and increased rainfall creates ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. Even small amounts of standing water in places like birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots, and unused buckets can turn into mosquito nurseries. OCMVCDD plays a vital role in protecting the public from mosquito-borne diseases by focusing on education, surveillance, and control. Their team monitors and maintains a database of known mosquito breeding sources, including storm drains, flood channels, manholes, and neglected swimming pools. These locations are often where adult female mosquitoes

lay eggs. Remarkably, mosquito eggs can survive dry conditions for years and hatch once they come into contact with water. Under the right conditions, a mosquito can go from egg to adult in just five to seven days. So, how can you protect yourself from these unwanted “ankle biters”? Continue your spring cleaning by removing any items that collect standing water. Don’t grow plants in water-filled containers or vases, even indoors. Scrub outdoor containers that have held water with hot, soapy water to kill the mosquito eggs and store in a dry place. Other ways to prevent mosquitoes are to set up mosquito traps, set up a fire pit, or plant naturally repellent plants

like lavender, lemongrass, basil, and rosemary in and around your home. When spending time outdoors, always use EPA-approved insect repellents that contain DEET (30% or more), Picaridin, IR3535, or oil that has lemon or eucalyptus. Wearing light-colored, loose-fitting clothing can also help prevent bites. To keep mosquitoes from getting inside your home, make sure windows and doors are properly screened, and remember to repair any holes. Keep them closed when not in use to prevent insects from slipping inside. Use fans that can help deter mosquitos indoors due to their weak flying ability or purchase mosquito traps from your local store to place inside your home.

