



## **BYD North America statement regarding the City of Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller's Press Conference today – November 1, 2018**

As the world's largest manufacturer of battery-electric buses, BYD is also one of the top producers in North America from its Lancaster, California plant. We stand by our clients and our products.

**BYD Bus Safety.** The statement made that the BYD buses aren't safe for use "at any speed" is absolutely not true.

- BYD's 40-foot buses were approved in 2014 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. DOT, Altoona Testing Facility. And while we await the final Altoona testing approval for our 60-foot buses, Altoona reviews many bus items including safety, but they largely focus on reliability and structural integrity.
- BYD buses are safe and built to strict Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS); and have passed FMVSS brake testing and all other testing required for revenue service. They are FMVSS certified and US DOT compliant.
- They are powered by BYD's revolutionary iron-phosphate batteries that are "FIRE SAFE" non-toxic and environmentally friendly.
- Our North America Team is building these buses in our state-of-the-art, ISO 9001 Certified manufacturing plant.

**Bus Brakes and Testing.** The statement went on to further say that "the brakes and doors have experienced malfunctions." First of all, the braking issue was just brought to BYD's attention three weeks ago. Again, our buses passed Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards FMVSS brake testing. That said, BYD is committed to our clients and working with each on any specific request. Our experienced engineers have designed a brake solution for the agency to meet their needs.

**Bus doors and components.** It is not uncommon in any way for any bus vendor – diesel, CNG - to have issues and to continue to make repairs on buses after the city takes possession. As a pioneer in battery and battery-electric vehicle technology, BYD continues to design, implement, research, address any client issues with solutions and use our lessons learned to improve and advance the technology and client-specific requests and issues.

**Payment for BYD Buses.** As the City has pointed out many times, they have not paid any money to BYD, but this is solely due to the 60-foot bus waiting on final Federal Altoona testing and approval, not because BYD's product or services have not been up to standard. Meanwhile, BYD has received no payments of any kind, and continues to invest its money to help the city manage its first process.

**Bus Inspection.** Inspections have already taken place here at our manufacturing plant by our QA/QC staff and separately by the transit agency, before they ever left our plant. Another inspection took place by the agency once they arrived at Albuquerque. BYD is continuing to work with all involved entities including the independent inspection team, to address and resolve any issues.

**Progress Communication.** We have and continue to work with the City on a daily basis and hold weekly meetings with a group of experienced engineers, operators and other technical personnel. In fact, we had just met with the agency this past Monday.

**About BYD**

BYD is the world's largest manufacturer of electric vehicles and batteries, and the global leader in battery-electric buses with more than 35,000 buses in service across 200 cities, 50 countries and six continents. The firm has delivered 270 buses in North America; and sold in excess of 650 buses in total to more than 50 municipal, transit agency, university, airport, federal and other commercial and private sector clients in 14 states, and across 4 provinces in Canada.