

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASEContact: Bruce Gillman
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Los Angeles—The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) announced new weekend shuttle bus service to Griffith Park and the Griffith Observatory from the Vermont/Sunset Metro Red Line Station. The new bus service, called the Observatory Shuttle, will begin on Saturday, November 24, 2007. The Observatory Shuttle will operate Saturdays and Sundays every 35 minutes from 10 AM until 10 PM. It will not operate on holidays.

Due to budgetary constraints, LADOT modified the current DASH Los Feliz bus service in order to offer the weekend Observatory Shuttle. Beginning November 24, 2007, DASH Los Feliz will no longer operate weekend service. The new weekend Observatory Shuttle service will, however, operate on Hillhurst Avenue between Los Feliz Boulevard and Sunset Boulevard. The Observatory shuttle service will utilize the red LADOT trolley bus and will cost 25¢ per boarding.

“The Mayor’s transportation initiatives are to increase the convenience, reliability, safety and speed of Los Angeles’ transportation system. This new shuttle service will safely move people in and out of the Park in short order. LADOT thanks Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Eric Garcetti for supporting this initiative,” said LADOT Interim General Manager Rita L. Robinson.

“Public transportation is an extremely important service we can provide to get visitors to Griffith Park and the Griffith Observatory by linking DASH service with the subway and Metrolink. We hope people will take advantage of this wonderful new service to see now only this wonderful park and its many features as well as other Los Angeles’ attractions,” remarked Councilmember Tom LaBonge.

LADOT Pass Holders and EZ Transit Pass Holders can ride the Observatory Shuttle for free. Up to two children under the age of four can ride free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult. MTA senior or LACTOA Identification Card Holders or Access Services Identification Card Holders ride free. Other seniors and those with mobility impairments who show government issued proof of age or disability and photo ID pay 10¢.

For further information about the Observatory Shuttle, DASH Los Feliz or other LADOT transit services, call (213, 310, 323, 818) 808-2273 or visit the LADOT website at www.ladottransit.com. Area commuters can visit <http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/> for real-time traffic information. Real-time traffic reports are a product of LADOT, innovators of Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control System (ATSAC) technology.

LADOT is dedicated to moving Los Angeles forward as quickly and safely as possible. Motorists, bus riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians are encouraged to visit LADOT’s web site at: <http://www.lacity.org/LADOT/index.htm> for information about bicycling in the city, and an array of transportation services.