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LADOT and Metro Celebrate Installation of 200th Metro Bike Share Station

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Marking a new milestone in the continued expansion of the county's bike share system, The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) have officially installed their 200th Metro Bike Share station in Los Angeles County.

Located at the corner of Sunset and Silver Lake Boulevards in Silver Lake, the latest station fills the gap in the local bike share network between Echo Park, Los Feliz, Koreatown, and Downtown L.A., making it easier for Metro Bike Share riders to travel on two wheels throughout the area. There are currently 22 stations in the area to choose from, with more planned.

Metro worked closely with the City of Los Angeles to determine the location of new bike share stations in the Central L.A. area, including near major transit hubs and key local destinations.

"Everyone should have access to clean, healthy transportation," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "Metro Bike Share offers Angelenos a safe, affordable, and green way to get around our city, and this exciting milestone is another clear sign of our commitment to a sustainable future for Los Angeles."

"It's a fact that the more stations you put in the ground, the more useful L.A. County's bike share system becomes," said Inglewood Mayor and Metro Board Chair James T. Butts. "Congratulations to Metro and the City of L.A. in reaching this new milestone, which helps make our network an even better two-wheeled transportation alternative."

Both Sunset Boulevard and Silver Lake Boulevard have existing bicycle lanes that lead to the new station. The station is also served by Metro Bus services, including Metro Rapid 704.

"This milestone reaffirms that bikes are an integrated part of L.A.'s transit network," said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. "We continue to strive to make it easy, affordable, reliable, and safe to jump on a bike and connect to your neighborhood and your city."

Metro will deploy some of its electric-assist bicycles at the new station to help bicyclists to tackle some of the hilly terrain found in Echo Park, Silver Lake, and Los Feliz neighborhoods.

"As Metro builds out a robust public transportation infrastructure in the coming decades, we are also focused on providing complementary first- and last-mile solutions that integrate with our expanding system," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. "Bike share is one of the most practical and cost-effective alternatives that will give L.A.

county residents more choices to get where they need to go in our county without driving.”

At \$1.75 for a 30-minute ride, Metro Bike Share is extremely affordable and is actually cheaper than renting a bike or scooter from other companies. A similar ride would cost a person \$8.80 on an Uber or Lyft Bike or scooter and \$12.70 for a Bird scooter.

Metro’s Bike Share program is planning to expand to many other communities within L.A. County. In fact, the agency is working on completing its Phase 3 expansion in Central L.A., North Hollywood, and Westside, with additional stations installed every week. Metro also continues to improve the rider experience, customer interactions, and mobile app functionality.

To date, nearly 983,000 trips have been made on Metro Bike Share in Los Angeles County. Approximately 75,000 Bike Share passes have been sold. Bike share riders have collectively traveled 3.1 million miles on the bicycles since the program launched in mid-2016 and have reduced 5.4 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions – a major contributor to climate change.

To find available bike and station locations, download the Metro Bike Share app available on iPhone and Android platforms or visit the online station map at metro.net/bikeshare/stations. For more information on Metro’s Bike Share Program, visit metro.net/bikeshare.

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