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## LADOT Transit's New Bus Facility Wins Prestigious Sustainable Engineering Award

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The Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has awarded its Sustainable Engineering Project of the Year Award to LADOT Transit's new Downtown Los Angeles Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility. ASCE selected the LADOT Transit facility for the award "in recognition of the project's unique achievements, its complexity, scope, and engineering features." The award will be presented to LADOT Transit at ASCE's Annual Meeting in October.



The LADOT Transit facility continues a decades-long commitment of the City of Los Angeles to provide clean travel options that reduce emissions and improve air quality. Its new facility will accommodate electric battery-powered buses, becoming one of the largest electric zero emission bus (ZEB) facilities in California. This major transit infrastructure investment advances Los Angeles toward achieving Mayor Eric Garcetti's goal to convert all transit buses in the City to electric in the coming years.

"This prestigious award recognizes the incredible work of all our partners who built this facility with a dedication to sustainable engineering," said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. "At LADOT, we are proud to be a leader in creativity and innovation and will continue to deliver projects and solutions that guide us towards a sustainable future."

LADOT worked with partners at the Federal Transit Administration, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, Department of Public Works, Gonzalez-Goodale, and Sinanian Development, Inc. on the achievement.

"Without question, the downtown area where this new, state-of-the-art facility is located is the transportation nexus for our City and the entire County of Los Angeles," said Commissioner for the Board of Public Works Jessica Caloza. "Thousands of Angelenos who rely on public transportation will benefit from the City's commitment to modernizing our transit system and leading the way in sustainability and green technology."



The facility also holds a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification for its sustainable building achievement and was awarded the Outstanding Architectural Engineering Project of the Year by the Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

“This facility, designed and managed by the Bureau of Engineering, brings the highest levels of environmentally sustainable design to a public facility,” said City Engineer Gary Lee Moore. “We have incorporated energy efficient lighting and landscaping, stormwater capture and infiltration, and a solar panel system that will provide 70 percent of the facility’s energy needs.”

### **About Bureau of Engineering**

The Bureau of Engineering is the City’s lead agency for the planning, design, and construction management of the City’s public buildings (police and fire stations, libraries, animal shelters, recreational facilities) and its public infrastructure (bridges, streets, stormwater and wastewater systems). Engineering is also responsible for managing permitting for all construction that takes place in the public right-of-way, as well as managing the City’s state-of-the-art online mapping system, NavigateLA. Engineering is committed to designing and building environmentally sustainable and architecturally engaging projects that include widespread community engagement. Engineering projects and services support the City’s goal of creating a prosperous, livable, and safe city for all residents and businesses.

### **LADOT Transit**

LADOT Transit is the operating division of the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation responsible for providing commuter bus, neighborhood circulator bus, on-demand first-mile/last-mile service and accessible transportation for seniors and the disabled. LADOT Transit services provided over 20 million trips to those who live, work and visit Los Angeles in 2018.

LADOT Transit’s Commuter Express program offers point-to-point workday bus service, from the San Fernando Valley, Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, the Beach Cities, El Segundo, and the Westside to Downtown Los Angeles; from Downtown to El Segundo as well as between Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank, San Pedro and Long Beach, and from the San Fernando Valley to the Westside and South Bay.

DASH neighborhood circulator bus services operate in Downtown Los Angeles and 26 other neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles.

LAnow is an on-demand, shared-ride first and last mile pilot service operated by LADOT Transit in the communities of Del Rey, Mar Vista, Venice Beach and Palms.

Cityride is the largest voluntary paratransit program of its kind in the nation, offering essential transportation services to seniors and the mobility challenged with dial a ride van, taxi and discounted fares on conventional transit services.

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