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LADOT Transit Encourages Students to DASH to Class with Free Rides

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The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is providing safe and reliable transportation to students across Los Angeles for free. Currently in effect for Los Angeles students, LADOT Transit officially launched its new DASH to Class program, offering free rides on its DASH buses to all Los Angeles students who have a Student Reduced Fare TAP card. LADOT Transit's DASH to Class is a pilot program that offers free rides on DASH buses to all Los Angeles K to 12 students as well as college and vocational school students.

DASH to Class will reduce transportation barriers for thousands of students and improve their ability to get to school and around town. The pilot program announced by Mayor Eric Garcetti on June 3, 2019 aims to help lower student truancy and absentee rates, which studies have shown will lead to higher academic performance. In addition, increased accessibility to transit for youth and young adults will create future generations of public transportation users in Los Angeles.

Metro administers the Student Reduced Fare TAP card program. To obtain a Reduced Fare TAP card, a student must fill out either a K-12 Student Reduced Fare TAP card application or a College/Vocational Student Reduced Fare TAP card application available online at taptogo.net, at Metro Customer Service Centers, or get an application at LAUSD schools.

Regular DASH cash fare is 50 cents per ride.

About LADOT

LADOT leads transportation planning, project delivery, and operations in the City of Los Angeles. We work together and collaborate to deliver a safe, livable, and well-run transportation system in the city and region. Our vision is for all people in Los Angeles to have access to safe and affordable transportation choices that treat everyone with dignity and support vibrant, inclusive communities.

About LADOT Transit



LADOT Transit is the operating division of the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation responsible for providing four distinct transportation service options: Commuter Express for weekday commute service, DASH for short trips within Downtown Los Angeles and 26 neighborhoods throughout the City, LAnow, an on-demand first-mile/last-mile service operating on the Westside and Cityride, offering 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.

For more information about the DASH to Class program, visit our website at ladottransit.com or call the LADOT Transit Customer Service Center at (213, 310, 323 or 818) 808-2273.

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