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### **LADOT *Transit* Celebrates a New Day**

**LADOT *Transit* launches the first phase of its largest service expansion in history and unveils its state of the art, green bus operations and maintenance facility.**

Los Angeles (April 11, 2019) --

Following nearly two years of study and public engagement with thousands of Angelenos, LADOT *Transit* launched its biggest service expansion including increased weekend service on all existing DASH routes, evening (until 9 pm) service on DASH Downtown routes, new Commuter Express service for Playa Vista and El Segundo, expanded benefits for Cityride, and the introduction of a new on-demand, shared-ride service on the Westside.

“Angelenos want new, green public transit options, and we’re delivering with new routes and technology to help ease congestion, cut emissions, and make it easier for people to get where they need to go,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti.

LADOT *Transit*’s new state-of-the-art compressed natural gas (CNG) and electric bus operations and maintenance facility will house up to 77 buses. The alternative fuel facility continues LADOT *Transit*’s commitment to clean air operations. The strategic location of the downtown facility enhances the operational efficiencies of LADOT DASH services as well as plays a critical role in supporting the new service plan.

“Neighbors need options to get out of traffic in LA, and expanding LADOT bus service gives people another way to get around Los Angeles,” said Councilmember Mike Bonin, who serves as Chairman of the City Council’s Transportation Committee. “We recently launched an on-demand shuttle for Mar Vista, Del Rey, Venice and Palms, and the new Commuter Express Service that will take people between Playa Vista and downtown LA adds convenient and affordable options for people getting to their daily destinations. I’m thankful for the work of LADOT staff, and for the input of thousands of neighbors who requested these improvements.”

Since the beginning of April, eligible seniors and people with disabilities that use LADOT *Transit*’s Cityride service have received greater benefits as part of the plan, such as free fares on DASH buses. LADOT *Transit* will also launch two new Commuter Express services, which connect Playa Vista and El Segundo with passengers to and from downtown, beginning April 15.

design transportation improvements with them in mind. If you ride DASH, Commuter Express or Cityride, this place improves your service,” said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. “This facility underlines our strong commitment to transitioning to an all-electric fleet over the coming years. We expect to be one of the first cities with an all-electric fleet in the nation.”

LADOT worked with partners to achieve the prestigious LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification for its sustainable building achievement.

“The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is proud to partner with LADOT to expand transit service and improve mobility in the Los Angeles area,” said FTA Region IX Regional Administrator Ray Tellis. “LADOT’s new bus facility will help accommodate the increasing demand for service that is critical for residents traveling to work, school, medical facilities and other important destinations.”

City of Los Angeles Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero, LADOT Assistant General Manager Jay Kim, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore and Inspector of Public Works John Reamer Jr. were among the dignitaries offering remarks at the celebration.

In celebration of its expanded services, LADOT *Transit* will offer free DASH service this upcoming Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14.

In the second phase of the expansion, there will be an increase in service frequency of existing DASH routes plus new services in Los Angeles neighborhoods. LADOT *Transit* also unveiled its new alternative fuel bus operations and maintenance facility located in Los Angeles’ Civic Support area at a ceremony.



**MARCH 2019**



**On Demand Shared-Ride**

LAnow is a new on demand shared-ride service, designed by you. Hail a ride through the LAnow smartphone app, online, or by phone. Within the service area, pick-up/drop-off spots are never more than a few blocks (1/4 mile) away. You can also meet us at the LAnow Rideshare Hub at the Palms Expo Station.

**APRIL 2019**



**DASH Downtown**

- Service until 9pm weekdays.
- Weekend service on all routes.

**DASH in your Neighborhood**

- Weekend service on all routes.
- Earlier weekday service.



**Service to New Areas**

- Route 437B – New route added express trips morning and evening to Playa Vista.
- Route 439 – New route is a reverse of Route 438 and will serve Downtown LA to/from El Segundo.



**New to Cityride**

- Ride FREE on DASH services.
- Online registration.

**Increased Subsidies**

Quarterly fare value increases to \$84 and taxi subsidy increases to \$20 per ride.

**More Dial-A-Ride**

- More Cityride Dial-A-Ride trips available for all your trip needs.
- Maximum cost of \$4 for Dial-A-Ride trips.

Monday, April 15, 2019. Cityride enhancements began on April 1, 2019 and LAnow began service on March 11, 2019.

Specific information about the LADOT *Transit* New Service Plan can be found at [www.ladottransit.com/newserviceplan](http://www.ladottransit.com/newserviceplan) or by calling LADOT *Transit* Customer Service at (213, 310, 323 or 818) 808-2273. The following is a summary of DASH and Commuter Express changes.

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#### **About 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.

#### **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.



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