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Long Beach Transit to Break Ground on Multi-Use Downtown Transit and Visitor Information Center at First St. and Pine Ave.

*Center Will Provide a Convenient, One-Stop Information Source
for Transit Routes and Long Beach Attractions*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (February 21, 2008) – Long Beach Transit (LBT) will host a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. for its new \$3.9 million Transit and Visitor Information Center geared toward maintaining more public visibility for Long Beach’s public transportation, attractions, and commercial developments.



“Long Beach Transit has taken a keen interest in Long Beach redevelopment efforts,” said Larry Jackson, President and CEO of LBT. “Supplying customers with easier access to downtown destinations and providing a central location for transit and visitor information through this beautifully designed Center are our newest of many initiatives to support our community in the City of Long Beach.”

Located on the Long Beach Transit Mall at the corner of First Street and Pine Avenue—one of the busiest corners downtown, adjacent to the Los Angeles-Long Beach Blue Line Light Rail—The Transit and Visitor Information Center will host a majority of LBT’s routes and is central to other transit services such as the OCTA, Torrance Transit, LADOT, and Metro, making it the major transit hub in the southeastern region of Los Angeles County. Real-time bus schedule displays will be featured at the Center, and customer service representatives will be on-hand at three ADA-accessible windows to provide LBT bus pass sales, route information, ID card processing, and lost & found services. In addition

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to transit services, the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau and Downtown Long Beach Associates plan to provide information to visitors and residents about local attractions, restaurants and businesses through a unique partnership with LBT, and an outdoor touch-screen kiosk will allow customers to obtain 24-hour transit information.

Like other LBT bus stops, the Center is poised to add visual interest to downtown Long Beach's landscape with its undulating steel walls, dramatic exterior up-lighting, energy saving oval-shaped skylights, and two floating fabric canopies that all reinforce the City's nautical themes. Land for the development of LBT's Center was provided by the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, and [Miralles Associates, Inc. \[MAI Architects\]](#) will oversee the Center's architecture. Construction is estimated to be completed at the end of the year.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves over 27 million boarding customers in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill—as well as portions of Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Norwalk, Paramount and Seal Beach—with regular bus and shuttle services including the Passport, AquaBus, and AquaLink. For more information visit www.lbtransit.com.



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