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## **Long Beach Transit Announces Public Hearing and Proposed Bus Fares**

*Estimated \$6.4 Million Funding Shortfall  
Requires Long Beach Transit to Make Necessary Changes*

**LONG BEACH, CALIF. (October 31, 2008)** – To help make up for a \$6.4 million unfunded budget shortfall, which includes \$4.3 million in reduced state budget funding approved by the Governor, the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors has announced a public hearing to consider an increase in local bus fares. The Long Beach Transit Board will make the final decision about any fare changes during their January 12, 2009 board meeting, after reviewing comments from the public.

The public is invited to attend a public hearing to learn more about the proposed fare adjustments and provide feedback. The public hearing will take place:

**Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Long Beach Main Library Auditorium, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach**

Spanish translation will be available and any special need accommodations need to be received by Long Beach Transit no later than November 17, by calling (562) 489-8485. Most Long Beach Transit buses serve the Main Library via the Transit Mall. Call (562) 591-2301 for specific route information.

Long Beach Transit can also receive comments via mail, email or phone. All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on December 10, 2008.

**Mail to: Long Beach Transit, ATTN: Fare Adjustment, P.O. Box 731, Long Beach, CA 90801**

**Email to: fareadjustment@lbtransit.com**

**Phone to: 562-489-8485**

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The following chart shows the current fare structure and proposed revisions that would take effect. It is a two year proposal. The first increase would go into effect on Sunday, February 15, 2009. The second increase would go into effect Sunday, February 14, 2010.

	<b>Current Fares</b>	<b>Proposed Feb. 15 2009</b>	<b>Proposed Feb. 14 2010</b>
Regular Cash	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.25
Reduced Fare (RF) Cash	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.60
Legally Blind*	Free	Free	Free
Wheelchair Passenger	Free	Free	Free

\* with valid I.D.

5-Day Pass	-	\$ 16	\$ 18
5-Day Pass (RF)	-	\$ 8	\$ 9
Day Pass	\$ 2.50	\$3.50	\$ 4
Day Pass (RF)	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$ 3
Monthly Pass	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 65
Student Monthly Pass	\$ 31	\$ 40	\$ 45
Monthly Pass (RF)	\$ 19	\$ 24	\$ 25
Interagency Transfer	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
Passport (downtown service)	Free	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25
Dial-A-Lift Cash	\$ 1.50	\$ 2	\$ 2

**RF = Reduced fare for Senior and Disabled customers with valid I.D.**

### 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](http://www.lbtransit.com).

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