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Long Beach Transit Board Adopts Fare Increases

*Board Action a Result of an Estimated
\$6.4 Million State Transit Funding Shortfall*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (January 12, 2009) – The Long Beach Transit Board of Directors today adopted a new fare structure that will take effect on February 15, 2009. The Board's action follows careful consideration of a December 3, 2008 public hearing and other public comment on the issue.

The fare adjustment will only provide a portion of the \$6.4 million in funding lost due to state transit budget cuts and a projected decline in local sales tax revenues, and Long Beach Transit is taking other cost-saving measures to relieve the burden. Other local transit agencies have also recently adjusted fares to counteract similar funding shortfalls.

"Public transportation across the state has suffered major reductions in state funding. A fare increase is just one of many avenues Long Beach Transit has to go down to maintain the service on which our customers depend. We understand and regret the impacts to our customers," said Larry Jackson, President and CEO of Long Beach Transit.

An updated fare chart appears below. A new 5-Day Pass has also been introduced to help customers budget their transit needs. Reduced Fares (Seniors & Disabled) will remain subject to all I.D. and eligibility requirements.

Regular Fares	Previous	Feb. 15 2009	Feb 14. 2010
Regular Cash	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.25
Day Pass	\$ 2.50	\$3.50	\$ 4
5-Day Pass (New)	--	\$ 16	\$ 18
Monthly Pass	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 65
Interagency Transfer	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
Passport (downtown service)	Free	Free	\$ 0.25

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Discounted Fares Student and Reduced Fare (Senior & Disabled) customers require valid I.D. shown at time of boarding.	Previous	Feb. 15 2009	Feb. 14 2010
Reduced Fare Cash	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.60
Reduced Fare Day Pass	\$ 1.50	\$2.00	\$ 2.50
Reduced Fare 5-Day Pass (New)	--	\$ 8	\$ 9
Reduced Fare Monthly Pass	\$ 19	\$ 21	\$ 24
Student Monthly Pass	\$ 31	\$ 35	\$ 40
Legally Blind	Free	Free	Free
Wheelchair Passenger	Free	Free	Free
Dial-A-Lift Cash (For eligible member clients only)	\$ 1.50	\$ 2	\$ 2

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves over 28 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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