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Long Beach Transit Debuts New Downtown Transit and Visitor Information Center

*Facility Houses Transit Information & Pass Sales,
Visitor Information, and Public Restrooms*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (June 24, 2009) – Long Beach Transit marked the grand opening of a new 1,900-square-foot Transit and Visitor Information Center located on the Long Beach Transit Mall at the southeast corner of First Street and Pine Avenue—one of the busiest corners in downtown Long Beach, adjacent to the Los Angeles-Long Beach Blue Line Light Rail. “This Center provides our customers with a beautiful artistic building, and more services that meet their travel needs,” said Renee B. Simon, Chair, Long Beach Transit Board of Directors.

The Long Beach Transit Mall hosts the majority of Long Beach Transit’s routes and is also served by Metro, Torrance Transit, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, making it a major transit hub in the southeastern region of Los Angeles County. The new Center, located at 130 E. First Street in Long Beach, CA, provides the following transit and visitor amenities:

- » Expanded window service hours: open Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Friday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- » Route information given by Transit Representatives at three ADA-accessible windows
- » An ADA-accessible visitor window dedicated to Long Beach attractions and visitor information, staffed in partnership with the Long Beach Convention and Visitors’ Bureau and Downtown Long Beach Associates.
- » Long Beach Transit bus pass sales.



From left to right: Steve Goodling, President, CVB; Larry Jackson, President, Long Beach Transit; Robert Mekikyan, CFO, AWI Builders, Inc.; Renee B. Simon, Chair, Long Beach Transit Board of Directors (cutting ribbon); Barbara Sullivan, LBT Board Member; Councilmember Suja Lowenthal, 2nd District; Mark Curtis, LBT Board Member; Councilmember Robert Garcia, 1st District, Guy Heston, COO, Long Beach Transit.

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- » ID card processing for senior and legally blind customers and students.
- » Real-time transit schedule display, along with a touch-screen kiosk that provides 24 hour transit information.
- » Transit customer lost and found services.
- » Downtown Long Beach's first public restrooms with a dedicated attendant for custodial and surveillance services. The restrooms are free to the public and are open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.



The Center adds visual interest to downtown Long Beach's landscape with its undulating steel walls, dramatic exterior security 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 oversight of the Center's design was provided by project principals Adolfo Miralles and Darren Pynn from Miralles Associates, Inc. and construction provided by AWI Builders, Inc. Long Beach Transit is also utilizing the Center, which is on track for LEED-EB certification, as an opportunity to pilot and create sustainable policies for the agency's overall management and operations.

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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