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Long Beach Transit Seeks Public Comment for Proposed Service Changes

Changing Transit Demand is the Source of Suggested Solutions

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (August 20, 2009) – Due to changing demand for transit services in Long Beach, Long Beach Transit is seeking feedback from the public on service changes that would add service to CSULB, downtown Long Beach, North Long Beach, the Artesia Blue Line Metro Station, and some parts of East Long Beach, where service does not currently exist.

The public is invited and encouraged to provide input on suggested changes that would fulfill these needs in the community. If these changes are approved by the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors, they would take effect Sunday, February 14, 2010.

According to Long Beach Transit Chief Operating Officer Guy Heston, “We are reaching out to the public in several ways so they have the opportunity to comment. These service enhancements, if well received by the public, would impact our customers, businesses and residents in the affected areas.”

Comments can be made several ways. Two community meetings and a public hearing are scheduled:

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Wednesday, August 26, 2009, 2PM – 4PM
First Congregational Church, Patterson Hall
241 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach, CA

Thursday, August 27, 2009, 6PM – 8PM
Whaley Park Community Center
5620 Atherton Street, Long Beach, CA

PUBLIC HEARING:

Monday, September 28, 2009, 12pm to 2pm
Long Beach City Hall Council Chambers
333 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach

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The public hearing will be conducted by the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors, with Spanish translation available. Accommodations at the Public Hearing for special needs can be requested by calling 562-489-8485 by September 14. Most Long Beach Transit buses serve the City Hall via the Transit Mall. Trip planning is available by calling 562-591-2301 or visiting www.lbtransit.com.

There are other ways to provide input:

Comment By Mail:

Long Beach Transit
ATTN: Service Change
P.O. Box 731
Long Beach, CA 90801

Comment By Email:

servicechange@lbtransit.com

Comment By Phone:

562-489-8485

All comments must be received by 5pm on Monday, October 5, 2009. The Long Beach Transit Board of Directors will make the final decision about potential service changes at a future meeting, after reviewing comments from the public.

Community organizations may also request a presentation to their group members on the suggested service changes by contacting Long Beach Transit at the phone, email and mailing address above. For detailed information on the proposed service changes, visit www.lbtransit.com, or request a mailed copy by calling 562-591-2301.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves over 29 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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