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COMMUNITIES IN MOTION
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION *WHEREVER LIFE TAKES YOU*
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**LONG BEACH TRANSIT OBSERVES “COMMUNITIES IN MOTION DAY”
To Celebrate the Benefits of Public Transportation**

October 3, 2006 (Long Beach, CA) - Long Beach Transit announced today that it will celebrate October 5 as part of Communities in Motion Day and will join with other systems throughout the country to educate, promote and celebrate the benefits of public transportation. Communities in Motion Day is sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

“Communities in Motion Day showcases the importance of public transportation for people from all walks of life. For many people it is literally a lifeline to their schools, jobs, doctors and communities,” said William W. Millar, President of APTA.

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Public transportation gives people from all walks of life access to opportunities to accomplish what is important to them, making the community stronger and more vibrant.

“Public transportation benefits not only those who use it; it benefits all citizens of our community by spurring economic development, reducing congestion and air pollution, and fostering more livable communities,” said Larry Jackson, President & Chief Executive Officer of Long Beach Transit. “It is the fabric that connects our community,” he added.

The benefits of public transportation reach far into the community, which include:

STIMULATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: every dollar taxpayers invest in public transportation generates from \$4 to \$9 in economic returns.

COST SAVINGS: Riders enjoy a cost-savings advantage when taking public transportation, particularly in business and urban areas. Cities benefit for every \$10 million invested in public transportation, more than \$15 million is saved in transportation costs to both highway and public transportation users. Public transportation eases traffic congestion and without transit, nationwide delays would have increased by 27 percent, to 60 hours per traveler.

IMPROVES AIR QUALITY: Public transportation helps promote cleaner air by reducing automobile use, which can exacerbate smog and public health problems. With its use of environmentally friendly technologies and alternative fuels, public transportation is already leading the way as an industry that

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conserves oil. Long Beach Transit continues to play a leadership role in efforts towards improving air quality for Southern California by being the first agency in the state, and sometimes the world, to adopt state of the art technology and products to better serve the region's environmental concerns. Long Beach Transit was the first transit agency in California to install particulate traps in our diesel bus fleet, using ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. In 2005, Long Beach Transit received 47 hybrid gasoline electric buses for use throughout our service area. As the first transit agency in the world to use the production model of this technology in regular service, Long Beach Transit is well ahead of current California regulation deadlines for reducing emissions. The emissions from these new vehicles are the lowest of any heavy-duty bus currently available for purchase, including CNG and LNG buses. Long Beach Transit anticipates improved gas mileage with the addition of hybrid vehicles.

ENSURES SAFETY: Public transportation continues to be one of the safest modes of travel in the United States and Long Beach Transit continues to provide leading safety standards for its 27 million annual passengers. That is why over 90% of riders rate Long Beach Transit as good or excellent in terms of on board safety according to a 2006 survey conducted by CIC Research.

Statistical findings provided by American Public Transportation Association.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit was formed in 1963 for the purpose of providing public transportation for the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill, (and portions of Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Norwalk, Paramount and Seal Beach). LBT serves over 27 million passengers with regular bus service, the Passport, the Pine Avenue Link, AquaBus, AquaLink, and Tour D'art.