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Long Beach Transit Service Changes Effective February 8, 2015
LBT Goes Penny Free on Buses and Moves to TAP Fare Payment System

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (January 20, 2015) – Starting Sunday, February 8, Long Beach Transit service changes will commence.

Service changes are as follows:

TAP Fare Payment System and LBT Paper Passes: LBT will no longer sell paper bus passes at the Transit and Visitor Information Center at 130 E 1st Street and other retail locations. Passes will continue to be sold at those locations, however, they will be electronically loaded to durable, reusable TAP cards. TAP allows for quicker and easier bus boardings and a more streamlined public transit experience among TAP-enabled L.A. County transit agencies. Customers are encouraged to obtain a TAP card as soon as possible for a smooth transition to the new system. Customers with disabilities, students and seniors are required to apply for a Reduced Fare TAP card to continue to purchase Reduced Fare LBT bus passes. A list of where TAP cards and/or applications can be obtained is available on www.lbtransit.com, www.taptogo.net or by calling LBT at (562) 591-2301 or TAP at (866) TAPTOGO. Paper Day Passes and paper 5-Day passes will continue to be sold aboard all LBT buses. LBT paper passes purchased prior to February 8, 2015 will continue to be honored on LBT buses.

Pennies: Pennies will no longer be accepted in fareboxes on LBT buses. In coordination with TAP, this will improve service quality, including boarding and exiting speeds. Nickels, dimes, quarters, dollar coins, tokens and bills will still be accepted.

Amtrak: Amtrak buses will have better connectivity to Long Beach Transit buses and other regional providers in downtown Long Beach. Amtrak buses will pick up customers on the First Street Transit Gallery at Shelter "A" on 1st Street between Pine Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard. Amtrak will no longer serve the bus stop on 6th Street and Long Beach Blvd. For schedule and ticket information call 1-800-USA-RAIL, (800) 872-7245, or visit www.amtrak.com.

Route 1: One earlier inbound trip will be added on weekdays to better serve customers. There will also be minor schedule adjustments.

Route 45: The west end loop has been rerouted due to construction work permanently requiring the removal of the bus stop on northeast corner of Anaheim Street at Santa Fe Avenue. The bus will travel north on Santa Fe from Anaheim, west on 16th Street, south on Cota Avenue, east on Cowles Street, and south on Santa Fe to continue inbound trip. The new stop (#0104) will be located on Santa Fe north of Anaheim. The stop will also serve routes 191 and 192.

Route 96 ZAP: Service will end approximately one hour later to help meet customer demand.

Route 101: The last eastbound weekday trip will depart 10 minutes later to better serve students at LBCC. One additional eastbound trip will be added to improve service during peak morning travel time.

Route 171: Increased service will be added to the route on weekdays to improve service. Route will be extended to PCH at Studebaker on Saturday to help meet customer demand.

Route 191: An earlier weekday outbound 191 trip will be added leaving the Transit Gallery at 5:15 am to help meet customer demand.

Routes 21, 22, 51, 52, 61, 71, 72, 81, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96 ZAP, 111, 112, 121, 131, 151, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176 ZAP, 181, 182, 191 and 192: Schedule adjustments will be implemented to improve service.

Passport: The Passport continues to be on detour due to the Pine Avenue Improvement Project by the City of Long Beach (www.downtownlongbeach.org/pineavenueimprovementproject). The current detour has the Passport traveling along Pacific Ave. and Long Beach Blvd. instead of Pine Ave. north of Ocean. The bus stops on Pine between 1st St. and Ocean will be closed during the detour. For northbound trips, customers should use the stop on Pacific at Ocean. For southbound trips, customers should use the temporary stop on the south side of Ocean at Pacific. This detour can change at any time. For the most up-to-date detour information and dates, visit www.lbtransit.com.

Time Points: Please note that some time points have changed to improve service.

Detailed information is available by calling 562-591-2301, by visiting www.lbtransit.com, or by obtaining a copy of the updated Transit Guide.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves over 28.6 million boarding customers in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill—as well as portions of Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, Norwalk, and Paramount and Seal Beach. Water taxi services via AquaBus and AquaLink are available summer through early fall. For more information visit www.lbtransit.com.

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