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## **Long Beach Transit Offers Free Bus Service On New Year's Eve**

### *Evening and Late Night Free Bus Service Supports Downtown Festivities*

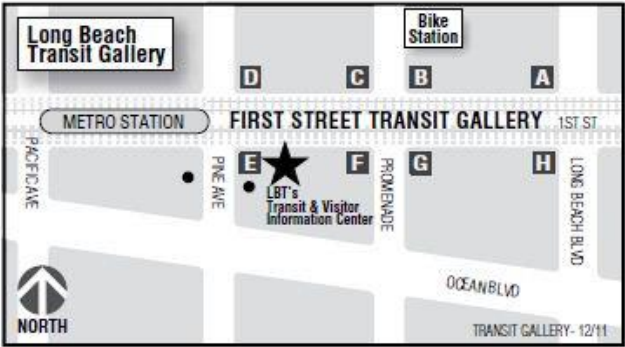
LONG BEACH, CALIF. (December 29, 2014) – Free system-wide bus service will be available on Long Beach Transit between 5 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. this New Year's Eve. The promotion encourages revelers to take public transit to and from festivities in Long Beach to avoid drinking and driving and to minimize street congestion. This free service was made available in part by the Downtown Long Beach Associates in promotion of the New Year's Eve events happening in downtown Long Beach. The events include a family-friendly fireworks display at the waterfront, as well as a high-energy street party on Pine Avenue between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. "New Year's Eve should be worry-free. Go have fun at what will be a great event in downtown Long Beach, and leave the driving to Long Beach Transit. We will drop you off and pick you up right in the heart of it all on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Start your new year off with LBT," said Debra Johnson, Long Beach Transit Deputy CEO.

In addition to free boarding on regular routes leaving the First Street Transit Gallery through 12:35 a.m., free extended evening service will be available on New Year's Eve to accommodate anticipated high demand in downtown Long Beach. Extended service departures begin at 1:05 a.m. Most buses leave every half or full hour from the Transit Gallery through 2:35 a.m. Some bus routes during the extended service hours may be abbreviated and outbound only, so customers are encouraged to plan their trip early by visiting [www.lbtransit.com](http://www.lbtransit.com) or by calling LBT's customer service department at 562-591-2301, Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm, Saturday 8am-5pm. Transit assistance from a live person will be available in downtown Long Beach during the New Year's Eve festivities.

L.A. Metro will also be offering free service on New Year's Eve, starting at 9 p.m. Metro train stations will be unlatched until 2:00 a.m. New Year's Day when their free service ends. The Metro Blue Line train that usually stops at the Downtown Long Beach Station will stop short at the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Station on Long Beach Boulevard after 6:53 p.m. Customers wishing to take the Blue Line back to Los Angeles should board at the 1<sup>st</sup> Street station thereafter.

Extended Long Beach Transit service trips will leave the First Street Transit Gallery at the following bus shelters and times:

SHELTER B		DEPARTURE TIMES (ALL TIMES ARE AM)
Route 46	To Anaheim St. ending at PCH	1:05, 1:35, 2:05, 2:35
Route 181	To Wardlow Station via Magnolia	1:05, 2:05
SHELTER C		
Route 111	To Lakewood Blvd ending at Willow St	1:35, 2:35
Route 191	To Del Amo Blvd ending at Cherry Ave	1:35, 2:35
SHELTER E		
Route 94	To Bellflower Blvd ending at Stearns St	1:05, 1:35, 2:05, 2:35
SHELTER F		
Route 173	To Studebaker Rd ending at Cerritos Center	1:35, 2:35
SHELTER G		
Route 61	To Atlantic Ave ending at Artesia Blvd	1:35, 2:35
SHELTER H		
Route 21	To Cherry Ave ending at Carson St	1:35, 2:35
Route 121	To Artherton At, via Belmont Shore and CSULB, ending at Ximeno Ave	1:05, 1:35, 2:05, 2:35
Route 151	To 4th St ending at Ximeno Ave	1:35, 2:35
PACIFIC AVE. (EAST SIDE) @ 1ST ST		
Passport Inbound	To 10th St ending at Pine Ave	12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15
OCEAN BLVD (SOUTH SIDE) @ PACIFIC AVE		
Passport Outbound	To Pine Ave ending at The Queen Mary	1:25, 1:55, 2:25, 2:55



**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](http://www.lbtransit.com).

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