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**Long Beach Police Chief and Long Beach Transit CEO
Discuss Continued Safety and Security for Transit Customers**
The Two Leaders Talk With Customers On Board LBT Buses

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (February 2, 2015) – Recently, Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna, assessed daily activity along Anaheim Street and downtown Long Beach. However, instead of riding in an unmarked car he was riding in a red 40-foot Long Beach Transit (LBT) bus. The trip was part of a “mobile” meeting between the Police Chief and LBT President and CEO, Kenneth McDonald.

With a service area that covers Long Beach and parts of 12 other neighboring cities, Long Beach Transit plays an integral role in how people move around and outside the city for work, school and recreational activities. Chief Luna and Mr. McDonald’s meeting and ride-a-long demonstrated that safety and security for our residents is top-of-mind for both the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) and LBT. “Making sure our streets and transit system are safe has to be a combined effort,” said Mr. McDonald. The partnership we have with Chief Luna and the Long Beach Police Department is paramount to providing excellent service to our everyday customers and visitors traveling to our city. A safe travel experience on public transportation helps the local economy grow, and we all benefit from that.”

The ride-a-long provided Chief Luna with a better understanding of the Long Beach Transit system, and how LBT’s security features, trained LBT bus operators and supervisors and LBPD’s Transit Enforcement Detail work together to provide customers with a safe environment as they travel. “We’re proud of our partnership with Long Beach Transit,” said Chief Luna, “Together we can provide riders with a safe and pleasant experience when they use public transportation in Long Beach.”

Demonstrating the importance of the partnership, other top officials from both entities joined Chief Luna and Mr. McDonald on the ride-a-long. Supporting the efforts were LBT Deputy CEO, Debra Johnson, LBT Executive Director and Vice President of Transit Service Delivery and Planning, Lee Burner, LBPD Deputy Chief Richard Rocchi and LBPD Sergeant, David Marander. Chief Luna and Mr. McDonald spent most of their time on the route speaking with customers, many of them students from Wilson High School. The Chief even joined a selfie with two enthusiastic students after speaking with them about career opportunities with the Long Beach Police Department. Future ride-a-longs are being planned between LBPD and LBT.



Long Beach Transit President and CEO, Kenneth McDonald and Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna talk with customers on a Long Beach Transit bus.



Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna and Long Beach Transit President and CEO, Kenneth McDonald pose with two Long Beach students on a Long Beach Transit bus.



Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna discusses LBPD career opportunities with two Long Beach students. Also pictured: Long Beach Transit President and CEO, Kenneth McDonald and Long Beach Police Deputy Chief Richard Rocchi.



Long Beach Transit President and CEO, Kenneth McDonald and Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna, stand together in front of LBT's Transit Gallery in downtown Long Beach where over 80% of its routes travel to.

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 late spring through early fall. For more information visit www.lbtransit.com.

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