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Long Beach Transit Service Change Welcomes Eco-Friendly Buses and Mobile Website *Compressed Natural Gas buses start service on Sunday*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (August 23, 2012) – Along with key schedule and routing modifications, Long Beach Transit will start to replace 64 diesel buses with brand new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses beginning Sunday, August 26. It will also debut its much anticipated mobile website on August 27.

Compressed Natural Gas Buses

64 quiet, clean-running CNG buses will complement LBT's fleet of Hybrid Electric-Gasoline 40-foot buses for a less-crowded, greener ride compared to the retiring smaller diesel buses. The new fleet will comfortably seat 10 more customers, have a rear side exit door for easier passenger exiting, and will accommodate three bikes.

Mobile Website

Long Beach Transit customers will now have easier access to scheduled and real-time bus information starting Monday, August 27 when LBT's mobile website goes live. The new site will allow customers to quickly access their route information and next bus arrival via their phone's web browser while on the go.

Service Change effective Sunday August 26, 2012:

Passport Service Updates

Due to state emissions regulations, the small red diesel buses will be retired and replaced with new CNG Passport buses. Passport A, B and D will be streamlined into LBT's fixed route service, renamed 121 and 151, and require standard fare along the entirety of the routes, including the downtown area. The Passport C will become *the* Passport. It will continue to provide free service on its entire route. The Passport will serve the same destinations as the old Passport C with some adjustments due to the introduction of new 40-foot CNG buses. The northern end of the route on Pine will extend up to 10th Street, circle around on 9th Street, then return south on Pine. New stops include the Residence Inn and the Hilton Hotel, in addition to a relocated stop at Hotel Maya, on its way back downtown. There will be a minor change in frequency.

Route 121 (previously Passports A&D): The Passport D route will be combined with most of the Passport A route, and will be renamed route 121; it will serve the same destinations as the old Passport D. Service during the day will operate every 20 minutes seven days per week and every 30 - 60 minutes in the early mornings and evenings. The route will serve the First Street Transit Gallery (on 1st Street, between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue) at Shelter D for westbound trips and Shelter H for eastbound trips. Standard fares apply.

Route 151 (Previously Passport B): The Passport B route will be renamed 151 and will serve the same destinations as the old Passport B. Service will operate every 20 minutes weekdays and 25 minutes on weekends. The route will no longer travel along Ocean Boulevard, but the same destinations can be accessed via the First Street Transit Gallery (on 1st Street, between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue) at Shelter D for westbound trips and Shelter H for eastbound trips. Standard fares apply.

Fixed Route Updates

Due to a major reduction in Long Beach Unified School District bus service, Long Beach Transit buses may see a large increase in passengers during the morning and afternoons along routes serving schools. This may result in full buses, so please plan ahead and consider alternative routes.

Route 131: The 131 route will end at Alamitos Bay Landing that was previously served by the Passport A. Travel previously provided into Seal Beach can be made via connections with Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA). Travel hours will extend and weekday service will increase to every 40 minutes. The AquaLink dock at Alamitos Bay Landing can be accessed via a stop prior to the bridge along Marina Drive.

Route 171: The 171 route will end at the Marketplace (PCH at Studebaker). Travel previously provided into Seal Beach can be made via connections with Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA). Frequency will increase and operate every 20 minutes west of CSULB and 40 minutes east of CSULB.

Route 1: Weekday schedule adjusted by 15 minutes to improve system efficiencies with trips leaving the Transit Gallery at :10 and :40 past each hour instead of :25 and :55. No change in service frequency. Minor weekend schedule changes.

Lines 20, 51 & 61: Minor schedule changes.

Line 40: Increased local service on weekdays to every 6 minutes during peak travel times. Minor schedule changes on Saturdays and Sundays.

Line 70: Slight route and schedule changes in downtown Long Beach to serve stops on Ocean that will no longer be served by former Passport routes (Ocean at Pine S/E and Ocean at Long Beach Blvd S) – Outbound service will proceed via Ocean to Alamitos instead of Broadway to Alamitos.

Line 90 and 96 ZAP: Increased combined service will operate every 8 to 10 minutes on weekdays. The 96 Zap will be extended to Woodruff and Del Amo on selected trips during peak travel times.

Routes 101 and 103: A timepoint will be added in both directions on Route 103 at Bellflower at Centralia.

Line 110: Frequency during peak travel times will increase to every 15 minutes on Broadway and 30 minutes on Clark and Lakewood.

Line 180: This line will move from Shelter H to Shelter B at the Transit Gallery and have a minor directional reroute to accommodate the new shelter assignment. Minor route and schedule changes.

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 28.2 million boarding customers in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill—as well as portions of Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Norwalk and Paramount — with regular bus and shuttle services including the Passport. Water Taxi service is available during the summer months on the AquaBus and AquaLink. For more information visit www.lbtransit.com.

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