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DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH TRANSIT MALL TO CLOSE FOR \$7 MILLION RENOVATION

Lighting, Shelters, Public Art to Enhance Regional Transit Hub

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (August 4, 2010) –Long Beach Transit will temporarily move bus shelter assignments beginning August 29 to allow for upgrading and modernization of the Long Beach Transit Mall on First Street between Long Beach Blvd & Pacific Avenue. The \$7 million project, made possible by federal stimulus funding, is expected to be complete in spring 2011. Pedestrian access and Metro blue line operations will continue to be available and businesses will remain open during construction.

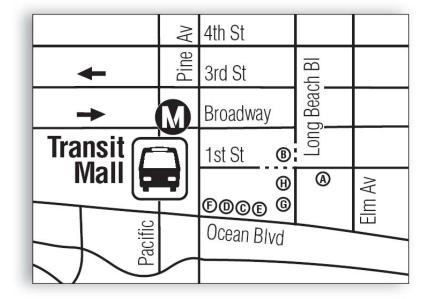


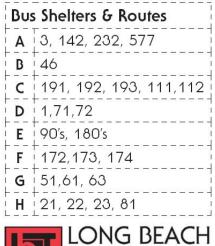
Artist rendering shows First Street at Pine Avenue in downtown Long Beach after beautification is complete.

Improved night lighting will be installed to benefit transit customers, downtown residents and businesses. Newly designed bus shelters will be installed along with public art, and upgraded landscaping. Long Beach Transit, Metro, Torrance Transit and LADOT customers will board buses on Ocean Blvd between

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Pine Avenue & Long Beach Blvd., on Long Beach Blvd between Ocean Blvd & First Street and on First Street between Long Beach Blvd & Elm Avenue.







Chairman of the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors Mark Curtis describes the project as, "An exciting improvement and much desired upgrade to downtown transit operations. Our customers will be inconvenienced for a short time, but the dramatic improvements will be well worth it."

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