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

Evening and Extended Late Night Service Supports Downtown Celebrations

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (December 28, 2016) – Long Beach Transit will offer free rides starting at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The free service will be available as late as 2:35 a.m. on New Year's morning as service will be extended with routes leaving the Transit Gallery on 1st Street between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue. No special coupon or ticket is required.

The promotion encourages the community to make responsible plans and take public transit to and from festivities in Long Beach to avoid drinking and driving. This free service was made available in part by the Downtown Long Beach Alliance in promotion of the New Year's Eve events happening in downtown Long Beach. The events include a family-friendly celebration and fireworks display at Rainbow Harbor along the waterfront, as well as a street party on Pine Avenue between 1st and 4th streets. "Being safe doesn't mean you can't have fun. Long Beach Transit will be there on New Year's Eve to get you safely to your destination. Celebrate until late-night, and let LBT get you home!" said Debra Johnson, Long Beach Transit's Deputy CEO." For revelers traveling between Los Angeles and Long Beach, the LA Metro Blue Line will also be free on New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. on New Year's Day. The Downtown Long Beach Metro Station will be closed from 7 p.m. until 3 a.m. Instead use nearby 1st Street Station on the corner of 1st Street and Long Beach Boulevard or Pacific Ave Station on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 4th Street.

The northbound Passport trip will be on detour due to the event. The bus stop on Long Beach Boulevard at 4th Street and the stop on 3rd Street at Pine Avenue will be closed. Instead, the bus will operate west on 4th Street, north of Long Beach Boulevard, west on 7th Street and south on Pacific Avenue, and resume its regular route. To access the event from the north end on the Passport route, you can exit a stop on Long Beach Boulevard at 5th Street or on Pacific Avenue at 3rd Street.

Some bus routes during the extended service hours will be shortened, so customers are encouraged to plan their trip early by calling LBT's friendly customer service team at 562-591-2301 Monday—Friday, 7a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., or by visiting the Transit & Visitor Information Center at 1st Street and Pine Avenue in downtown Long Beach. Transit assistance from an LBT community relations representative will be

available on the southeast corner of 1st Street at Pine Avenue in downtown Long Beach during the New Year's Eve festivities, and regular route information is available 24/7 at www.lbtransit.com.

Extended service trips will leave the First Street Transit Gallery at the following shelters:

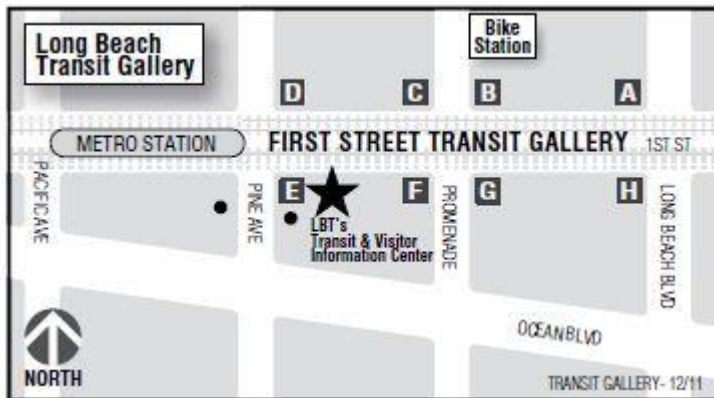
LATE-NIGHT TRIPS LEAVING THE TRANSIT GALLERY ON 1ST STREET									
ROUTE #	TRANSIT GALLERY SHELTER	TO*	ROUTE ENDS*	DEPARTS	DEPARTS	DEPARTS	DEPARTS	DEPARTS	FINAL DEPARTURE TIME
21	H	Cherry Avenue	Carson Street	9:35p	10:35p	11:35p	12:35a	1:35a*	2:35a*
46	B	Anaheim Street	Pacific Coast Highway	12:05a	12:35a	1:05a	1:35a	2:05a	2:35a
61	G	Atlantic Avenue	Artesia Boulevard	10:05p	10:35p	11:35p	12:35a	1:35a*	2:35a*
94	E	Bellflower Boulevard	Stearns Street	12:05a	12:35a	1:05a	1:35a	2:05a	2:35a
111	C	Broadway/Lakewood Boulevard	Willow Street	9:35p	10:35p	11:35p	12:35a	1:35a*	2:35a*
121	H	Belmont Shore/CSULB	Atherton Street at Ximeno Avenue	12:55a	1:15a	1:35a	1:55a	2:15a	2:35a
151 west	B	Golden Avenue	4 th Street	11:41p	12:11a	12:41a	1:11a	1:41a	2:11a
151 east	H	4 th Street	Ximeno Avenue	12:05a	12:35a	1:05a*	1:35a*	2:05a*	2:35a*
173	F	183 rd Street	Los Cerritos Center	9:35p	10:35p*	11:35p*	12:35a*	1:35a*	2:35a*
191	C	Del Amo Boulevard	Cherry Avenue	10:05p	10:35p	11:35p	12:35a	1:35a*	2:35a*

*Shortened Routes due to extended service
All unmarked times are regular Saturday service

LATE-NIGHT TRIPS ON THE PASSPORT ROUTE LEAVING DOWNTOWN LB

ROUTE #	BUS STOP LOCATION	TO*	ROUTE ENDS*	DEPARTS	DEPARTS	DEPARTS	DEPARTS	DEPARTS	FINAL DEPARTURE TIME
Passport North**	Ocean Boulevard at Pine Avenue	East Village/ 7th Street	Pacific Avenue at 6 th Street	12:25a	12:55a	1:25a	1:55a	2:25a	2:55a
Passport south	On Ocean Boulevard at Pacific Avenue	Queensway Drive	The Queen Mary	11:45p	12:15a	12:45a	1:15a	1:45a	2:15a

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About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves 26 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 spring through fall. For more information visit, www.lbtransit.com.

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