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Long Beach Transit to Open New ADA-Accessible Water Taxi Dock

Public Invited to Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (February 16, 2016) – On Tuesday, February 23 at 11 a.m., Long Beach Transit (LBT), along with Mayor Robert Garcia, will celebrate the completion of its new AquaLink water taxi dock. The public is encouraged to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new dock is located at Berth 3 at Alamitos Bay Landing adjacent to Boathouse on the Bay's outdoor patio (190 N. Marina Dr., Long Beach, CA 90803). With the addition of this new dock, Long Beach Transit's water taxi system, including six other docks and four water taxis, will be fully ADA-accessible. "The country just celebrated 25 years of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and we are proud to continue the celebration with our new dock that can now board customers in mobility devices," said Long Beach Transit CEO, Kenneth McDonald. "We've been wanting to make this improvement for some time now, and with the support of the City of Long Beach, we were able to deliver."

LBT partnered with the City Manager's office to acquire partial funding for the project through State Tidelands funds with approval by the City Council. Long Beach Transit has been operating water taxi service since the late 1990s. In recent years, the service has become increasingly popular, carrying over 55,000 customers during its seasonal operation from late spring to early fall. Customers will have the opportunity to first use the new dock during the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach weekend, April 16-17, 2016.

Along with the new dock, Long Beach Transit also enhanced the immediate surrounding area. A new walking pier was built adjacent to the dock for the enjoyment of all. Also, LBT commissioned artist Robin Brailsford to create stunning LithoMosaic artwork in the pathway leading to the dock.

LBT water taxi schedules for Grand Prix weekend will be published at www.lbtransit.com.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves over 28 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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