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Stand Up 4 Transportation With Long Beach Transit *Congressional Members Speak Up and the Community Rallies*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (March 16, 2015) – Long Beach Transit (LBT) will be holding two free events on April 9, 2015 as part of Stand Up 4 Transportation Day. An address to the media and a press conference will begin at 10 a.m. at the Queen Mary Events Lot. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. a community rally will take place at Promenade Park in downtown Long Beach. Both events are open to the public.

Stand Up 4 Transportation calls attention to transit and infrastructure needs throughout the country including facilities, roadways and bridges. The current surface transportation funding bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), was a two-year bill that authorized funding for federal transit programs administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In July 2014, Congress extended MAP-21 provisions until May 31, 2015. “The economic benefits of infrastructure investment far outweigh the dollars invested. Predictable funding leads to long-term growth planning, new jobs and sound infrastructure here in Long Beach, our region and throughout the country. We need everyone’s support to urge Congress to pass a long-term infrastructure bill,” said Long Beach Transit CEO, Kenneth McDonald.

On April 9, 2015, commencing at 10 a.m. at the Queen Mary Event Lot, Long Beach Transit will address the media with key Stand Up 4 Transportation supporters. Speakers include Long Beach Transit CEO, Kenneth McDonald; Long Beach Transit Board Chairperson, Barbara Sullivan George; Congressman Alan Lowenthal; Congresswoman Janice Hahn; Assemblymember Patrick O’Donnell; Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; Orange County Transportation Authority Board Chairperson and Irvine Mayor pro tem, Jeff Lalloway; Long Beach Airport Director, Bryant Francis; and Los Angeles County Municipal Operators Association Chairperson and Culver City Bus Transportation Director, Art Ida. Light refreshments will be available. A press conference will immediately follow.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. a community rally in support of Stand Up 4 Transportation will take place at Promenade Park in downtown Long Beach on 1st Street, between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue. There will be lunch, music, commemorative giveaways and information on how the public can Stand Up 4 Transportation. Long Beach Transit’s Deputy CEO, Debra Johnson, with support from community and city partners, will lead an invigorating rally.

Long Beach Transit encourages the community to participate in both events. More information is available by visiting www.lbtransit.com. To contact Long Beach Transit Customer Service with questions, please call (562) 591-2301.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE DAY
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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 mid-spring through early fall. For more information visit www.lbtransit.com.

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