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**LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCES:
Parking Restrictions Eased at City Polling Places for March 3rd General Election**

LOS ANGELES (Feb. 25, 2009)—The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) will relax parking restrictions within one block of all City polling places on election day. This initiative is in cooperation with the Los Angeles City Clerk's Election Division and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

"We want to encourage every registered voter to participate in the upcoming elections and by easing parking restrictions close to polling places, it will be easier for people throughout the City to vote next Tuesday," said Rita L. Robinson, LADOT General Manager.

LADOT and LAPD will observe the following parking rules within one block of designated polling places:

1. Motorists seeking to park their vehicles will NOT be required to deposit money in parking meters.
2. Time limits at the parking meters will NOT be enforced.
3. Street Cleaning parking restrictions will NOT be enforced.
4. Preferential Parking restrictions (i.e. permit parking) will NOT be enforced.

Area commuters can visit <http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/> for real-time traffic information. Real-time traffic reports are a product of LADOT, innovators of Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control System (ATSAC) technology.

LADOT is dedicated to moving Los Angeles forward as quickly and safely as possible. Drivers, bus riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians are encouraged to visit LADOT's web site at: <http://www.lacity.org/LADOT/index.htm> for information about DASH, Commuter Express, bicycling in the city, and an array of transportation services.