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L.A. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCES FARE INCREASES AND SERVICE CHANGES TO DASH AND COMMUTER EXPRESS SERVICES

LOS ANGELES (June 24, 2010)— The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) announced that the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor’s Office approved LADOT’s recommendations to raise fares on DASH and Commuter Express services and to reduce and/or eliminate certain DASH and Commuter Express bus routes in order to curtail a severe budget shortfall. As a result of the L.A. City Council’s action, the recommendations will go into effect on August 1, 2010.

The fare increases are a two-tiered approach, in which fares will increase August 1, 2010 and again in July 2011. The new fares will raise the DASH bus fare to 35 cents for the next year and to 50 cents beginning July 1, 2011. Senior and disabled fares will be 15 cents for this year and 25 cents beginning July 1, 2011. Monthly passes for unlimited rides on DASH for the specified month will be available at the new price of \$13.00 per month and booklets containing 60 tickets will be available for \$21.00 per booklet.

Commuter Express fares will increase as follows:

<u>ZONES</u>	CASH	Senior/Disabled	8/1/10	
			Monthly Pass	Trip Tickets
Base	\$1.25	\$ 0.60	\$ 50.00	\$25.00
Zone 1	\$2.20	\$1.10	\$ 70.00	\$40.00
Zone 2	\$2.75	\$1.35	\$ 89.00	\$49.00
Zone 3	\$3.30	\$1.65	\$108.00	\$58.00
Zone 4	\$3.90	\$1.95	\$124.00	\$65.00

For information about new Commuter Express fares next year (effective July 1, 2011), please consult the LADOT website at www.ladottransit.com.

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Major changes to DASH services are as follows:

DASH ROUTES ELIMINATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2010:

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| DASH Central City East | DASH Hollywood/West Hollywood |
| DASH Downtown Route C | Hyde Park Shuttle |
| DASH Downtown Route DD | DASH Warner Center (North & South) |

DASH ROUTES WITH MAJOR ROUTE CHANGES AS OF AUGUST 1, 2010:

- DASH Highland Park/Eagle Rock

DASH ROUTES WITH SUNDAY SERVICE ELIMINATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2010:

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| DASH Crenshaw | DASH Lincoln Heights/Chinatown |
| DASH Highland Park/Eagle Rock | DASH Midtown |
| DASH Hollywood | |

Many other DASH routes will have reduced hours of service or frequencies. Riders are advised to consult the LADOT website at www.ladottransit.com or call the Transit Store at (213, 310, 323 or 818) 808-2273.

Major changes to Commuter Express services are as follows:

COMMUTER EXPRESS ROUTES ELIMINATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2010:

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| Route 413 | Route 430 | Route 575 |
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COMMUTER EXPRESS ROUTES WITH MAJOR CHANGES AS OF AUGUST 1, 2010:

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| Route 142 | Route 419 | Route 422 |
| Route 423 | Route 431 | |

LADOT’s General Manager, Rita L. Robinson, said, “LADOT made a concerted effort to reach out to our citizens, explain our budget dilemma and listen to their opinions and suggestions. The final recommendations that were approved by the Council were a result of those efforts. With the action of the Council and Mayor’s Office, LADOT will have a balanced transit budget and continue to provide our citizens with effective and affordable public transportation.”

For specific information about DASH and Commuter Express routes, schedules or fares, please visit our website at www.ladottransit.com or call (213, 310, 323 or 818) 808-2273.