

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASEContact: Bruce Gillman, Public Information
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Bruce.Gillman@lacity.org**LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCES DOWNTOWN STREET CLOSURES AND DASH REROUTING FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE THIS FRIDAY**
Website Tips on city streets will help move traffic and people more easily

LOS ANGELES (Mar. 15, 2007)—The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has issued a street closure advisory for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2006. Downtown commuters can visit <http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/> for real-time traffic information prior to using DASH routes 'A,' 'B' and 'D' between the hours of 10:30 and 3:30 PM.

The parade route begins at 11:30 AM at Arcadia and Main Streets, traveling Southbound on Main St. to 5th St., then West to Hill St. It is scheduled to end at 2:30 PM. Appropriate signage will be posted along the parade route. This celebratory parade was approved by the Los Angeles City Council for street closures.

"Enjoying a parade during lunch time can be a great mid-day break. We want to be sure pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicle operators alike are aware of what streets will be closed so they can safely navigate the North side of downtown," said Gloria Jeff, General Manager, LADOT.

DASH route 'A' departing 3rd Street at Alameda St. will detour at 3rd St. and Central Avenue to south on Central Ave., to east on 4th St. to north on Alameda St. to Cesar Chavez Ave. After a left turn on Cesar Chavez, the route will travel west to Spring St., before turning south to Temple St. and resuming the regular route. Northbound route 'A' on 1st Street will detour north on Spring Street, east on Cesar Chavez, then south on Alameda St., before resuming its regular route on 2nd St., at Alameda St. During the street closures **the following stops WILL NOT be serviced:** First St. stops between Spring St. and Central Ave.; All San Pedro St. stops; and Central Avenue at 1st St.

DASH route 'B' departing southbound from Chinatown will take its regular route to Cesar Chavez Ave. The route will detour west on Cesar Chavez Ave. to southbound on Spring St.; to westbound on Temple St.; resuming its regular route. Northbound route 'B' service on Temple St. will turn north on Spring St. to east on Cesar Chavez Ave., to north on Alameda St. resuming its regular route. **The following stops WILL NOT be serviced:** Temple Street stops between Spring and Los Angeles Streets; All Los Angeles Street stops; and Alameda St. at Los Angeles St.

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DASH route 'D' northbound will detour at 6th and Main Sts., turning eastbound on 6th St to northbound on Los Angeles St. to Temple St., resuming a normal 'loop' route. Southbound route 'D' will be Temple St. to Los Angeles St., south on Los Angeles St. to westbound 7th St., resuming its regular route at Spring and 7th Sts. During the street closures, **the following stops WILL NOT be serviced:** Main St. stops between 5th and Temple Sts.; and Spring St. stops between Temple and 7th Sts.

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, bicycles, and an array of transportation services.