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**LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANTICIPATES MAY 17, 2007 INTERRUPTIONS FOR WILSHIRE CORRIDOR AFTERNOON COMMUTERS.**

**LOS ANGELES (May 16, 2007)**—The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is anticipating traffic slowdowns **with possible intersection closures** on Thursday, May 17, 2007 due to the Procession for Justice march and vigil that is scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM. Street closures and severely impacted traffic flows is expected between Third Street to the north, Alvarado Street to the east, Olympic Boulevard to the south and Western Avenue to the west beginning at 4:30 PM.

Protestors will assemble at the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Berendo Street at 5:30 PM. The march will proceed east on Wilshire Blvd., to Park View St., then enter into MacArthur Park.

Parking will be prohibited on detour routes to reduce congestion. Temporary parking restrictions have been posted on roadways surrounding the assembly and demonstration areas. Vehicles parked on the march route in violation of parking prohibitions, will be towed for public safety. LADOT will enforce all temporary parking signs, beginning at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 17th.

“Our Traffic Officers will be working to help keep traffic moving in the Wilshire-Westlake area. We are committed to reopening the streets along the route as quickly as it is safe to do so,” said Gloria J. Jeff, General Manager, LADOT.

Detour route changes will be taking place throughout the late afternoon. Some of the routing impacts will be short term while others will last throughout the day. Unfortunately, LADOT cannot predict in advance which streets will need to close or for how long; therefore, LADOT will have extra supervisors on the streets of the impacted areas to assist with maintaining traffic flow.

The recommended detour routes for Wilshire Blvd., traffic are: Third Street, Olympic Blvd., Western Ave., and Alvarado St. Local residents may call 1-323 224-6534 for more details.

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. Motorists, bus riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians are encouraged to visit LADOT's web site at: <http://www.lacity.org/LADOT/index.htm> for information about bicycling in the city, and an array of transportation services.