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BICYCLISTS RIDE FREE ON LADOT's DASH AND COMMUTER EXPRESS BUSES

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This year, Thursday, May 19, 2016, is recognized as Bike to Work Day in the City of Los Angeles. To encourage this fun and healthy method of commuting, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) will again offer free rides to bicyclists who use DASH and Commuter Express bus services on that day. Any rider who either brings a bicycle or wears a bicycle helmet will be given a free ride on Commuter Express buses. For those Commuter Express riders who bring a bicycle, all Commuter Express buses are outfitted with bike racks on the front of the bus. Each rack accommodates three bikes, so riders bringing their bikes will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For DASH riders, a limited number of DASH buses have two position bike racks on the front of the bus. However, any rider who boards any DASH bus wearing a bicycle helmet or carrying a folding bike will get a free ride. Metro will also offer free rides to bicyclists who board with a bike or helmet on Metro buses and trains the same day, Thursday, May 19th.

LADOT is continuing to make bicycling easier in Los Angeles. Overthelastyear we have installed approximately 12 miles of bikeway infrastructure. We are hard at work on new protected bicycle lanes on Los Angeles Street that will be completed next month; new bicycle corrals in Venice, El Sereno, and Runyon Canyon; opening the Exposition Bike Path with the Metro Expo Line to Santa Monica opening on May 20; and launch of a new Bike Program website and LEAP blog at bike.lacity.org/blog. LADOT and Metro are slated to launch bike sharing in Los Angeles this summer with up to 1,000 bicycles to help

people make trips close, convenient, easy and fun.

"Thank you for bicycling, Los Angeles! We appreciate your help to make your neighborhood stronger, more livable, and easier to get around" said Seleta Reynolds, LADOT General Manager.

For more on how LADOT is supporting the use of bicycles in the City of Los Angeles, visit us at <http://bike.lacity.org>

For DASH or Commuter Express bus routes in your area, please visit www.ladottransit.com or call the LADOT Transit Store at (213, 310, 323 or 818) 808-2273.



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