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LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FARE CHANGES BEGIN JULY 1, 2011

LOS ANGELES (June 2, 2011)— The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) confirmed that the final phase of fare changes approved in June of 2010 by the Los Angeles City Council and the Mayor’s Office will go into effect as scheduled on July 1, 2011. The changes raise fares for the both DASH and Commuter Express services as well as for the two Cityride fixed route bus services-Via Marisol and Park La Brea.

These fare increases were necessitated by the budget shortfall, which if not addressed last year would have caused many LADOT services to be terminated all together. Prior to raising the fares in 2010, DASH fares had never been raised and Commuter Express fares had not been raised for 10 years. LADOT adopted a two-phased approach to the fare increases in order to help riders budget for the increases.

LADOT’s Interim General Manager, Amir Sedadi said “The poor economy has hurt all of us and LADOT is no exception. While we wish we did not have to raise fares and fees, the reality is that it is the only answer that enables us to save essential programs and services and continue to offer the best possible transportation alternative to all our citizens.”

Effective July 1, 2011, new fares are as follows:

DASH cash fares will be 50¢; senior and disabled fares will be 25¢.

DASH Monthly Passes are \$18 and books of 60 trip tickets are \$30.

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Commuter Express fares will be as follows:

	One-way Cash	Senior or Disabled Cash	LADOT Monthly Pass	LADOT Trip Ticket Booklet of 20
Base	1.50	75¢	\$57	\$30
Zone 1	2.50	\$1.25	\$80	\$46
Zone 2	3.00	\$1.50	\$100	\$56
Zone 3	3.75	\$1.85	\$124	\$67
Zone 4	4.25	\$2.10	\$140	\$75

To determine whether a pass or tickets will save money, riders can log on to LADOT's web-based fare calculator at www.ladottransit.com/bestfareoption.html.

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 website at www.ladot.lacity.org for information about DASH, Commuter Express, bicycling in the City and an array of transportation services. For general information about LADOT Transit services, call (213, 310, 323, 818) 808-2273 or visit www.ladottransit.com. For METRO information, please call (323) GO-METRO, or visit www.metro.net.

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