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LADOT Launches Latest DASH Service Improvements, Expansions This Weekend in DTLA

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Beginning Saturday, July 10, 2021, LADOT Transit will launch service improvements to DASH routes D and E in Downtown Los Angeles as the next step in the phased implementation of the LADOT New Service Plan (formerly Transit Service Analysis). The Los Angeles City Council adopted the [LADOT New Service Plan](#) in 2018, identifying and prioritizing service enhancements, new Community DASH routes,



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and the LAnow service.

In 2019, LADOT Transit launched its biggest service expansion since its inception, including increased weekend service on all existing DASH routes, evening (until 9 pm) service on DASH Downtown routes, new Commuter Express service for Playa Vista and El Segundo, expanded benefits for Cityride, and the introduction of LAnow, a new on demand, shared-ride service on the Westside. LADOT also continues to receive and deploy new electric buses, with the goal of operating a 100% electric fleet by 2028.

"Easy, affordable, and safe transportation options for Angelenos are key to our region's long-term recovery including investments in public transit" said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. "These changes to DASH Routes D and E are just the start of our planned transit service expansion and will provide better and faster service to current and future riders."

The Downtown D route will now run along Broadway south of Olympic Boulevard and end its service at South Grand Avenue and West Washington Boulevard. It will continue serving the Los Angeles Trade Technical College and the Grand/ LATTC Metro A (Blue) Line Station.

The Downtown E route will extend to continue on 7th Street to South Alvarado Street and the LA Metro Westlake/MacArthur Park B (Red) Line Station. The current route deviation on 6th Street will be eliminated.

Fare-less boarding, adopted in Spring of 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, remains instituted on all DASH routes.

"A few months back I introduced a motion requesting LADOT to help us deploy additional DASH E buses into our district, and today I am very excited to share that the City is providing expanded DASH E service from Downtown LA into MacArthur Park," said Councilmember Gil Cedillo of Council District 1. "Our senior citizens, students, and families deserve improved services to enhance their mobility and this is one step towards the right direction to help meet our transit needs in our communities that rely heavily on these services. It is critical that our communities have access to clean, reliable, and affordable transportation."

"The expansion of DASH routes in Downtown LA comes at an opportune time as the City begins its reopening efforts," said Councilmember Kevin de León. "Expanded routes will mean better service for more public transit users and keeps LA transit goals moving in the right direction."

The next service expansion is scheduled for July 31st, 2021, when a brand new DASH route will begin service in the Sylmar neighborhood, with route operating between Sylmar / San Fernando Metrolink Station and Mission College. The new route will be in service from 6:00am - 7:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am - 6:00pm on weekends.

Continued service expansion through 2024 will introduce 5 brand new DASH routes as well as improved service to 22 existing DASH routes.



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For more information on upcoming changes, visit LADOTtransit.com/wegotogetherla/



About LADOT

LADOT leads transportation planning, project delivery, and operations in the City of Los Angeles. We work together and collaborate to deliver a safe, livable, and well-run transportation system in the city and region. Our vision is for all people in Los Angeles to have access to safe and affordable transportation choices that treat everyone with dignity and support vibrant, inclusive communities.

About LADOT Transit

LADOT Transit is the operating division of the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation responsible for providing commuter bus, neighborhood circulator bus, on-demand first-mile/last-mile service and accessible transportation for seniors and the disabled. LADOT Transit is the largest operator of municipal transit services in Los Angeles County providing over 20 million trips to those who live, work and visit Los Angeles.

LADOT Transit's Commuter Express program offers point-to-point workday bus service, from the San Fernando Valley, Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, the Beach Cities, El Segundo, and the Westside to Downtown Los Angeles; from Downtown to El Segundo as well as between Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank, San Pedro, and Long Beach, and from the San Fernando Valley to the Westside and South Bay.



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DASH neighborhood circulator bus services operate in Downtown Los Angeles and 26 other neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles.

LAnow is an on-demand, shared-ride first and last mile pilot service operated by LADOT Transit in the communities of Del Rey, Mar Vista, Venice Beach, and Palms.

Cityride is the largest voluntary paratransit program of its kind in the nation, offering essential transportation services to seniors and the mobility challenged with dial a ride van, taxi, and discounted fares on conventional transit services.

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