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Los Angeles City Council Approves LADOT Transit's New Service Plan to Increase Transit Service

Plan adds new DASH circulator services, launches new microtransit service and increases Cityride subsidies

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The Los Angeles City Council approved LADOT Transit's New Service Plan on October 26, which will add weekend service, additional hours, and increase frequencies on existing DASH routes; bring new DASH routes to more areas of the city; increase subsidies to the voluntary Cityride Transportation Program for seniors and people with disabilities; extend service to the Playa Vista area on its Commuter Express Route 437; and launch a new microtransit (on-demand) service to Los Angeles' Westside.

In 2017, LADOT Transit completed a Transit Service Analysis with the goal of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of all LADOT Transit services. The study assessed changes in demographics and developments as well as the impacts of Metro's rail and bus rapid lines on current and future DASH, Commuter Express, and Cityride services.

The New Service Plan was developed following two phases of public hearings throughout the City of Los Angeles – from thousands of comments received from riders and the public, meetings with members of the City Council and their staffs, and from businesses, schools, and community based-organizations.

“Expanding our transportation network means giving people faster, more convenient connections to their jobs, the people they love, and everything Los Angeles has to offer,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “These new services will give Angelenos more ways to travel within their own neighborhoods, ease congestion on our roads, and create a cleaner environment for our families.”

A Title VI analysis, which is required by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, was also conducted as part of the study to ensure that the level and quality of LADOT Transit services is being provided in a nondiscriminatory manner.

"People on the Westside are getting new options for getting around LA, and that is great news," said Councilmember Mike Bonin and Chairperson of the Council's Transportation Committee. "I'm especially excited that LADOT will launch a pilot micro-transit program on the Westside to provide on-demand shuttle service in Mar Vista, Del Rey and Venice. Innovative transit programs like this will help give people convenient and accessible transit alternatives, and by doing so will help take cars off the road and pollution out of the air we breathe."

LADOT Transit's New Service Plan is an integral part of LADOT's goals in creating a livable and sustainable city to improve the quality of life for all those who live, work and visit Los Angeles.

"Our DASH, Commuter Express, and Cityride services connect people daily, whether they are going to work, to school, or to the doctor's office," said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. "We are proud of our reputation for quality and continue to fight for more service for everyone."

The proposed expansions will require at least two phases as more buses and more personnel will be needed for the DASH service expansions. Phase One service enhancements will begin in early 2019 and will include the addition of Saturday and Sunday service on DASH routes that do not presently have such services; earlier operating morning trips on all DASH routes, and the introduction of late evening service to Downtown DASH routes. Phase One will also include expansion of Commuter Express Route 437 into Playa Vista and increased subsidies for Cityride. In addition, a demonstration of a brand new microtransit on-demand service will be launched in the Westside areas of Del Rey, Palms, Venice and Mar Vista. For specific route and schedule information for existing routes, please visit our website at www.ladottransit.com.

Please see the plan's [Fact Sheet](#) for more detailed information.

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About LADOT Transit Services

LADOT began providing transit services to City of Los Angeles residents in 1985 and now carries more than 22 million riders annually on multiple types of transit services:

- Commuter Express Services: Weekday commuter services from points across the San Fernando Valley, the beach communities, Thousand Oaks, Downtown Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Pedro, Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank.
- DASH Circulator Services: Local bus services that circulate in 27 neighborhoods throughout the City and in Downtown Los Angeles.
- Cityride: A program that provides transportation assistance to seniors and the mobility challenged with reduced costs for the purchase of City of Los Angeles dial-a-ride services, city-permitted taxi rides, and reduced fares on LADOT Transit fixed-route services.

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.



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