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LADOT Transit Breaks Ground for Central Bus Operating and Maintenance Facility in Downtown Los Angeles

State of the Art Operating and Maintenance Facility to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Improve Efficiency of Providing DASH Services

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Los Angeles, California-The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation's LADOT Transit Bureau along with Councilmember Jose Huizar, broke ground today for the construction of the first City-owned bus operations and maintenance facility on Commercial Street in Downtown Los Angeles. The facility's location was chosen because its central location in Downtown will enable LADOT Transit to minimize unproductive miles when buses enter and leave service, saving thousands of dollars in operating costs.

The Central Bus Facility will handle the operations, maintenance, fueling and storage for LADOT Transit's DASH Downtown LA Bus Fleet. The facility will offer the capability to further reduce greenhouse gases by fueling the CNG (compressed natural gas) buses with RNG (renewable natural gas) fuel. The facility will also expand the charging infrastructure capability for electric vehicles that LADOT Transit is adding to the bus fleet in 2017 and 2018.

In addition, the Central Bus facility continues LADOT Transit's commitment of sustainability as the facility has attained Gold LEED Status. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is the nation's most prominent green building certification program used worldwide. Developed by the non-profit U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED includes a set of rating systems for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of green buildings, homes, and neighborhoods that aims to help building owners and operators be environmentally responsible and use resources efficiently. The Central Bus Facility has a solar power electrical generation system and roof garden among its many sustainability elements.

"Cleaner air, energy efficiency, and improved transportation can all go hand in hand," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "This new transit facility will improve and modernize our city's transit system and shows what can be accomplished with partnership, innovation, and a commitment to creating a more mobile, sustainable future."

"The City of Los Angeles is leading the way in green technology and usage," said Councilmember José Huizar. "Whether through our new commercial building recycling program, our efforts to reduce energy use in high-use buildings, or this new, state-of-the-art LADOT Central Bus Facility, we are not only becoming more efficient in our operations, we are doing all we can to go above-and-beyond in protecting the environment. I look forward to the opening of this incredible facility."





According to Seleta Reynolds, "Every investment we make in LADOT transit focuses on the experiences of the people riding the bus first. This facility will make our service smarter and greener for everyone who rides DASH Downtown. LADOT transit is proud to be the largest municipal transit service in LA county, and our aim is continual improvement to show our appreciation for people on our buses."

"We believe this is government at its best," said Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer. "Working together we are able to develop a design for this project that is beautiful, functional and meets high standards of sustainability as well."

Funding for the project is a joint effort of the Federal Transit Administration and the City of Los Angeles. The project architect is Gonzalez Goodale Architects and the General Contractor is Sinanian Development, Inc.

About LADOT Transit

LADOT Transit is the largest operator of municipal transit services in Los Angeles County providing commuter bus and neighborhood circulator services as well as mobility services to seniors and the disabled. LADOT Transit provided 25,584,956 trips on these services in 2014. LADOT provides Commuter Express, point-to-point bus service, from the San Fernando Valley, Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, the Beach Cities, El Segundo, and the Westside to Downtown Los Angeles as well as between Pasadena and Glendale, San Pedro and Long Beach and from the San Fernando Valley to the Westside and South Bay. DASH circulator bus services operate in Downtown Los Angeles and 27 other neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Cityride is the largest voluntary paratransit program of its kind in the nation, offering essential transportation services to seniors and the mobility challenged