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**LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANTICIPATES MAY 1, 2008
INTERRUPTIONS FOR DASH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND COMMUTER EXPRESS
ROUTES SERVING DOWNTOWN**

LOS ANGELES (April 29, 2008)—The City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation (LADOT) is anticipating DASH Downtown and Commuter Express bus service slowdowns **with possible service disruptions** on Thursday May 1, 2008 due to the Labor and Immigration Marches and Rally that begin assembling at 11:00 AM and continue throughout the day. Street closures and severely impacted traffic flow are expected within the area bounded by Cesar Chavez Avenue to the north, Alameda Street to the east, Pico Boulevard to the south and Hoover Street to the west.

“While we anticipate some delays, LADOT will be working closely with LAPD in order to keep Downtown area traffic moving and to keep our DASH Downtown and Commuter Express buses running as efficiently as possible,” said Rita L. Robinson, General Manager, LADOT.

Route changes will be taking place throughout the day. Since the numbers of participants and the areas where protesters may join a march is unknown, some of the routing impacts will be short-term while others will last throughout the day. LADOT will have extra supervisors on the streets of the impacted areas to assist DASH Downtown and Commuter Express riders who might be affected. In addition, LADOT’s transit web site will be updated hourly to reflect current bus information on May 1.

Specific route changes to be implemented by LADOT on Thursday, May 1, 2008 are listed below:

DASH Downtown Routes:

DASH Route A: No service on First Street between Main and Hill Streets after 10:00 A.M.

No service on Route A at all after 2:00 P.M.

DASH Route B: No service toward Financial District starting from 5th and Flower Streets to 7th and Flower Streets from 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. No service toward Chinatown starting from 7th and Flower Streets to 5th Street and Grand Avenue from 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

DASH Route C: No service on 7th and Flower Streets from 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

DASH Route D: No service on Main Street and Spring Street between 12th and Temple Streets from 10:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Service will be rerouted to Los Angeles Street during this time.

DASH Route E: No service on 7th Street between Main and Witmer Streets from 2:00 P.M. until 4:30 P.M.

DASH Route F: No service to Beaudry Avenue and Figueroa Street between 3rd and 9th Streets from 2:00 P.M. until 4:30 P.M.

City Hall Shuttle: No service on First Street between Main and Hill Streets after 10:00 A.M.

No service on City Hall Shuttle at all after 2:00 P.M.

Commuter Express Routes:

All Commuter Express routes will operate as close to a normal schedule as possible. It is anticipated however, that there will be significant congestion and slowdowns, especially in the late afternoon that may affect passenger pick-ups by Commuter Express buses. Delays and other changes, including stops not being served or served intermittently due to street closures are to be expected.

Route #534 will be re-routed to Temple St. with stops at Grand St., Hill St., Broadway and Main St.

Area commuters can visit <http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/> for real-time traffic information and more detailed information on each march's route. Real-time traffic reports are a product of LADOT, innovators of Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control System (ATSAC) technology.

For specific information about DASH Downtown or Commuter Express routes, schedules or fares, please visit our website at www.ladottransit.com or call (213, 310, 323 or 818) 808-2273.

LADOT is dedicated to moving Los Angeles forward as quickly and safely as possible. Motorists, bus riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians are encouraged to visit LADOT's web site at:

www.ladot.lacity.org for information about bicycling in the city, and an array of transportation services.