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BICYCLISTS RIDE FREE ON LADOT'S DASH AND COMMUTER EXPRESS BUSES

LOS ANGELES (May 11, 2015)— This year, Thursday, May 14, 2015, is recognized as Bike to Work Day in the City of Los Angeles. To encourage this fun and healthy method of commuting, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) will again offer free rides to bicyclists who use DASH and Commuter Express bus services on that day. Any rider who either brings a bicycle or wears a bicycle helmet will be given a free ride on Commuter Express buses. For those Commuter Express riders who bring a bicycle, Commuter Express buses are outfitted with bike racks on the front of the bus. Each rack accommodates three bikes, so riders bringing their bikes will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For DASH riders, any rider who boards a DASH bus wearing a bicycle helmet will get a free ride; however, DASH buses can only accommodate folding bikes on board.

LADOT is continuing to make bicycling easier in Los Angeles. Over the last year we have installed over 28 miles of bikeway infrastructure. Recently we unveiled the city's first parking-protected bike lane on Reseda Boulevard; new corrals on North Figueroa Street, Willow Street, Larchmont Boulevard, Colorado Boulevard and Lankershim Boulevard; sponsored Shopping by Bicycle Shop-Ride-NELA; presented #PopUpChander, a Pop-Up cycletrack demo in conjunction with CicLAvia - The Valley; completed the San Fernando Bike Path Phase 2 Project; and a new bike map is in production expected to be printed in late May/early June 2015. "Thanks for bicycling, Los Angeles! We are proud of the work we've done to keep up with the growing numbers of people on two wheels" said Seleta Reynolds, LADOT General Manager.

For further information about Bike to Work events happening May 10-15, 2015 please visit our LADOT Bike Blog, #bikeLA <http://bit.ly/LADOTbikeweek>. For more on how LADOT is supporting the use of bicycles in the City of Los Angeles, visit us at www.bicyclela.org. For DASH or Commuter Express bus routes in your area, please visit www.ladottransit.com or call the LADOT Transit Store at (213, 310, 323 or 818) 808-2273.