



Long Beach Transit 2017 Legislative Program

The Long Beach Transit (LBT) 2017 Legislative Program helps to guide the work program for LBT staff at the local, regional, state and federal levels. The Program is meant to serve as a strategic document, providing general direction for staff activities.

The Program was created in conjunction with LBT's industry trade associations, the California Transit Association (CTA) and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). In addition to its own advocacy efforts, LBT works through each of these organizations in order to advance common goals and efforts.

The Program was also designed in support of Long Beach Transit's Strategic Priorities:

- Improve Safety and Service Quality
- Exercise Financial Accountability
- Foster Employee Engagement
- Enhance Customer Experience
- Promote Community and Industry Focus

Local Legislative Priorities

1. Protect and Enhance Local and Regional Transportation Funding
 - Work with the City of Long Beach and surrounding cities, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to ensure transportation funding is maximized and continues to flow on a consistent and reliable basis
2. Partner with Stakeholders on Transit Service Improvements
 - Work with the City of Long Beach and surrounding cities on opportunities to enhance and provide transit service where needed
3. Support Regional Transit Service Coordination
 - Work with regional stakeholders to implement new regional transit transfer policies that support improved revenue collection
 - Co-lead the Regional Ridership Improvement Task Force, a partnership between Municipal Operators and Metro designed to develop solutions that grow transit ridership in LA County by better understanding changes in the region's demographics, travel options and patterns
 - Continue to collaborate with Los Angeles County transit partners and neighboring County transit provider for compatible future fare collection solutions
4. Monitor and Support Access Services
 - Continue to work with and support Access Services, the federally mandated, complementary ADA Paratransit provider in Los Angeles County, to ensure it is effectively and efficiently providing ADA paratransit services on LBT's behalf

State Legislative Priorities

1. Protect and Enhance State Transportation Funding
 - Preserve Cap and Trade Revenues Available for Public Transit
 - Work to pursue additional funding from the Cap and Trade programs for transit operators from the 40 percent non-dedicated share
 - Work to protect existing and long term Cap and Trade revenue available for transit through the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program, the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, and the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program
 - Work to ensure maximum eligibility and flexibility for transit projects within these programs
 - Work to Ensure Transit Funding Inclusion in Statewide Comprehensive Transportation and Infrastructure Package
 - Continue to advocate for new funding for transit agencies, and that any state solution achieving additional revenues for highways and local streets and roads should provide flexibility for projects to benefit transit service
2. Support Legislative and Regulatory Efforts That Protect and Enhance Service Delivery
 - Air Quality Regulations that Impact Transit:
 - Work to ensure a positive outcome for transit in the upcoming California Air Resources Board (CARB) proposed Advanced Clean Transit regulation

Federal Legislative Priorities

1. Protect and Enhance Federal Transportation Funding
 - Infrastructure Initiative
 - Work with APTA and the CTA to ensure that transit funding is part of a comprehensive infrastructure spending program
 - Support emphasis on infrastructure spending that provides for direct federal spending coupled with private investment
 - Alternative Fuel Excise Tax
 - Work for the permanent renewal of the alternative fuel excise tax benefit, which expired December 31, 2016, to enable LBT to take advantage of tax credits for its Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses
 - Work to support additional legislative efforts to provide incentives for electric and hybrid electric buses and infrastructure equivalent or comparable to the alternative fuels tax credit available for compressed or liquefied natural gas
 - FY 2017 and 2018 Federal Transportation Appropriations
 - Advocate for the highest possible levels of overall funding for highways and public transit, as well as for individual programs within the Transit Titles
 - Seek discretionary grant opportunities provided through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015
 - Support all avenues of federal funding for transportation, including Congressionally-directed spending

2. Support Legislative and Regulatory Efforts That Protect and Enhance Service Delivery
 - Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium (SCRTTC)
 - Work with the SCRTTC on its legislative program and efforts to support bus maintenance training in the transit industry
 - Monitor and provide comments on proposed regulatory changes that may impact LBT's provision of transit service
 - Work to ensure flexibility in the application of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) spare ratio requirements to zero-emission buses