

SUBJECT*City of Paramount Transportation Service Expansion***RECOMMENDED ACTION – N/A***This is an Information Item.***BACKGROUND**

The City of Paramount's transportation program currently consists of a fixed-route bus system (Easy Rider), a shuttle-based Dial-A-Ride (DAR) program, a fixed-route shuttle system to Cerritos College and Long Beach City College (College Bound), as well as other shuttle services.

Easy Rider

Paramount's fixed-route service consists of two 30-passenger buses, which run along the same fixed route in the city in opposite directions. Easy Rider has limited weekday service (7 a.m.–6 p.m.) with one-hour headways; Saturday service (10:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; and no Sunday service).

DAR Program

Paramount's DAR shuttle is a 16-passenger vehicle that provides on-demand service for trips within the city and is available without restriction to those 55 years and older and persons with disabilities. DAR has limited weekday service (7 a.m.–6 p.m.), with no weekend service.

College Bound

Paramount's College Bound shuttle consists of two 18-passenger shuttles that provide transit to either Cerritos College or Long Beach City College from four pick-up locations in Paramount. College Bound has limited weekday service (no Fridays) from 6:30 a.m.–noon, and then again from 3:30–10 p.m. There is no service Friday–Sunday.

Long Beach Transit (LBT) currently provides some transit service through the City of Paramount. In early 2018, Paramount officials approached LBT regarding assuming daily operations of its transportation network. The City expressed its desire to no longer be responsible for transportation services. Paramount currently contracts with third-party vendors to provide these services with contract oversight by the City's Parks and Recreation Director.

After discussions and subsequent negotiations, the expanded transportation service includes the following:

Fixed-Route Service (see attached Expanded Paramount Transit Network map)

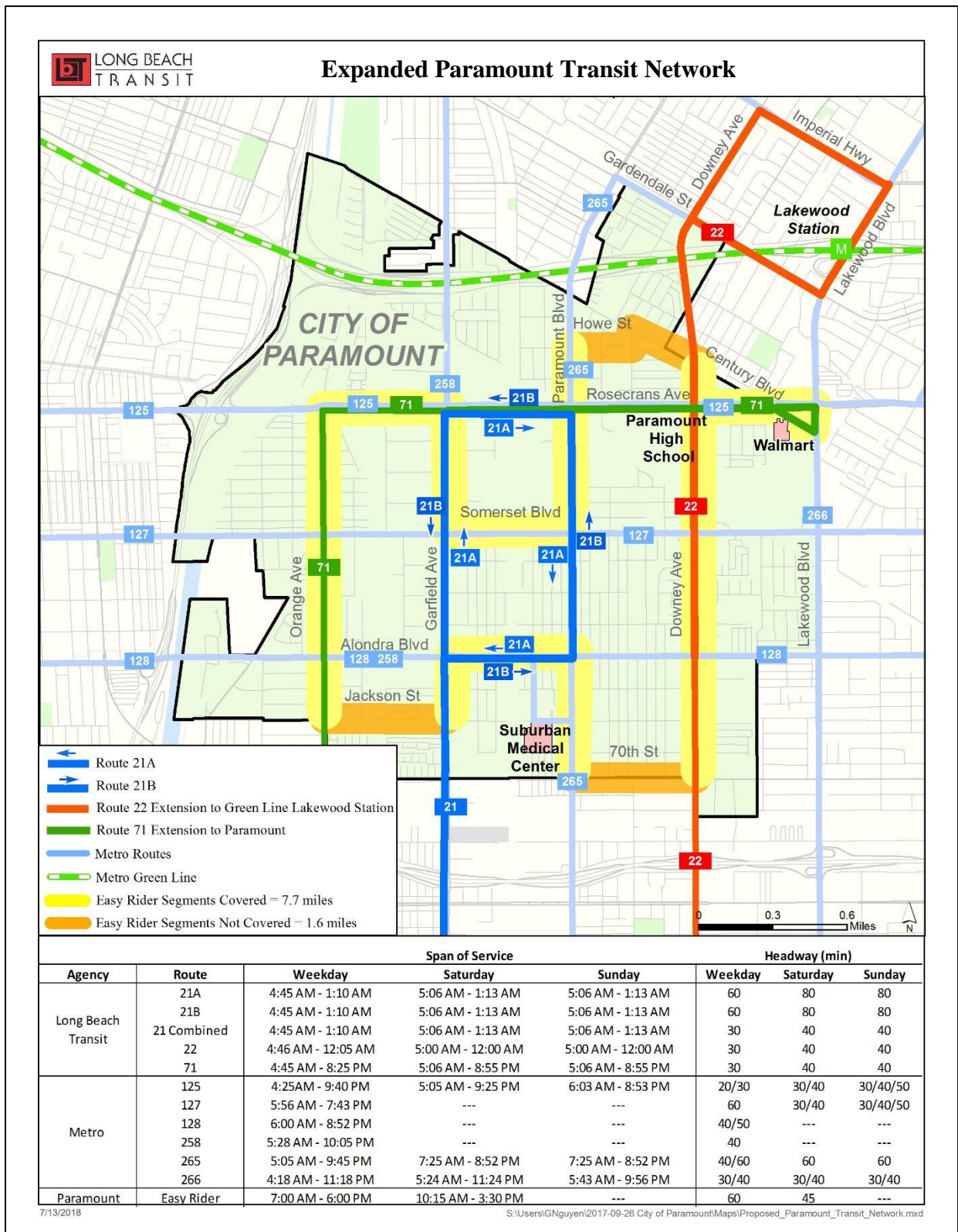
- Extending existing LBT Route 71 to Walmart, replacing the City of Paramount's Easy Rider route
 - All Route 72 trips converted into Route 71
 - Higher capacity, improved service span/headway
 - New routing covers 89 percent of existing Easy Rider route
- Implementing new Route 21 Turnaround Loop
 - Loop 21A – Clockwise via Garfield Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, Paramount Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard
 - Loop 21B – Counter-clockwise via Alondra Boulevard, Paramount Boulevard, Rosecrans Avenue and Garfield Avenue
 - Every other trip on Route 21 is 21A or 21B
 - Combined service will be 30 minutes on weekdays and 40 minutes on weekends
 - Improves transit service to downtown Paramount

Dial-A-Lift (DAL)

- Expanding existing LBT DAL network, which currently services the cities of Long Beach, Signal Hill and Lakewood, to now include Paramount
 - Provides persons with permanent mobility impairments residing in Paramount with greater access to destinations outside city limits
 - Eligibility requirements remain unchanged

College Student Transit Access Pass (TAP) Card Program

- LBT will provide Paramount with 150 monthly TAP cards loaded with \$50 stored value for college student use
- Existing LBT bus routes would operate more frequently and at times the Paramount College Bound Bus does not operate



This service expansion will be funded with forty percent (40%) of the City of Paramount's Proposition A Local Return allocation. This percentage shall remain the same notwithstanding if the City of Paramount's Proposition A Local Return revenue increases or decreases.

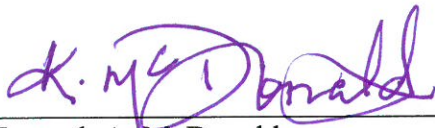
On September 18, 2018, Paramount staff proposed changes to the City's transit system to the City Council meeting and, by unanimous vote, the Council approved them.

At the time in which this report was being drafted, Paramount staff planned to take to its City Council a service agreement with LBT for Council consideration.

If approved, the service expansion will take effect on February 10, 2019, with LBT's February Service Change. Beginning February 10, 2019, the agreement will cover a five-year period. Both LBT and Paramount plan to discuss future contracting prior to the agreement ending.

LBT is partnering with Paramount on an extensive public outreach effort to inform and educate Paramount residents on details of the service expansion.

A community meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018. Community workshops will also be held on November 15 and 17, 2018, and additional workshops will be scheduled in January 2019. These sessions will provide LBT an opportunity to share information about its expanded routes in the City, conduct 'how to ride LBT' demonstrations, discuss the DAL and TAP programs and address any questions existing or new customers may have regarding LBT services, programs and products.



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