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Metro's Dodger Stadium Express Will Continue to Serve South Bay Communities

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn have announced that the popular Dodger Stadium Express bus service will again be offered for the 2018 baseball season. In addition to the service from Union Station to Dodger Stadium, Metro and Supervisor Hahn have worked together to secure additional funding to preserve the Dodger Stadium Express service traveling from the Harbor Gateway Transit Center in the South Bay via Metro ExpressLanes along to I-110 Harbor Freeway.

While the service from Union Station is provided to all home games under a grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), the service to the South Bay is funded through grants from a separate pilot program which is set to expire.

"Metro is proud to provide a quick, stress-free way to get in and out of Dodger Stadium -- because congestion shouldn't keep our diehard fans from seeing the first pitch," said Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti. "Thanks to the MSRC, this popular service has saved countless hours for Angelenos going to cheer on our boys in blue."

The service will begin with exhibition play between the Dodgers and Anaheim Angels on Monday, March 26, and for regular season play beginning Thursday, March 29 for the season opener against the San Francisco Giants.

"This is great news that we are able to preserve the South Bay Dodger Stadium Express for the 2018 season!" said L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Janice Hahn. "This is a fast and easy way to get to the game and avoid the hassle of parking at the stadium. This service is so important to South Bay and Harbor Area Dodger fans and I will work with Metro and the Dodgers to find the funding we need to keep this service going for years to come. Go Dodgers!"

The MSRC awards funding within the South Coast Air Basin from a portion of the state vehicle registration fee set aside for mobile source projects that result in emission reductions from cars and trucks. Funding for the Harbor Gateway Transit Center service for the past three years has been provided by Metro's ExpressLanes Net Toll Reinvestment Grant Program under a pilot

program. The remaining funds under that program will be used for this years' service at the request of Supervisor Hahn.

The Dodger Stadium Express bus service has transported more than 1.46 million fans since beginning in 2010. During the 2017 season, record ridership was achieved, thanks to playoff and World Series action with more than 241,000 fans riding the service to Dodgers' games.

"Metro's system provides easy, convenient connections to get people to both Union Station and Harbor Gateway Transit Center where they can then benefit from this direct service to Dodger Stadium," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. "This is a great example of how our overall system provides transit options to enhance the customer experience."

Fans with a ticket to the game can ride the Dodger Stadium Express for free; those without a ticket must pay the \$1.75 fare from Union Station or \$2.50 fare from Harbor Gateway. Service from Union Station will be provided starting 90 minutes prior to the start of the games and ending 45 minutes after the close of the games. Service from the Harbor Gateway Transit Center will be provided beginning two hours prior to the start of the games and ending 45 minutes after the game is over.

The Dodger Stadium Express from Union Station will pick up Dodger fans every 10 minutes in front of Union Station near the Mozaic Apartment complex. Service will continue to Dodger Stadium via Sunset Boulevard and Cesar Chavez Avenue. Passengers will be let off and picked up at one of two stops, either behind center field or at the top deck.

From Harbor Gateway Transit Center, baseball fans can board buses located at Bay 9, with buses running every 20 minutes. Fans will be dropped off behind right field at Dodger Stadium. Buses back to Harbor Gateway Transit Center will pick up patrons at the same stop after the game.

Patrons are encouraged to use the many transportation alternatives that serve Union Station to connect them with the Dodger Stadium Express. Metro operates the Metro Gold Line from East Los Angeles to Azusa, the Metro Red/Purple subway lines from Wilshire/Western and North Hollywood to downtown Los Angeles and the Metro Green Line between Norwalk and El Segundo, which intersects with the Metro Blue Line operating between Long Beach and downtown Los Angeles. In addition, the Expo Line from Santa Monica to Downtown Los Angeles offers those on the Westside great service to connect to the Dodger Stadium Express at Union Station. The Harbor Gateway Transit Center is served by several Metro bus lines, the Metro Silver Line and Torrance Transit.

For specific route and schedule information visit www.metro.net or call 323.GO.METRO (323.466.3876).

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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