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Service Changes Coming to Burbank Bus

Burbank, CA – With another fiscal year coming to a close, Burbank Bus realizes impressive ridership growth once again. Year-to-date, it has provided over 481,000 convenient and affordable rides throughout the City of Burbank, a 19-percent ridership growth when compared to the previous year. The increase in ridership can be attributed to the continued economic shortfall and fluctuating gas prices which have motivated commuters and riders to use alternative, more affordable forms of transportation such as the Burbank Bus.

According to the latest figures from the American Public Transportation Association, commuters can save up to \$9,968 annually by utilizing public transportation. As the cost of gas, car maintenance, and parking continue to go up, so does the ridership trend for local public transit systems.

The economy, however, has also had an adverse affect on the Burbank Bus operations. Many California transit programs are facing funding shortfalls. For that same reason Burbank Bus will be making certain service adjustments, including the elimination of its Downtown Loop route. This change in service will take effect Monday, August 17, 2009. As a result of these changes the Burbank Bus is working on focusing resources on its more widely utilized routes and services.

"As with other agencies, it has become necessary to make some adjustments to our transit service," commented City of Burbank Transportation Manager, Adam Emmer, "but our objective is that through these efforts we will be able to provide a better transit service as a whole, to the City of Burbank. Improvements are already in the works for the other routes."

In light of the challenging economic climate, more and more commuters and residents are evaluating their transportation choices. Burbank Bus remains an affordable and convenient option.

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