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***Veolia Transportation Launches Service on the Downtown DASH Project for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)***

**Los Angeles, CA – March 12, 2009** – Service for Veolia Transportation's newest DASH contract – the Downtown DASH - began earlier this month with the first bus pull-out at the new facility in Los Angeles' Chinatown.

This high profile operation serves the Downtown Los Angeles area seven days a week, with eight routes utilizing 63 propane powered 30-foot buses.

When asked to comment on this contract, Veolia's Regional Vice President for Southern California, Francois Regembal said, "Veolia Transportation is proud that the City of Los Angeles has selected us to operate this important show piece project for the city. I'm pleased that our start up was very smooth. We are very excited about some new technologies we will soon be implementing to further enhance the riders' experience."

With traffic congestion a serious problem for the downtown area, Veolia Transportation has implemented a multi-part strategy, including updated technology, rigorous driver training and improved operational coordination to enhance customer service. The company has also spent the last year developing a new facility for this project, which is well located in the service area and fully functional. It has six maintenance bays, on-site fueling and a new bus wash station.

In addition to the Downtown DASH Veolia Transportation also operates two of the seven DASH segments in Los Angeles managed by LADOT; the LA DASH 3 in the San Fernando Valley and the LA DASH 5-A in Southeast Los Angeles.

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