

All Aboard LBT

Bimonthly Employee Newsletter

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CEO CORNER

LBT is proud to partner with Los Angeles Metro and our regional transit partners to deliver service for the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2026 Games.

Eight matches will be hosted at Los Angeles (SoFi) Stadium from Friday, June 12, through Friday, July 10, 2026, and LBT will be there every step of the way to serve our community and visitors.

At Long Beach Transit, exceptional customer experience is at the core of our mission. As LBT welcomes the world, our agency is proud to provide safe, reliable mobility that connects fans, families and cultures on a global stage.

Let's take pride in showing the world the very best of Long Beach through our service and hospitality.



Kenneth A. McDonald

Getting Fans to the World Cup

Long Beach Transit will provide bus services from downtown Long Beach to Los Angeles for matches taking place at the Los Angeles (SoFi) Stadium.



LBT will operate up to 15 buses for each match to transport customers from Downtown Long Beach to Los Angeles (SoFi) Stadium, with an additional three buses as spares.



Fare will be \$1.75 each way on TAP and will be collected by Metro.



A call for volunteers will be announced in May. Stay tuned for more details on how you can be a part of this historic global event!

Fun Fact: Los Angeles is one of 16 cities hosting matches across the United States, Canada and Mexico.



BUS ROADEO

The LBT team competed and secured 3rd place overall among seven other agencies in the Regional Five Star Roadeo hosted by Long Beach Transit on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

The obstacle course tested Bus Operator safety and driving skills, as well as customer service. Four of our Bus Operators were recognized with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies.

- **Winner of the 1st Place Award - Jesus Cortez**
- **Winner of the 2nd Place Award - Juan Quintana-Alvarado**
- **Winner of Third Place - Maikol Morris-Pena**
- **The Pre-Trip Inspection 1st Place Winner was Jesus Cortez**



Regional Five Star Roadeo



Kobii Howard at LBT Bus Roadeo, 1998

Additional incredible Roadeo Participants:

- **David Borge-Sanchez**
- **Elmanual Lane**
- **Daria Gomez**
- **Chad Wright**
- **David Valdez**

For Kobii Howard, Superintendent, Transit Service Delivery, helping coordinate hosting the Bus Roadeo at LBT felt nostalgic. He participated in two Bus Roadeos in the 90s, back when the Bus Roadeo was an internal event for LBT. Since then, uniforms have changed and the buses also have a new look. But the obstacles, excitement and sense of pride showcasing your driving skills remains the same, Kobii said.



Jesus Cortez at the SoCal Regional Bus Roadeo San Bernardino, CA

“Roadeos bring a lot of camaraderie, being able to represent your organization,” he said. “You’re taking your every day routine and displaying it in a fun way.”

This is the third year participating in the Bus Roadeo for Jesus Cortez, who also won 1st place for Pre-Trip Inspection last year. He encourages other Bus Operators to participate to interact with fellow coworkers and learn from peers at other agencies. It’s also a fun way to put your driving skills to the test, he said.

“The course reminds me of driving Route 151 on 4th Street, having to squeeze in between parked cars and delivery trucks. I just thought of the obstacles as that, which made it easier.”

Jesus advanced to the Southern California Regional Bus Roadeo on Saturday, April 18, and will continue to the APTA International Roadeo in Salt Lake City, Utah, in May. Congratulations to all the Roadeo winners and a big thank you to everyone who volunteered!

LBT Snapshots



Each edition, we’ll feature an employee-submitted photo and invite employees to share their best caption for a chance to be featured in the next newsletter. Show us the behind the scenes moments that keep LBT moving!

This month is a “Not in Service Animals” at LBT2, submitted by Bus Operator Isaac Martinez. “The cats at LBT2 are very active in the evening and always come out to greet operators who get off in the later hours of the night,” he said.

Have a fun photo you’d like to see included? Submit it to Emily Rasmussen at [562.489.8463](tel:562.489.8463) or erasmussen@lbtransit.com.



NEWS AND UPDATES

LBT Receives National ThinkTransit Award of Excellence

LBT received the ThinkTransit Award of Excellence in the category of Excellence in Transit Technology Planning & Partnerships. The award was presented March 30 at the ThinkTransit Conference in Boston, Mass.



The ThinkTransit Awards of Excellence recognize transit agencies that demonstrate leadership, innovation, and forward-thinking strategies in advancing transit technologies. LBT earned the award for advancing technology to strengthen its operating systems ahead of major special events. In partnership with Vontas, the agency aligned its strategic priorities of safety, financial accountability and employee engagement to elevate the customer experience.

Join LBT at the Long Beach Pride Parade

Employees are welcome to volunteer to join LBT at the Long Beach Pride Parade from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2026., Friends and family are welcome.



Participants can ride aboard an LBT bus or walk along the parade route. Final details will be shared with interested volunteers. Contact **Communications and Marketing Coordinator, Emily Rasmussen, at erasmussen@lbtransit.com or 562.489.8463** by Monday, May 11, if you are interested in volunteering.



Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach



Cambodia Town Parade



Transit Worker Appreciation Day

LBT TOGETHER

Thank you to all of our employees who attended and provided feedback in the Agency-wide Meetings in March. Stay tuned for future meetings and opportunities to connect!



Employees of the Month

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**Sopheadevyn
"Peter" Chum**
Bus Operator
17 years with LBT



Alex Ariola
Mechanic
30 years with LBT



Irma Pamplona
Financial Analyst
10 years with LBT

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Ray Flemister
Bus Operator
4 years with LBT



Robert Ebert
Custodian
3 years with LBT



Jocsan Lara
Talent Acquisition Specialist
3 years with LBT

LBT is Hiring!

Do you know someone who would be a great candidate to join LBT? Or, are you looking for a promotional opportunity? Please visit our careers page at ridelbt.com/careers.

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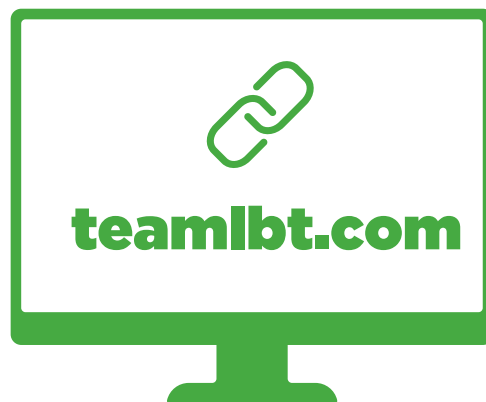
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