

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In respectful disagreement to the 01/22/25 letter from the LADOT General Manager Laura Rubio-Cornejo, LADOT should not allow DASH fares to be reinstated on February 1 2025. On the same day that letter was submitted, an item was approved in the Transportation Committee on 01/22/25 (file #: 18-0244-S10), that requests LADOT to report back with a Cost-Benefit Analysis to see if free fares on DASH buses make more financial/reasonable sense than bringing back fares and its costs to implement fares. And not to mention the wildfire conditions and the devastating impacts from 2025's wildfires (examples: homelessness, loss of a car, loss of employment) will continue long past the Feb. 1 2025 date (we're still only in the first month of 2025 and not even in summer yet). These fire victims need easy access to use all DASH buses throughout the city of LA (especially for work/looking for new work). It's not just limited to the DASH Sylmar. At the very least, LADOT needs to pause fares indefinitely until the Cost-Benefit report is presented and the public has had a chance to review it. Again, I ask that LADOT continue to pause DASH fares. Thank you.