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## **Veolia Transportation Wins Downtown DASH In Los Angeles -Initial Contract is Three Years with Two One-Year Options-**

**Chicago, IL** – Veolia Transportation President and COO, Mike Griffus, announced this week the award of the "Downtown DASH" contract in Los Angeles, California.

The Downtown DASH contract serves the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. The contract includes eight routes in and around downtown Los Angeles utilizing 63 buses. The initial term is three years, with two option years.

Veolia Transportation assumes responsibility for operations on March 1, 2009. The company will work with First Transit, the system's operator for the past ten years, to ensure a smooth transition. Veolia Transportation's base of operations for this contract will be located in downtown's Chinatown; the heart of the service area.

Traffic congestion is a serious issue in the downtown area, as are on-time performance and the "bunching" of buses. Veolia Transportation has a multi-part strategy for dealing with these issues, including updated technology, rigorous driver training and improved operational coordination to enhance customer service.

Veolia Transportation Regional Vice-President, Francois Regembal, said, "This important contract further consolidates our presence in the Los Angeles area. We thank the City of Los Angeles for their business and their trust in Veolia's ability to improve the service delivery on this project."

Veolia Transportation currently operates two of the seven DASH segments in Los Angeles managed by the LA Dot; the LA DASH 3 in the San Fernando Valley and the LA DASH 5-A in Southeast Los Angeles.

### **About Veolia**

Veolia Transportation is the largest private operator of multiple modes of transit in North America, including bus, rail, paratransit, shuttle and taxi services. The company has over 16,000 employees and operates some 200 contracts for cities in the U.S. The company has over 150 years of operating experience and also owns SuperShuttle, America's leading airport shuttle service, and a number of taxi operations.

Veolia Transportation is part of Veolia Transport, the world's largest private operator of multiple modes of public transit, including bus, rail, paratransit, shuttle, ferry, and taxi services. Veolia Transport operates contracts for 5,000 city transit authorities in 27 countries, and transports 2.5 billion passengers per year. The Company operates some of

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the most sophisticated networks in the world, including Stockholm, Melbourne, Bordeaux, Rouen, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Denver and San Diego. (<http://www.veolia-transport.com/en/>)

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