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FREE SUMMER BEACH SHUTTLE TO MARINA DEL REY, VENICE BEACH PIER, AND PLAYA VISTA

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. – May 10, 2010 – Thanks to a continued partnership between Playa Vista and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe (4th District), residents and visitors to the Marina can again enjoy a relaxing ride on the free Summer Beach Shuttle without having to deal with the burden of gasoline costs, parking fees, and traffic headaches.

This summer, the Beach Shuttle will operate on Fridays, weekends, and holidays between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day from May 28th to September 6th. Friday and Saturday operating hours will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday and holiday operating hours will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. In support of the Thursday evening classical concerts at Burton Chace Park (July 8 and 22; August 5 and 19), the Beach Shuttle will also operate from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. to provide direct service to and from Burton Chace Park. The Beach Shuttle will also provide service for the Sunday, September 26th, Abbot Kinney Festival between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The free Beach Shuttle buses will travel from Playa Vista every 30 minutes, beginning at 10:15 a.m., carrying passengers to major points of interest including Fisherman's Village, Waterside Shopping Center, Mother's Beach, and Venice Beach Pier. Please note that there will be a pause in service between 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. to allow for the shuttle drivers' lunch breaks.

The Beach Shuttle vehicles are powered by clean Compressed Natural Gas. Space for bicycles is available. Shuttle stops are also conveniently located near seven Marina del Rey WaterBus boarding locations. For more information on the Beach Shuttle, visit <u>http://beaches.lacounty.gov</u> or call the Marina del Rey Visitors Center at (310) 305-9545.

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