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## **SILVER LAKE SEES GROUND BREAK ON NEW LIBRARY, GETS A TASTE OF A DASH BUS**

Silver Lake representatives Council President Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Tom LaBonge kicked off Silver Lake Day, a celebration of the ground breaking of the Silver Lake Library and a trial run of a proposed DASH line that would circulate through the central Los Angeles neighborhood. They were joined by Councilmember Wendy Greuel, who chairs the city's Transportation Committee.

“With shops, dining, space for recreation and great streets, Silver Lake is nearly a picture perfect neighborhood,” said Councilmember Garcetti. “Two pieces of the puzzle have been missing: a library and a bus service to let you see the whole picture without using your car. Today, Silver Lake gets a peek at the completed puzzle.”

The finished library will meet the Gold standard of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design curriculum, a nationally recognized standard of environmental friendliness.

“As a Silver Lake native, I am a witness to the fact that my neighborhood just keeps getting better, proved again today as we get our first Silver Lake Public Library branch and DASH line,” said Councilmember Tom LaBonge.

“DASH buses are a fast and efficient public transportation alternative that help keep cars off our already congested streets,” said Councilmember Greuel. “I applaud Council President Garcetti for this innovative program, which will help educate the public about the convenient service our DASH buses provide.”

The library sits along a proposed Silver Lake Dash line, which ran from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday as part of a one-day-only trial run. The pilot program, funded by Garcetti's office, will give community members the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed DASH line.

The DASH buses fit into a model of development Garcetti has been calling for, one that protects neighborhoods while increasing urban amenities. The “city-village” model is a necessary alternative to the “smog and clog” that Los Angeles faces without smart planning.

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