

LA Express Park™ Extended to a Second Year with Parking Meter Rate Updates Continuing on August 5th

LA Express Park™, the parking demonstration project from the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), has been extended for a second year, and parking meter rates will continue to be updated based on demand with the next update on Monday, August 5th.

The Mayor and City Council have approved the extension of the LA Express Park™ program through June 2014, ensuring that wireless sensors continue to track downtown street parking and report open spaces through free apps. Using the data from these sensors, parking meter rates are being adjusted on the first Monday of the month to better match the price of parking to the demand on each block and each side of the street. The overall goal of the project is to improve parking availability and reduce the time spent hunting for parking, in order to cut down on traffic congestion and pollution in Downtown L.A.

On Monday, August 5th, LADOT will update parking meter rates throughout Downtown and extend time-of-day rates to additional blocks. Overall, rates are staying about the same, but the average rate is decreasing at 1.8% of the Downtown spaces and increasing at 2.1% of them.

Parking meters with time-of-day rates have different hourly rates matching the parking demand in the weekday morning, midday, and evening periods and on weekends. You can identify these meters by the unique blue labels that clearly show the maximum hourly rate (see below). The parking meter or pay station screen will show the current rates that apply on the day you are parking.

Rate maps showing the hourly rates during each period can be downloaded from www.LAExpressPark.org.

On the website, you will also find a real-time parking map and links to smartphone apps that help you find current rates and open spaces and even let you pay for your meter remotely. Explore the website to learn more about the LA Express Park™ project and find out how you can “save time, park smarter” in Downtown L.A.

