

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Foothill Transit is holding two public hearings to help collect public input.

Tuesday, May 4th, 6:30PM
 Pomona City Council Chambers
 505 S. Garey Ave.
 Take Lines 286, 291, 480, and 492

Thursday, May 6th, 6:30PM
 El Monte Station, Metro
 San Gabriel Valley Office,
 Council Chambers Room,
 3449 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte
 See foothilltransit.org for schedules.

You'll also be able to detail your comments and suggestions to us via e-mail at input@foothilltransit.org, via FAX at 626-967-4608, or in a letter sent to us at 100 South Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790. Just be sure to put "Fare Increase" on any correspondence.

Does this quiz look familiar? It should. Last month's was about a similar date. And Celeste Cho, who rides the 493, got it right. SHE'll be getting a free 31-Day Pass. This month's theme is **WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS** Good luck!

Please, only ONE entry per customer. We pick one winner at random from all the correct answers we receive. Duplicate entries could get you disqualified, so no monkey business. Ok?

The deadline to comment on proposed fare increase is:

- A. Friday, May 5, 2010.
 - B. Friday, May 5, 2010.
 - C. Friday, May 5, 2010.
 - D. Yeah. All of the above.
- Get in touch with us at input@foothilltransit.org.

As always, employees of Foothill Transit contractors and their families are not eligible to win.

Send your answers to Footnotes, c/o Foothill Transit, 100 S. Vincent Ave., Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790. Please include your personal information, so we can let you know if you've won.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

I ride Line # _____

Daytime phone _____

Evening phone _____



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More meetings? Really?

It's true. We're proposing a fare increase. Because you suggested it. Really.

We're totally serious. At one of our public hearings about the proposed service reductions (more on that in a minute), it was suggested that you, our customers, would actually be willing to pay a higher fare if it meant that some of the service we were proposing to cut could possibly be saved.

In fact, it got a big round of applause. If you were at the Duarte meeting, you know this is true. And we were pretty surprised. But after hearing your thoughts on the matter, it made sense. Your livelihoods depend on the service we provide. So a little more money to keep some services intact means we can keep more buses rolling.

So we're holding two more meetings. The last fare increase we implemented was over three years ago and back then, it was only an increase in the 31-Day Passes – the local fare stayed at \$1. What we're proposing now is an increase in the local fare to \$1.25 and an approximately 10 percent increase on everything else.

We're still crunching the numbers and trying to

project how many of you will still be riding in the coming year. So before any of you start asking, does this mean my line will be saved? The answer is an unqualified, "It's a definite possibility."

It's not that we're stupid. We're just careful. With the numbers still up in the air we're not keen on making promises we can't keep. We can tell you that the fare increase will soften some of the originally proposed service reductions. But getting specific beyond that at this stage is jumping the gun.

Like with any major change proposal in service or fares, we're holding public hearings to gather your input – two this time – to help us gauge the impact this kind of increase would have on you. Please come. And if you can't, we have a few other ways for you to get your voices heard. You'll also be able to detail your comments and suggestions to us via e-mail at input@foothilltransit.org, via FAX at 626-967-4608, or in a letter sent to us at 100 South Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790. Just be sure to put "Fare Increase" on any correspondence.

Public Hearing Schedule

The deadline for all public comment is Friday, May 7, 2010.

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100 S. Vincent Ave., Ste. 200
 West Covina, CA 91790

Proposed Fare Increases for 2010

The proposed fare increases for 2010 are listed below. Please take a look and then let us know what you think via the options listed below.

It's been about three years since we last implemented a fare increase, and back then, your comments helped us better mold the outcome to fit our communities' needs. Your input mattered then and it definitely matters now. Yes, we have a significant deficit to fix. And yes, there aren't a lot of ways to fix it that don't involve impacting you, our customer. But the more we know about that impact, the better the decisions that we make will be. Thank you for your input. And thank you for riding Foothill Transit.

Cash Fares	Current Price	Proposed Increase
Adult Local	\$1.00	\$1.25
Student Local	\$1.00	\$1.25
Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local	\$0.50	\$0.55
Silver Streak	\$ 2.50	\$2.75
Discount Silver Streak	\$1.25	\$1.35
Commuter Express	\$4.40	\$4.90
31-Day Passes	Current Price	Proposed Increase
Adult Local	\$66.00	\$70.00
Student Local	\$30.00	\$33.00
Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local	\$21.00	\$22.00
Silver Streak	\$96.00	\$105.00
Discount Silver Streak	\$48.00	\$52.00
Commuter Express	\$155.00	\$170.00

Overall, this represents an approximately 10 percent increase to the 31-Day Passes and a \$0.25 increase to the Local cash fare, with parallel increases to the discount fares. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled public hearings listed on page one, you have a few other ways to provide your input - fill out a comment flyer at one of the five Foothill Transit Store locations; e-mail us at input@foothilltransit.org; send us a FAX at 626-967-4608; Send us a letter to Foothill Transit, 100 South Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790. Please be sure to put "Fare Increase 2010" as the subject of your correspondence.

The deadline for all public comment is Friday, May 7, 2010.

Thanks. Gracias. Etc.

Thanks. For what? Well, for so many things. For speaking your mind. For doing so in a calm and rational manner. For being impassioned and for impassioning others about the importance of public transportation, not just for you, but for your entire community.

The turn out at the four public hearings that we scheduled to get your input on the proposed schedule reductions for 2010 was, in a word, awesome. Some of those meetings went pretty late because so many of you had taken the time to stand up and be counted. And now that this is done, what's next?

We're going through all of your comments and finding the areas of greatest concern for you. Even before we met any of you face-to-face, changes were being made to the original proposal based on faxes and e-mails that we were receiving. While reductions do have to happen – there is a major deficit to contend with still – they will be in a slightly different format than the ones we originally presented. And all entirely because of your willingness to tell us what's what.

Our final proposal will go before the Foothill Transit governing board in May and if it is approved, the service reductions will be implemented in July of this year. That's a pretty fast turn around. But we'll be doing everything we can to get the information out to you – via our website, Footnotes, carrier pigeons, smoke signals, etc. You *will* be informed.

We know these are hard times for everyone and in a perfect world, we'd be coming to you with news about adding service rather than taking it away. Thanks again. For your understanding, your patience, and for riding with us.

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday on **Monday, May 31st**

the following Foothill Transit lines will be operating on a weekend schedule:

178, 185, 187, 195, 197, 269, 272, 274, 280, 281, 284, 285, 286, 289, 291, 292, 480, 482, 486, 488, 492, and the Silver Streak.

No other lines will be running.

The Claremont, Pomona and West Covina Transit Stores will be CLOSED.

The El Monte Transit Store will be open 7AM-12PM.

The Puente Hills Mall Transit Store will be open 10AM-9PM.

Have a safe holiday!

