

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ballet Folklorico Internacional de Lucia Parra

Saturday, April 15th
5pm-9pm
Cal Poly Pomona
General admission \$15.00
Take Lines 193, 195, 480, 482

City of Monrovia – 22nd Annual Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th
Recreation Park
For more info, call: 626-256-8246
Take Line 187

City of West Covina – Earth Day Fair

Saturday, April 22nd
10am-1pm
West Covina Civic Center Courtyard
1444 W. Garvey Ave.
For more info, call: 626-939-8400
Take Line 480

San Dimas Community Hospital Health Fair

Saturday, April 29th
9am-1pm
1350 W. Covina Blvd.
For more info, call: 909-599-6811
Take Line 284

Queen Victoria's legal first name was actually Alexandrina. Quite a mouthful. Michael McKinney from Covina was in on her secret, and as a result, he gets a free 31-Day Pass on us. April's topic is CHILL. Good luck!

Remember that all correct answers received by the last Friday of the month will be placed in a drawing for a free Foothill Transit 31-day pass! As always, employees of Foothill Transit contractors and their families are not eligible.

Please limit entries to **ONE** per customer.
ONE. Only ONE. Not two. Not five. ONE. We dig your enthusiasm. But let's play fair, ok?

In 1993, Cathy Wilkey won the World's Championship Chili Cookoff. In 2005, her husband Doug Wilkey did the same, but with a slightly different recipe. What were the names of their chili recipes?

- A. Big Momma Chili and Big Poppa Chili
- B. Puppy Breath Chili and Dog Breath Chili
- C. Capital Punishment Chili and Doing Time Chili
- D. You Shall Die Chili and No I Won't Chili

Send your answers to Footnotes, c/o Foothill Transit, 100 N. Barranca Ave., Suite 100, West Covina, CA 91791. 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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We make beautiful music together

The 2006 Hollywood Bowl season is almost upon us. Plan to take Foothill Transit's Bus to the Bowl.

From classical to country, from reggae to rockabilly, the Hollywood Bowl has a reputation for bringing you the stars. You can either sit and watch them on stage, or lean back on the grass and watch the ones in the sky.

But the traffic, you say. The parking. Nothing dampens the mood like the tedium of the freeways. No worries! We'll keep that mood intact and ready to roll. Ride the Foothill Transit Bus to the Bowl!

Four local pick up lots provide easy access for your favorite shows. Visit the Foothill Transit website (foothilltransit.org) prior to your show to check for pick up times and assigned locations. Show up, pay your fare, and off you go! We'll pick you up at the Bowl and whisk you back long before most people make it out of the parking lot.

Where do I get concert information?

You can call (323) 850-2000 or visit hollywoodbowl.com. Our Foothill Transit Stores also have copies of the season schedule while supplies last.

Where do I buy tickets?

Call Ticketmaster at (213) 480-3232, visit hollywoodbowl.com, or buy them in person at the Hollywood Bowl box office at 2301 N. Highland Ave. in Hollywood.

How much is the Foothill Transit Bus to the Bowl?

\$2.50 each way.

Where does the bus pick up passengers?

Check out our handy stop location table above.

What are departure times for a particular show?

Call (323) 850-2000 for departure details. Foothill Transit does not schedule the shuttles. Schedules are usually available one week prior to an event.

How do I take the right bus back to my parking lot?

Each lot has a specific bus line assigned to it. Make a note of which line serves your lot. Also, ask the bus operator. They'll be able to point you in the right direction.

Departure Locations:

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| Arcadia Park | Lot 12, Line 663 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. South of Huntington Drive. Bus stop in the parking lot. |
| Lakewood Center Mall | Lot 10, Line 660 Lakewood Blvd. and Candlewood St. Parking off Candlewood and Graywood. Bus stop in lot. |
| Pasadena | Lot 5, Line 655 NE corner of Marengo Ave. and Ramona St. Entrance off Ramona St. |
| Rowland Heights | Lot 15, Line 665 Schabarum Regional Park E. Colima Rd. and Azusa Ave. Parking off Colima Rd. Bus stop on Colima Rd. |

// Foothill News

Heads Up Chino

Rains have put a wrinkle in our route. Line 497 has some last minute changes in place. Read on for more details.

Our Line 497 customers will remember this scenario: a park and ride lot buckles under the weight of a bus and while CalTrans fixes it to withstand the weight, customers patiently adjust their commutes to accommodate the added seven minute detour required to continue the service.

If it sounds familiar it's because it happened. Same lot. Same buckling. Only this time, excess rain and rising ground water were the culprits. CalTrans, the owners of the Chino Park and Ride, now have to reinforce the ground underneath the parking lot. And in order to continue serving the customers who use the lot, Line 497 will have to pick them up at the street curb, adding that familiar seven minute detour.

The arrival times in downtown Los Angeles remain the same. We've tacked the seven minutes on to the beginning of the route at the Chino Transit Center, so customers who pick up the line there should take a look at the new morning schedule posted here and on the



website.

Since the damage at the Chino Park and Ride is more than skin deep, CalTrans is expecting the solution to take some time. When we get more details about the construction timeline, we'll let you know. In the meantime, we apologize for any inconvenience. And thank you for riding Foothill Transit.

| Chino Transit Center Westbound AM |
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| 4:41 |
| 4:56 |
| 5:11 |
| 5:16 |
| 5:31 |
| 5:46 |
| 6:01 |
| 6:16 |
| 6:31 |
| 6:46 |
| 7:01 |
| 7:16 |
| 7:31 |



// Your Ride

Not Why Fly. Not Mai Tai. WiFi. Coming to a bus near you.

Ah, technology. It's everywhere. You get coffee, there's WiFi. You go to lunch, more WiFi. Home? Probably WiFi'd too. And coming soon to a Foothill Transit bus near you? That's right. WiFi.

But what is WiFi? Wireless Fidelity. The Internet on the airwaves. WiFi is anywhere access with the proper technology. Your computer finds the connection, you sign in, and then work or play as though you're at home on your dial-up, DSL, or cable line.

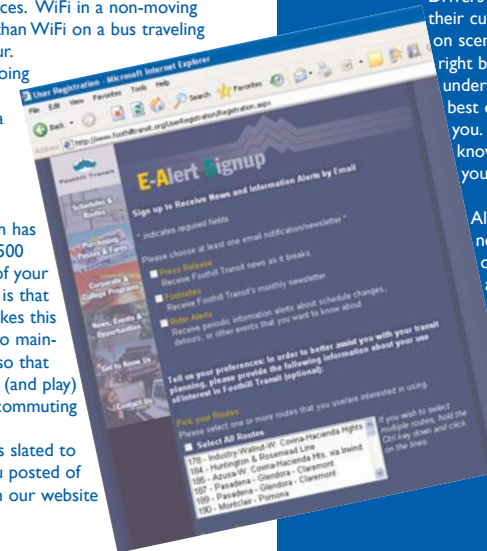
This is what we want to put on the bus. Reliable wireless access to the Internet so that you can check e-mail, surf the web, and conduct business as usual.

But before we can trick out the entire fleet, we have to put it through its paces. WiFi in a non-moving building is a different beast than WiFi on a bus traveling 30 miles at 55 miles per hour.

So as a test, we're going to load it onto a handful of buses and let them run for a few months. We'll let you know what lines and what buses will have WiFi access ahead of time.

The WiFi connection has promised speeds of 300 to 500 Kbps, about the equivalent of your average DSL line. The hope is that the new technology that makes this mobile WiFi possible will also maintain consistent data speeds so that customers are able to work (and play) without interruption while commuting around Los Angeles County.

The testing period is slated to begin in May. We'll keep you posted of the details both here and on our website at foothilltransit.org.



Did the March protests catch you off guard?

They kind of threw us for a loop too. Usually either the City of Los Angeles or the LAPD lets us know of street closures well in advance. Events, filming, and even protests require special permitting with the city before they take place. The student protests on March 27th were unplanned. Luckily, we were prepared.

The important thing during any unplanned disruption is to get people home safely. If a stop was closed off or inaccessible because of the protests, customers could hitch a ride to Union Station on any Foothill Transit bus and wait there for their usual line home. While there were delays in service (in some cases more than 30 minutes), everyone did get home. How?

The minute we found out, we directed all downtown buses to stop at Union Station before heading down the busway. The minute after that? We posted an E-Alert.

Drivers waited at Union Station for their customers and supervisors were on scene to help direct people to the right bus. For all your patience and understanding while we made the best of an unplanned situation, thank you. Delays can be frustrating. We know. We were right there with you.

You've been hearing about E-Alerts from us for about a year now. Many of you have signed on. Many of you have thought about signing on. The important thing is getting you home safely. And with E-Alerts, you're one step closer to your front door.

Sign up today at foothilltransit.org. Be in the know. We promise we'll get you home.