

The next Year of the Dragon is in 2012. Congratulations to San San Aye of El Monte! She starts off the Lunar New Year with a free 31 Day Pass. February's topic is, yes, SHAKESPEARE. 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?

All of Shakespeare's sonnets are numbered. What number is the sonnet printed on page one?

- A. 22
- B. 18
- C. 2
- D. 1,085

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 _____

EVENTS COMMUNITY

Valentine's Dance for Walnut Seniors

Wednesday, February 8, 2006
 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 Walnut Senior Center
 21215 La Puente Road

A Valentine's Day dinner dance just for seniors; complete with dinner and live music. Call (909)598-6200 to pre-register, \$2 Take Line 289

Black History Month Author's Panel

Tuesday, February 21, 2006
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Monrovia Library, Alvord Room
 321 South Myrtle Ave.

Call (626) 256-8274 for details
 Take Line 187

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Aye! There's the Bus Book!

Is it Shakespeare? Well, no, of course not. It's not timeless poetic verse by any stretch of the imagination. But I can tell you what it is. It is pure info.

That's right. Info. The finest info in Southern California. Do you think every bus in the nation has these? Nope. But they wish they did. One compact, well-written, comprehensive location for EVERYTHING you need to know about taking the bus. Lost and found? Covered. Passes? You got it. Maps. Schedules. Store locations. Holidays. Fares. Transfers. Safety tips. All info. All there. The only thing not covered in the Bus Book? That's right. Shakespeare. So here's a sonnet to keep you in the loop:

*Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
 Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
 Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
 And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
 Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
 And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
 And every fair from fair sometime declines,
 By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
 But thy eternal summer shall not fade
 Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
 Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
 When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
 So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
 So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.*

-William Shakespeare



// Foothill News



Street Beat

The scoop on Via Verde, parking, and what to do...

Customers who use the Via Verde Park and Ride should note that the City of San Dimas will be implementing new parking restrictions on the city streets adjacent to the park and ride lot.

So what to do? Not to worry. There are options.

We encourage our Via Verde customers to explore a plethora of park and ride alternatives. The Fairplex Park and Ride, Chino Hills Park and Ride, and Montclair Transit Center are viable options for those of you traveling from points east to pick up Line 499 in San Dimas. Most of the stops into downtown are similar, and all have our award-winning service with a smile.

Not quite sure which lot is right for you? We've taken some of the guess work out of it on our website. Once there, you can scout the park and ride location, see how many spaces it has, and links to the bus lines that serve it. Or if you need a map to find your way, use our handy Bus Book Park and Ride Map (here on the right) or use the website's interactive System Map. Once there, highlight the park and ride locations and click your way to Park and Ride 101.

(foothilltransit.org)

What's New?

Updated Schedules

What's a Spring Bus Book without change? Without growth? Without the subtle beauty of efficient planning? Nothing! Which is why we altered a few schedules to better accommodate customer requests. If your line is listed below, please take the time to review the new schedule:

189, 190, 272, 283-284, 291, 480, 497, 498, 499, 699

July 2006 Fare Change

Whoa, you say. Didn't we JUST do one of these last year? Yeah, we did. And just in time too. We expected fuel prices to go up, but no one predicted the massive fluctuations after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. When we proposed that fare change, we made it a two-part change. The first part was implemented in July 2005. The second is set to go into effect in July 2006. You can find the new fares in the new Bus Book. We'll be keeping you posted about the details in the coming issues of Footnotes, on the website, and at all six of our Transit Stores.

Via Verde Street Parking

ATTENTION: Line 499 customers who use the Via Verde Park and Ride! READ THE STREET BEAT ARTICLE ON THE LEFT. Important information awaits you about upcoming parking restrictions.

493/498 Eastbound Discharge

This really isn't a change so much as a reinstating of how things should be. Lines 493 and 498 will only stop at designated line stops. Makes sense right? This means designated 493 and 498 stops. The bus will no longer discharge customers at any Foothill Transit stop along the route. We're imposing this rule for several reasons, but the main one is *time*. Extra stops along the route mean adding time to the schedule, meaning a longer commute for all of our customers using those lines. We want to get you home on *time*. In addition, all eastbound stops east of Cal State LA will be discharge only. Because time won't give me time...so we're saving it instead. (Readers who get that reference are hereby declared 'cool'.)



// Your Ride

Remember these? They're not effective until July 1, 2006. But get to know them now and get ahead of the game. Next month we'll have more details on returns and exchanges, so stay tuned!

REYNO REPORT:

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES IN TRANSIT
BY DAVID REYNO

Where did 2005 go? In our home state, the legislature reconvened the 2nd year of its two year session on January 3rd. Bills carried over from last year had

to pass out of their house of origin by January 31st and new bills are required to be introduced by February 18th. Back east on the federal front, the Senate reconvened the 2nd year of its 109th session on January 18th, with the House of Representatives following suit on January 31st.

What's coming in 2006? Governor Schwarzenegger has recognized that the state's infrastructure is deteriorating fast and is seeking to implement a long-term, \$222 billion plan that would fund multiple projects. The transportation portion of this plan focuses on highway spending, with \$4.5 billion on the table for new intercity and commuter rail funding, most of which assists the state's rail services, and not local public transit. We're working with the governor to increase funding in the bus component of the plan.

He also unveiled the state budget for 2006 - 2007. Better than expected revenues have improved the deficit problem, but have not fully resolved it. How does this affect transit? Proposition 42 was passed by the voters in 2002 requiring the sales tax from gasoline sales to be dedicated to transportation. However, it has an escape clause written in it allowing the state legislature to take money if they felt a fiscal emergency existed. And that's exactly what they've done.

Federally, implementation of SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users) authorizes federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety and transit for a 6-year period. Because it took two years for federal lawmakers to pass the reauthorization bill, discussions have already begun on how to work with Congress to pass the next 6-year reauthorization bill.

It all boils down to money doesn't it? Investing public dollars in transit services and infrastructure allows agencies like Foothill Transit to focus resources in a way the benefits the communities we serve. It makes sense that funding is the top priority in order to keep the Foothill Transit buses you use to get you to work, school, shopping malls, the doctor's office, etc., running and on time.

Fare Increases

Effective July 1, 2006

Fare Type	CASH	31-Day Pass
Adult Local	\$1.10	\$55.00
Student Local	\$1.10	\$25.00
Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local	\$0.55	\$18.00
Local Plus* <i>Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690</i>	\$3.15	\$110.00
Discount Local Plus* <i>For eligible students, seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders.</i>	\$1.60	\$55.00
Commuter Express <i>Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699</i>	\$3.65	\$130.00
Discount Commuter Express <i>For eligible students, seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders.</i>	\$1.80	\$65.00

New Year. New Holidays.

Here they are. The days of change. Only three to keep your eye on...for now. We'll include the traditional holiday season in the Fall Bus Book. Until then, enjoy!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following Foothill Transit Lines operate on holidays using their Sunday schedule:

178, 185, 187, 190, 191, 193, 195, 269, 272, 274, 280, 281, 283, 284, 285, 289, 291, 292, 480, 482, 486, 488, 492.

No other lines will be running.

Memorial Day - Monday, May 29, 2006
Independence Day - Tuesday, July 4, 2006
Labor Day - Monday, September 4, 2006

For all winter holiday specifics, please call 1-800-RIDE-INFO or visit us at foothilltransit.org.