

# National Dump the Pump

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Yeah, if you're reading this, we're probably preaching to the choir. But that doesn't mean you can't get the word out! Bond with your workmates! Tempt them to transit! Send them to [foothilltransit.org](http://foothilltransit.org) to try the new Trip Cost Calculator so they can see how much they could save by taking the bus. You'll be glad you did! National Dump the Pump Day is June 8th!

Last month was a total gimme. Wrong answers made us weep. And OH the mail! But one person was chosen from the throngs to shine above all others. June's topic is VACATIONS. 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?**

June is vacation month. Well, actually, August is. But for the sake of this quiz, it's June.

## What's the top vacation spot for families in the U.S.?

- A. San Francisco
- B. Washington, D.C.
- C. Orlando
- D. Honolulu
- E. Seattle

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I ride Line # \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

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# New Fares

New Passes and cash fares highlighted on the left will go into effect July 1, 2006.

| CASH   |          | Metrocard   |          |
|--|----------|---|----------|
| Adult Local  | \$1.00   | Adult Local   | \$1.00   |
| Student Local  | \$1.00   | Student Local   | \$1.00   |
| Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local   | \$0.50   | Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local  | \$0.50   |
| Local Plus<br>Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690                                | \$3.00   | Local Plus<br>Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690                             | \$3.00   |
| Discount Local Plus<br>For eligible seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders.          | \$1.50   | Discount Local Plus<br>For eligible seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders.       | \$1.50   |
| Commuter Express<br>Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699   | \$3.65   | Commuter Express<br>Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699                                      | \$3.65   |
| Discount Commuter Express<br>For eligible seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders.    | \$1.80   | Discount Commuter Express<br>For eligible seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders. | \$1.80   |
| 31-Day Pass  |          | EZ Transit Pass   |          |
| Adult Local  | \$55.00  | Adult Local   | \$58.00  |
| Student Local  | \$25.00  | Student Local   | N/A      |
| Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local   | \$18.00  | Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local  | \$29.00  |
| Local Plus<br>Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690                                | \$100.00 | Local Plus<br>Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690                             | \$103.00 |
| Discount Local Plus<br>Sold as separate Student and Senior/Disabled/Medicare passes.       | \$50.00  | Discount Local Plus<br>For eligible seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders.       | \$51.50  |
| Commuter Express<br>Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699   | \$130.00 | Commuter Express<br>Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699                                      | \$133.00 |
| Discount Commuter Express<br>Sold as separate Student and Senior/Disabled/Medicare passes. | \$65.00  | Discount Commuter Express<br>For eligible seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders. | \$66.50  |
| Transfers<br>(purchased at the time you pay your fare)                                     |          |   |          |
| Transfers  | \$0.50   | Discount Transfers<br>For eligible seniors, disabled, and Medicare card holders.        | \$0.25   |

**June 20th**  
 New passes will be available for sale and use on this day. Visit your local Transit Store or pass outlet for details.

**July 1st**  
 New fares go into effect! Be prepared and have your new passes ready to go!

**July 31st**  
 The absolute last day you can activate an old pass and still get 31 days of use out of it. Because as of...

**September 2nd**  
 ... old passes will not be accepted in the farebox. Foothill Transit recommends switching over to the new passes at your earliest opportunity. We know that everyone needs time to adjust to the new fare changes. That is why we've put in some wiggle room to help with the transition.

There are some important public meetings coming up! We'll be presenting some proposed service changes and details about the new Silver Streak service. We want your input! See Page 2 and 3...

# Ch-ch-ch-changes

## Tons coming down the busway! Come have your say!

There comes a time, in a bus line's life, when thoughts turn to...routing. Traffic patterns change. Communities grow or shrink. And our job here at Foothill Transit, is to make sure our lines are still doing what they were designed to do: get people from Point A to Point B efficiently and effectively.

two new lines from the blend: Lines 196 and 197. Lines 193 and 195 will be linked up to form the new Line 196. Lines 190 and 191 will enjoy the same treatment, forming the new Line 197. These consolidations also eliminate having to transfer from bus to bus, creating a more direct connection to important destinations.

Line 283, which serves the cities of San Dimas, Glendora, Covina, and West Covina, is on the table for elimination due to low ridership. Does that mean there will be no Foothill Transit service connecting those cities? Not at all. Line 283 currently duplicates much of Line 851. With the elimination of Line 283, Line 851 service will be expanded to better accommodate customers during off-peak hours.

Line 189 is a route that has undergone many changes in its short lifetime. It currently runs service between Claremont and Glendora, traveling along a vast, stop-less stretch of Baseline Drive. Line 189 is currently the least-used route in our system, though lately it has seen a minor jump in ridership, probably due to climbing gas prices. It is being considered for elimination as well. Customer input will be vital here to help us better understand the impact its discontinuation might have on the communities it serves.

### This is very important.

Those changes on the left? The Silver Streak service we told you about in May? Those can't happen without your input.

Does Line 189 provide you with a vital link to services you need? Tell us about it. The Silver Streak is the next best thing to sliced bread? We want to hear that too. You think the whole basket of changes stinks? Lay it on us. Be detailed. Tell us why something works or doesn't work for you. Foothill Transit welcomes your input because you, the customer, are why we are here. So tell us what you think. We've set up several ways for you to talk to us.

Email us at: [servicechanges@foothilltransit.org](mailto:servicechanges@foothilltransit.org)

FAX us at 626-915-1143

Or mail your comments to:  
**Services Changes@Foothill Transit**  
**100 N. Barranca Ave., Suite 100**  
**West Covina, CA 91791**

And see the schedule on the right? Two public hearings and six public meetings have been scheduled throughout the San Gabriel and Pomona valleys. We'll give you all the details of what we're proposing, we'll answer your questions, and we'll use your comments as part of our planning process. Remember, nothing is set in stone. These are proposed changes. Your input could help us make better choices for the community.

And we'll accept all customer comments on these proposed service changes until August 31, 2006. So you have all summer to think it through. We look forward to your contributions.

#### Public Hearings/Audencia Publicas

**Saturday, July 15th, 10:00 a.m.**  
 Foothill Transit Administrative Offices  
 100 N. Barranca Ave., Suite 100, West Covina  
 Take Lines 281, 283, 284, 480, 488.

**Wednesday, August 23rd, 6:30 p.m.**  
 San Dimas City Hall, Council Chambers  
 245 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas  
 Take Lines 189, 492, 284

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**Wednesday, June 14th, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Foothill Transit Administrative Offices  
 100 N. Barranca Ave., Suite 100, West Covina  
 Take Lines 281, 283, 284, 480, 488.

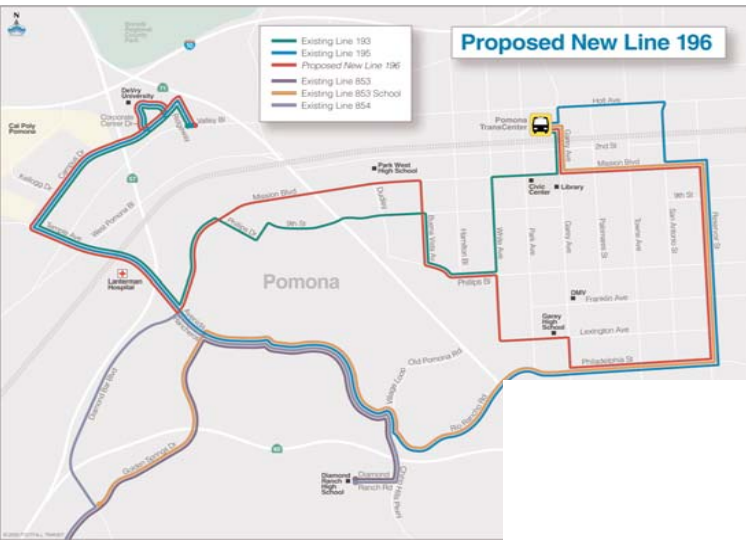
**Wednesday, June 28th, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Joslyn Senior Center  
 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont  
 Take Lines 855, 492

**Wednesday, July 12th, 6:30 p.m.**  
 San Dimas City Hall, Council Chambers  
 245 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas  
 Take Lines 189, 492, 284

**Wednesday, July 26th, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Pomona Library Conference Room  
 625 S. Garey Ave., Pomona  
 Take Lines 193, 291, 480

**Wednesday, August 9th, 6:30 p.m.**  
 El Monte Station  
 Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector  
 3369 Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte  
 Take Lines 178, 269, 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494

**Wednesday, August 16th, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Joslyn Senior Center  
 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont  
 Take Lines 855, 492



Several variables are used in measuring how effective our bus lines are. Safety is always number one. But along with safety, we look at ridership and routing. Do bus lines mimic each other? Are we efficiently serving your community? How can we maximize the positive impact for all our customers in a given area? In other words, we look to apply the greatest good with limited resources. We want transit that makes sense.

Listed here are a few proposed changes that need your input. In the case of Lines 190, 191, 193, and 195, we're proposing to consolidate a little and create