

Your editor is not a big chill fan, but tons of you did your homework (Thanks, Google!). The Wilkeys brought home ribbons with Puppy Breath and Dog Breath recipes. Jess Hernandez from Azusa, who rides more lines than we have space to mention, wins a free 31-Day Pass for his superior Google-Fu. May's topic is FLOWERS. 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?

This should be a gimme. Our mailbox should be overflowing with entry forms on this one. Why are we giving you an easy one? Because we like May. We like flowers. And even more? We like you.

What is the California State Flower?

- A. The Bolivian Sunflower
- B. The Russian Peony
- C. The CALIFORNIA Poppy
- D. The English Rose

(Hint: it grows in California. A lot.)

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 _____

Fiesta 2006 Paradise Island hosted by Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

May 12th, 13th, and 14th
435 Berkley Ave. Claremont, CA 91711
For more details call 909-626-3596
Take Foothill Transit lines 189, 190, 292, & 855

Perform-A-Thon Community Showcase hosted by Future America

Saturday, May 20th
11:00AM – 4:00PM
West Covina Civic Center
1444 W. Garvey Avenue South
Free admission
Take Foothill Transit lines 178, 185, 274, 281, 283, 284, & 480

Remembering Our Veterans Event – Hosted by Michael D. Antonovich * Supervisor, L.A. County

Saturday, May 27th
10:00AM - 3:00PM
Arcadia County Park
405 S. Santa Anita Ave.
For more info, call 626-967-1441 or 909-394-2264
Take Foothill Transit lines 184, 187, & 189

Fabulous 50's Party Dinner & Dance - hosted by the La Fetra Center, Glendora

Friday, June 23rd
6:00PM-10:00PM
333 E. Foothill Blvd.
Tickets \$6.00 & \$8.00
For more info, call 626-914-8235
Take Line 187

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The Big Issues

ISSUE

We have more issues than a magazine rack. Have an issue? Here's a tissue. Oh the jokes we could use. In this case, the issues in question are the starting points for some really incredible changes coming to Foothill Transit. These are issues we want to talk about. Really. We do.

Fare Changes

Let's take a little trip down memory lane. Last year, the Foothill Transit Governing Board approved a two-phase fare increase. The input we received from you at our public meetings regarding the fare changes was instrumental in helping us craft the final fare chart. The first phase went into effect on July 1, 2005. We're happy to say things have gone well with Phase I. So well in fact, that we went back to the Governing Board on May 3, 2006 and requested a partial postponement of Phase II. They approved.

That's right. We're holding back a few of the planned fare increases for Phase II. The new and improved fare chart is on Page 2. As before, the new Phase II will go into full effect on July 1, 2006. Details about old pass exchanges and purchasing new passes are next to the new fare chart.

Keep in mind, not all of the fare changes got put on the back burner. Some of you are on the bus because gas prices have spiked into

new levels of crazy. The bus is the better option, hands down. That said, Foothill Transit has to find a way to keep things moving while paying twice to three times more on fuel than what we did two and three years ago. Some fare increases are unavoidable. And we're always looking for other ways to maximize efficiency without passing the cost onto our customers.

Silver Streak

Wow. This is happy valley mobility in a nutshell. Forty miles of route from Montclair to Los Angeles on state-of-the-art, 60 foot, articulated buses. It's service this region has never seen before, and Foothill Transit is looking to launch it in March of 2007. It's going to make taking the bus a breeze. Easy boarding. Effortless connections. Plenty of room. Frequent service. It's positively *dreamy*. But before we overcome you with our enthusiasm, take a look on page 3. See what's in store and then let us know what you think.

At Foothill Transit, we welcome customer input. Always. Please read the information carefully, including the new bits about Foothill Transit's new and revolutionary step at keeping you upwardly mobile: The Silver Streak.

Service Changes

Change is good, so big change is better. Right? We're going to be

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Foothill Transit contracts with Veolia Transportation for management and administrative services, and with First Transit for operations.



// Foothill News

Fair Fares

To the right is a fare chart that shows the previous Phase I fare changes and the new Phase II fare changes. As you can see, some of the fares are NOT going up as previously planned.

On the cash side, everything except the Commuter Express fares are staying the same. And the Commuter Express Cash fare is going up only \$0.15 (\$0.05 for the discount fare).

31-Day Passes are a slightly different story. In this case, everything is changing except the Local Plus fares.

Transfers had no changes scheduled for Phase II of the fare increase. They remain the same price and are purchasable at the time you pay your full fare.

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

Customers will be able to exchange UNACTIVATED old passes for new passes at no extra charge until July 31st at any one of our six Foothill Transit Stores. Up to two pass exchanges will be allowed before proof of purchase is required.

After July 31st, UNACTIVATED old passes can be exchanged at face value toward the purchase of a new pass at one of the six Foothill Transit Stores until August 30th. After August 30th, unactivated old passes will not be accepted for exchange.

IMPORTANT: Activated passes are not eligible for exchange or credit.

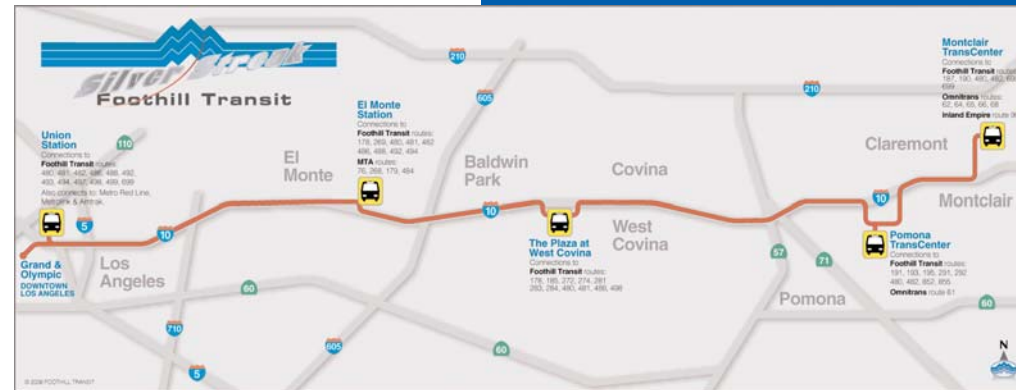
CASH FARE (Phase II effective July 1, 2006)		
FARE TYPE	PREVIOUS FARE	NEW PHASE II
Adult Local	\$1.00	\$1.00
Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local	\$0.50	\$0.50
Local Plus	\$3.00	\$3.00
Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local Plus	\$1.50	\$1.50
Commuter Express	\$3.50	\$3.65
Senior/Disabled/Medicare Commuter Express	\$1.75	\$1.80
31-Day Pass (Phase II effective July 1, 2006)		
FARE TYPE	PREVIOUS FARE	NEW PHASE II
Adult Local	\$50	\$55
Senior/Disabled/Medicare Local	\$14	\$18
Student Local	\$23	\$25
Local Plus	\$100	\$100
Discount Local Plus K-12, local college students, seniors, medicare card users, and persons with disabilities.	\$50	\$50
Commuter Express	\$120	\$130
Discount Commuter Express K-12, local college students, seniors, medicare card users, and persons with disabilities.	\$60	\$65
Transfers (no change from 2005)		
Transfer	\$0.50	\$0.50
Senior/Disabled/Medicare Transfer	\$0.25	\$0.25

Transfer upcharges on Commuter Express lines will change on July 1, 2006 to reflect the fare changes on Commuter Express lines. The transfer policy remains the same.

Foothill Transit transfers are worth the value of the customer's local fare. **Customers wishing to use a transfer to board Local Plus or Commuter Express service must pay the difference.**

Local Plus Lines:	Transfer + \$2.00
Commuter Express Lines:	Transfer + \$2.65
For Senior/Disabled Local Plus Lines:	Transfer + \$1.00
For Senior/Disabled Commuter Express Lines:	Transfer + \$1.30

// Your Ride



So how is the Silver Streak revolutionarily different from the service we've been providing so far? What's all the hubbub? We couldn't be more glad that you asked.

As shown on the map above, the new Silver Streak mimics the route followed by one of Foothill Transit's most popular lines: the 480. The 480's other distinction is that it is also our longest line, both in length and time to travel. Over 40 miles long, and assuming local traffic on surface streets isn't at a crawl, it can take over two hours to travel it from end to end. We noticed that the bulk of customer interest for both boarding and disembarking were at five hub locations: Montclair, Pomona, West Covina, El Monte, and Union Station. Now if only we could trim some time, serve those main locations, and do so with safety, style, and simplicity.

Beginning in March of 2007, Foothill Transit will do exactly that. State-of-the-art vehicles, measuring 60 feet in length and able to carry 58 customers will stop at these station locations, allowing boarding through three doors instead of one. It's like a rail line on rubber tires, utilizing HOV lanes and the El Monte Busway to further expedite customer travel across the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys.

Can you blame us for being enthusiastic? Want us to try and convince you in person? We are holding many public information meetings from June through August at locations throughout our service area to gather your comments on the plan for this new service. The first one though, is here at the Foothill Transit Administrative Office on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. You can take Line 480 to our doorstep at 100 N. Barranca Ave. We'll greet you at the door.

Can't make a meeting? Send us comments via e-mail at either silverstreak@foothilltransit.org for Silver Streak remarks or serviceschanges@foothilltransit.org for the proposed changes on the lines listed above. You can also FAX us your comments to 626-915-1143 or mail us at 100 N. Barranca Ave., Suite 100, West Covina, CA 91791.

Silvery Goodness

Here's our proposed plan...

Station Stops:

Montclair Transit Center
Pomona Transit Center
The Plaza at West Covina
El Monte Station
Union Station

Factoids:

Silver Streak Length - Approximately 40 miles from Montclair to Grand and Olympic Echoes the existing route of Line 480, Foothill Transit's longest and most popular line, with fewer stops and faster service along the 10 Fwy.
Destination Travel Time (approx.):
Montclair to Pomona, 17 mins
Pomona to West Covina, 28 mins
West Covina to El Monte, 19 mins
El Monte -toDowntown, 27 mins
Total Travel Time: 91-96 mins depending on time of day

Fares:

\$2.00 one way cash fare
\$80 monthly pass
50% discount for seniors and per-

sons with disabilities.

Transfer lines:

Montclair Transit Center:
187, 190, 480, 482, 690, 699
Omnitrans lines - 62, 64, 65, 66, 68

Pomona Transit Center:
191, 193, 195, 291, 292, 480, 482, 852, 855
Omnitrans line 61

The Plaza at West Covina:
178, 185, 272, 274, 281, 283, 284, 480, 481, 488, 498

El Monte Station:
178, 269, 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494
Metro routes: 76, 268, 179, 484

Union Station:
480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 493, 494, 497, 498, 499, 699
Also connects with Amtrak, Metrolink, and the Metro Red Line



Thank you for riding Foothill Transit.