

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Claremont Sunrise Rotary Turkey Trot
 Thursday, November 26
 Registration 6:00am
 Kid's 1K Fun Run 7:30am
 5K Walk/Run 8:00am
 Depot in Claremont Village
 1st Street & Harvard
 Pre-Registration \$25
 Pre-Registration (12 - under) \$15
 Race Day \$30
 Race Day (12 - under) \$20
 Group Rate (10 or more save \$5 per runner)
 For more information visit www.claremontsunriserotary.org Take Foothill Transit Lines 187, 197, 480, 492

City of Monrovia Holiday Parade
 Thursday, December 3
 7:00pm
 Myrtle Avenue in Old Town Monrovia
 Free family event featuring classic cars, equestrian units, bands and Foothill Transit minibus! For more information call 626-256-8230.
 Take Foothill Transit Line 187.

Covina Christmas Invitational Parade and Band Competition
 Saturday, December 5
 6:30pm
 Free family event featuring floats, bands, classic cars and the Foothill Transit minibus. Parade takes place on Badillo St. beginning at Second Ave. It proceeds west to Hollenbeck Ave., turns south to Puente St. For more information please visit www.covinaca.gov or call the Parks & Recreation Department at (626) 384-5340.
 Take Foothill Transit Line 185.

We kind of made last month's trivia a gimme. Yes, the Rose Bowl shuttle picks up at the Parsons Park and Ride in Pasadena - by the way, the LAST home game is November 21st. See page two for details. Janet Sanders, who rides Line 492 got it, so she will be receiving her free Foothill Transit Pass. This month's trivia subject? The Ecoliner. Is the answer in his issue too? Uh huh. Good luck!

Please limit entries to ONE 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 new Foothill Transit Ecoliner is a highly advanced electric bus, coming in April 2010. How long does it take to recharge the battery?

- A: 10 hours**
- B: 10 minutes**
- C: 10 seconds**
- D. Overnight**

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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Public Information Meetings: We need your input regarding upcoming proposed service changes for 2010!

At Foothill Transit, we work hard to make sure that we are responsible stewards of your tax-payer dollars. We run a lean and tight ship without cutting corners on safety or quality. This means we often carefully review ridership in order to make sure that we're running an efficient service - it's in our mission statement and we take it pretty seriously.

It's no secret to anyone that times are tight - especially where transportation dollars are concerned. The state recently *eliminated* - not reduced or slashed but *completely erased* - millions of dollars in transit funding. So we're looking to streamline a few lines that have light ridership during certain times of the day. You can find the details about these proposed changes on page three.

Public input is a vitally important part of the planning process - this is your public transportation service after all. We need to know how these changes will impact how you use public transportation. So we're holding two

public information meetings to present the changes in detail and to gather your input and answer your questions.

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, you have a few other ways to let us know what you think:

- **E-MAIL:** service2010@foothilltransit.org
- **FAX:** 626-967-4608
- **LETTERS:**

**Service Changes 2010, Foothill Transit
 100 South Vincent Avenue, Suite 200
 West Covina, CA 91790**

Or come into any one of our five Transit Stores and fill out a comment flyer. The last day to submit your comments will be Friday, December 4th.

Thanks for taking the time to tell us what you think. And as always, thank you for riding Foothill Transit.

**December 1, 2009, 6:30PM - El Monte Station
 Metro San Gabriel Valley - Conference Room, 3449 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte
 December 2, 2009, 6:30PM - Pomona Public Library
 Public Conference Room, 625 S. Garey Ave., Pomona**



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Last home game of 2009!

We have ONE LAST trip into the arroyo for 2009, and then we wait until January 1st - Rose Bowl Day - to make a big comeback. When's the last home game?



November 21st vs. Arizona State

The Foothill Transit free Rose Bowl shuttle runs from Old Town Pasadena at the Parson's Park and Ride at Walnut and Fair Oaks down to the front gates. The buses begin running three hours before game time and begin transporting people back to Old Town Pasadena at halftime - which will come in handy if your team is breaking your heart with soft plays and klutzy catches.

Nearby residents and fans in the San Gabriel Valley are encouraged to take Foothill Transit Line 187, which runs every 30 minutes on Saturdays along the 210 corridor, to the stop adjacent to the park and ride at Fair Oaks and Walnut (seriously, it's so convenient!). Check foothilltransit.org or call us at 1-800-RIDE-INFO (800-743-3463) for the stop closest to you.

The Parson's Park and Ride is charging \$12 for parking. But we promise, the bus ride down to the arroyo is totally and completely free.

And don't forget! We're also running special service for the Rose Bowl Game on Friday, January 1st and (drumroll) for the BCS Championship Game on Thursday, January 7th! Are you ready for some Foothill? (We just never get tired of saying that.)

Happy Thanksgiving from Foothill Transit!

Oh the weather outside's delightful, and the bus ride downtown's not quite full. But we've still got work to do...

We'll let you fill in the rest. Yes, it is THAT time of year already. The holidays always catch people a little off guard. So many parties. So many presents. The LAST thing you want to worry about is whether or not you can get home in time for some nog. So without further ado...

On Thursday, November 26th, Friday, December 25th, and Friday, January 1st, the following Foothill Transit Lines will provide service according to their weekend schedules: 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 on those holidays. Or more specifically, the lines that don't actually HAVE weekend schedules will be offline. That's basically the Commuter Express lines. If you get off work early on the Eves (December 24th and 31st), we recommend the Silver Streak as a possible alternative for early holiday escapes. Visit foothilltransit.org for maps and schedules or call us at 800-RIDE-INFO (800-743-3463)

As far as the Foothill Transit Stores are concerned - all Foothill Transit Stores will close at 6PM on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The West Covina, Claremont, Pomona, and El Monte Transit Stores will also be closed on New Year's Day. The Puente Hills Mall Store will be open on New Year's Day 10AM to 6PM.

From all of us at Foothill Transit, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. And thank you for riding Foothill Transit.

We need your input regarding upcoming proposed service changes for 2010!

On page one we told you when, where, and how to give us your input about the proposed service changes for 2010. Well, here they are. Take a look and then let us know what you think and how it affects you.

Line	Current Service	Proposed Change	Reasoning
Silver Streak	Equal service levels eastbound and westbound at 10 to 15 minute frequencies	20-minute frequency in non-peak direction	This change would reduce the frequency to every 20 minutes in the non-peak direction.
Silver Streak	15 to 20-minute weekend frequency	30-minute frequency	Boardings decline significantly on weekends. 30-minute frequency will satisfy the weekend demand.
Line 855	Travels along Radcliffe (a residential street)	Eliminate Radcliffe-Baseline loop.	Low ridership on Radcliffe. All transfer connections will be maintained.
Line 699	23 westbound morning trips and 23 eastbound afternoon trips	Cancel three westbound late morning trips and one early afternoon trip and spread remaining trips to meet demand	Low ridership on the late morning and early afternoon trips.
Line 480 (9:00 am - 2:30 pm)	30-minute weekday/weekend frequency	60-minute frequency during off-peak hours	Lower ridership during off-peak periods.
Line 291 (9:00 am - 2:30 pm)	15 to 20-minute frequency weekday service	30-minute frequency during off-peak hours	Lower ridership during off-peak periods.
Line 195 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)	14 trips each direction	Cancel three trips	Lower ridership during off-peak periods.
Line 187	Weekend Service beginning at 4:40 am	Cancel five trips in the early mornings	Lower ridership during off-peak periods.
Line 185	20 to 30-minute weekday frequency, 30-minute frequency weekend	Hourly service off-peak on weekdays and weekends	Lower ridership during off-peak periods.

Really. It couldn't get any greener.

This is huge. Historical, even. Friends, Foothill Transit would like to introduce the Ecoliner, the region's, and the world's, first ever in-route, fast-charging electric bus.

Green technology has come a very long way in a very short time. Prior models of electric buses required extensive time - often overnight- in order to fully recharge. This meant that you'd run your typical route once, maybe twice, and the bus would be done for the day. It wasn't practical for the type of service we run. But we kept looking for the right solution to come along. And here it is - the Foothill Transit Ecoliner.

Thanks to a powerful recharging station design and highly advanced battery systems, the Ecoliner recharges in only 10 minutes. All the bus operator has to do is "dock" the bus in its charge and voila - zero emissions public transportation so we can all breathe easier.

We'll be giving you more info about the Foothill Transit Ecoliner as the launch date gets closer. When? April 2010. It's just around the corner. We were so excited that we wanted to give you a sneak peak first.



The Ecoliner Project is funded entirely by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and in no way impacts the agency's budget for service.