

The Southern California Renaissance Pleasure Faire

April 16th through May 22nd
10PM – 6PM
Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area
15501 E. Arrow Highway
Irwindale, CA 91706
(626) 334-1065
Take Lines 272, 492

Police Expo & Family Security Show

Sunday, May 15, 2005
10AM – 3PM
Irwindale Speedway
13300 E. Live Oak Ave.
Take Line 492

YWCA of San Gabriel Valley Women of Achievement Luncheon

Friday, June 3, 2005
Pacific Palms Conference Resort
One Industry Hills Parkway
City of Industry
Call 626-960-2995 ext. 21 for more information.

MONTHLY CONTEST

There's an old saying that muses, "the journey never dies." Little did we know exactly how true this was. Many of you, it seems, are closet Journey fans, and for that, we pat you on the back for your fortitude. Steve Perry himself entered this contest, but alas he didn't know his own band's discography as well as John Magdaleno from Arcadia, who rides line 184. Congratulations, John! This month's topic is **THE BOYS OF SUMMER**. 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.**

The Chicago Cubs used to escape the cold weather in Illinois to play ball in sun, sand, and sea air. What Los Angeles County city did they once call home?

CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER:

- A. Malibu
- B. Redondo Beach
- C. Avalon
- D. Santa Monica

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

thank you

FARE CHANGES COMING SOON

Your input was vital during this process. Thank you for participating. We've listened and made changes.

Like you needed a bright orange article to get your attention, right? We know this information is important so we didn't want to take any chances that you might miss it. Yes, the fares are changing. Some are going up. Some are going down. These fares were the direct result of a thorough financial examination and customer input. We'll go into details later. But for the moment, we'll repeat the reasons why.

For one, the cost of operating the service has skyrocketed. Between fuel prices, new security concerns, and the purchase of state-

mandated technologies, Foothill Transit is caught between multiple rocks and hard places. If those were the only factors, the agency would already have plenty of reasons to move forward.

There is another, however, that gives this a little more urgency. Foothill Transit will be losing over \$3 million of its operating subsidy funds this fiscal year. The formula that determines how we earn our subsidy is partly based on fare revenue. Unfortunately, fare revenue has remained virtually stagnant.

New fares go into effect: July 1, 2005

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// Your Ride

Fare Changes

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This puts us in the position of making changes to our fare structure that will increase the subsidy.

We presented our fare proposal to you, the public, in Footnotes, in brochures, on interior cards, on the website, and at four public information meetings. You responded in person, via fax, letters, and e-mail. Changes were made to the proposal based on your input and presented proposal to the Executive Board for approval on April 22nd. They voted to send the proposal to the Governing Board on May 4th for final approval. The changes to the original fare increase proposal, especially where it concerned seniors and persons with disabilities, met with their approval. The end result is the fare changes will go into effect on July 1, 2005.

What is different this time around?

Several of the public comments we received honed in on one area of concern: local senior and disabled fares. We know that customers on fixed-incomes use the local routes for every day errands, appointments, and community events. Qualifying customers will be happy to hear that we're actually reducing the senior/disabled local cash fare. The passes for seniors and persons with disabilities are still going up, but not from \$10 to \$25, as originally proposed. Senior/Disabled Local Passes will go up to \$14 with the hope that the smaller increase will soften the impact of these necessary fare changes. Transfer increases were also lowered by 50 percent for eligible customers.

Fare Changes for 2005:

CASH		Metrocard	
Adult Local	\$1.00	Adult Local	\$1.00
Student Local	\$1.00	Student Local	\$1.00
Senior & Disabled Local	\$0.50	Senior & Disabled Local	\$0.50
Local Plus Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690	\$3.00	Local Plus Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690	\$3.00
Discount Local Plus For eligible seniors and disabled.	\$1.50	Discount Local Plus For eligible seniors and disabled.	\$1.50
Commuter Express Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699	\$3.50	Commuter Express Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699	\$3.50
Discount Commuter Express For eligible seniors and disabled.	\$1.75	Discount Commuter Express For eligible seniors and disabled.	\$1.75
31-Day Pass		EZ Transit Pass	
Adult Local	\$50.00	Adult Local	\$58.00
Student Local	\$23.00	Student Local	N/A
Senior & Disabled Local	\$14.00	Senior & Disabled Local	\$29.00
Local Plus Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690	\$100.00	Local Plus Lines: 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494, 690	\$103.00
Discount Local Plus For eligible students, seniors, and disabled.	\$50.00	Discount Local Plus For eligible seniors and disabled.	\$51.50
Commuter Express Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699	\$120.00	Commuter Express Lines: 493, 497, 498, 499, 699	\$133.00
Discount Commuter Express For eligible students, seniors, and disabled.	\$60.00	Discount Commuter Express For eligible seniors and disabled.	\$66.50
Transfers (purchased at the time you pay your fare)			
Transfers	\$0.50	Discount Transfers For eligible seniors, and disabled.	\$0.25

Students, seniors, and persons with disabilities will also notice the introduction of discount Local Plus (previously known as Express 3) and Commuter Express (Express 5) passes and fares. Please make sure you're purchasing the right pass for the service you use.

You'll also notice changes to the K-12 and College passes as well, lowering the proposed pass increase by \$2.

The rest of the fare changes are basically the same as the original proposal we presented back in March. The first round will go into effect in July 1, 2005.

PLEASE take the time to review these upcoming fare changes thoroughly. If you have any questions about how these new fares affect you, give us a call at 1-800-RIDE-INFO. Our friendly customer service staff is ready to assist you.

New passes will be available for purchase and use beginning June 16, 2005. The new fares go into full effect on the buses on July 1, 2005. Visit www.foothilltransit.org for details.

Again, thank you for your patience and input. And thank you for riding Foothill Transit.

// Foothill News



Marathon Man

He went the extra 26.2 miles...and took the bus

On March 6th, Richard Pacheco didn't report to his usual shift on Line 492. Instead he hopped on board Line 480 to downtown Los Angeles to sign in for his second run of the Los Angeles Marathon.

"I first ran it in 1995," said Richard. "I thought I would try it again in ten years. It just happened to be the 20th anniversary marathon. It made it kind of special."

In 1995, Richard finished the marathon in five hours and fifteen minutes. He was hoping he'd be able to finish in four hours this year. "It didn't happen," he said, laughing. "I guess I'm older and out of shape. That's the way it goes."

The final timer had him down for seven hours and twenty-eight minutes. But the finishing time didn't get him down. Along the route, he saw Mayor Jim Hahn and Halle Berry cheering runners on. And every time his legs cramped or he felt like he had to stop, random strangers would shout at him not to give up and to keep going.

"The mayor wished me good luck," he said. "Each mile was difficult. But so many people were cheering me on. I had to finish."

The last time Richard finished the marathon, he had driven himself to the starting point in his car. But at the end of the race he got into his car and couldn't move. He sat there for two hours while waiting for his legs to regain their strength.

"I learned my lesson this year. I took Line 480 to the race and back. There was no way I would have been able to drive it. I just relaxed and let the bus do the work. It was much easier."

He added that the bus operators who took him back and forth were supportive and helpful. When he told the operator on his trip back that he was disappointed in his finishing time, the operator told him to be proud of finishing.

"Foothill Transit is a part of my life," he said thoughtfully. "It felt right to be on one of our buses at the end."



Richard en route.



Richard at the finish line.

Making Magic at the Hollywood Bowl

Well, we're not the ones MAKING it, persae. We'll leave the artistry to Joshua Bell, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Femi Kuti, Tony Bennet, Natalie Cole, and a shell-full of other musical greats. Our expertise is in getting you there without the hassle of traffic and parking.

No hassle? No traffic? No losing the car in the parking lot? Getting to this summer's Hollywood Bowl concert series is music to your ears when you take Foothill Transit. For details and departure schedules, call 323-850-2000.

Departure Locations:

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.