

Before he adopted the name Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland was known as Maewyn Succat. He was born in Britain and was sent to work as a shepherd in Ireland when he was 16. Congratulations to Donna Murray of Duarte, who rides Line 494. This month's category is Spring. Good luck!

Remember that all correct answers received by the last Friday of the month will be placed in a drawing for the free 31-day pass! As always, employees of Foothill Transit contractors and their families are not eligible. Please limit entries to one per customer.

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

I ride Line # _____

Daytime phone _____

Evening phone _____

Here is this month's question:

On the first day of Spring, the hours of daylight and of darkness are equal.

Answer: True? or False? (circle the correct answer)

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

<p>City of Diamond Bar 15th Birthday Celebration</p> <p>Sunday, April 18, 2004 Pantera Park 738 Pantera Drive Noon - 6PM</p>	<p>City of Baldwin Park Cinco de Mayo</p> <p>Saturday, May 1, 2004 Morgan Park Corner of Ramona and Baldwin Park Blvd. 10AM-4PM Accessible by lines: 178, 272</p>
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Starting May 1st:
MTA Tokens will be no longer be accepted.
Plan ahead and buy passes instead!

CUSTOMER ADVISORY

As of May 1st, the MTA token will not be accepted fare on Foothill Transit buses.



We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, but be assured that your fare options are plentiful. We encourage you to begin switching over to other accepted Foothill Transit fares before the May 1st cancellation date.

A cash fare of \$1.10 is always welcome, as are Metrocards, EZ Transit Passes, which are valid on 17 local transit agencies including Metro Bus and Rail, our own 31-Day pass, as well as the senior, college, and disabled discount passes.

Also beginning May 1st, only the El Monte Station Transit Store will continue selling MTA tokens for use on MTA buses.

Thank you for your cooperation while we make this change. For information about schedules and accepted fare media, call 1-800-RIDE-INFO or visit us on the web at www.foothilltransit.org.

Public Information

Meeting Scheduled Regarding Proposed Service Reductions

Details on page 3.

Wednesday, April 14th
6:30 p.m.
Pomona Public Library
Public Conference Room
625 S. Garey Ave.
Pomona 91766
Take lines/lines:
193, 291, 480

Thursday, April 15th
6:30 p.m.
Claremont City Hall
Council Chambers
207 Harvard Avenue
Claremont 91711
Take lines/lines:
187, 189, 292, 294, 480, 492

Saturday, April 17th
9:00 a.m.
Foothill Transit
Administration Offices
100 N. Barranca Ave.
Lobby Level
West Covina 91791
Take lines/lines:
281, 283, 284, 480, 488

// Your Ride Gimme Shelter

New Irwindale bus shelters cover customers with curb appeal

Foothill Transit customers can now wait for their bus with new comfort and style thanks to a recent financial partnership with the City of Irwindale to improve its bus stops along Irwindale Avenue.



Construction began in October of 2003, after the City Council approved the design specification that required the shelters reflect the heritage of the community.

"The design was a vision that we long wanted to bring to Irwindale," said Irwindale Mayor Mark Breceda. "As such, the design follows a Spanish missionary motif."

All thirteen of the new shelters follow the path of Line 185, which travels north and south along Irwindale Avenue. The largest shelters, which are 13 feet in length, sit at the intersection of Arrow Highway. New benches are expected in mid-April.

Foothill Transit contributed \$84,850 to the project, with the rest of the funds coming from Proposition A and C funding and the city's General Funds coffer.

"We are quite proud of the result," added Breceda.

The shelters should be completed by the end of April, just in time to provide customers with ample shade from the summer sun.



Along the Way: Line 281
Endpoints: Puente

Hills Mall and Historic Route 66 in Glendora
Connections:
Puente Hills Mall: Lines 178, 185, 280, 289, 482, & 493
West Covina Pkwy: Lines 178, 185, 272, 274, 283, 284, 480, 481
Eastland Shopping Center: Lines 283, 284, 480, 488, 851 & MTA 490
Covina Metrolink Station: Los Angeles & San Bernardino Lines
Citrus College: 187, 189, 488, 498

Points of Interest: Line 281 has convenient stops at Puente Hills Mall, Queen of the Valley Hospital, Westfield Shopping Center, Eastland Shopping Center, Covina Metrolink Station, Citrus College and Glendora on Route 66 and Grand Avenue. Customers transferring in West Covina at the Westfield Shopping Center are able to travel north to Irwindale or Glendora, west towards El Monte or Los Angeles or east towards Pomona and Montclair area. The connection to a Metrolink train will allow you to travel westbound to Downtown Los Angeles or eastbound to San Bernardino County, which will then allow you to transfer to Omnitrans or Riverside Transit Authority at the Montclair Transit Center.

Call 1-800-RIDE-INFO for more details, Metrolink can be reached at 1-800-371-5465. Omnitrans can be reached at 1-800-966-6428 and Riverside Transit Authority can be reached at 1-800-800-7821.

Your 31-Day Pass is in the bag!



Get a FREE tote bag when you purchase a 31-Day Pass anytime from April 12th to the 16th at your local Foothill Transit Store. Call 1-800-RIDE-INFO for a Store location near you!

// Foothill News

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS: Proposed Service Reductions for September 2004

In September 2002, Foothill transit implemented a 12% service increase with the expectation that ridership would also increase. Unfortunately, ridership has not grown to utilize the expanded services. Because of this, Foothill Transit is proposing reductions in service in response to this issue.

The following proposals will be discussed at three public meetings prior to the Foothill Transit Executive Board meeting on April 26th and at the May 5th Annual Meeting of the entire Foothill Transit Governing Board.

If approved, the following changes will be implemented with the next service change scheduled to take place on September 5, 2004.

We welcome public comment and input on these upcoming service changes and have scheduled Public Information Meetings in Claremont, Pomona, and West Covina to receive your feedback. (See the front page for details)

If you are unable to attend these meetings, you are welcome to submit written comments to us by April 17, 2004, via regular mail at the Foothill Transit Administrative Office, 100 N. Barranca Ave., Suite 100, West Covina 91791, by fax at 626-967-4608, or via email at comment@foothilltransit.org.

Elimination of Weekend Service: Lines 184, 191, 193, 289

►Service along Line 184 is also provided by lines 187/189 and MTA 79, 266, and 489.

Consolidation of under-utilized trips on Express lines

►Consolidating service for Express lines to provide a more efficient service.

Decrease Weekday/Weekend Frequency:

Weekend: 272, 280, 292, 480
Weekday: 184, 272, 280, 292

►Frequency of 20 minutes for Line 280 on weekdays and Line 480 on Sundays.

►Frequency of 30 minutes for Line 280 on weekends.

►Frequency of one hour for Line 272.

►Line 292 to operate only during peak hours.

►Frequency of 60 minutes on Line 184 on weekdays.

Route Restructuring: Lines 184 and 294

►Elimination of Gold Line service on Line 184.

►Elimination of Line 294.

We always appreciate your input.

Thank you for riding



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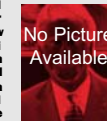
Employees of the Month Congratulations!



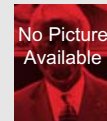
Operator of the Month
Donald Robinson



Employee of the Month
Salvador Garcia



Operator of the Month
Michael Gavrin



Employee of the Month
Buford Carter