

Even with a hint buried inside the question, people were stymied and flumoxed about last month's trivia question. Were we too vague? We thought an Icelandic film, horror or not, would obviously have to pay tribute to the Ultimate Grand Poobah of Ice himself, Senor Vanilla. Camille Gomez nailed it, so she gets a free 31-Day Pass. November's topic is, appropriately enough, NOVEMBER. 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?

In the ancient Roman calendar, November was which month?

- A. Ninth
- B. Tenth
- C. Thirteenth
- D. First
- E. Trick question! The ancient Romans didn't HAVE a November! HA!

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 _____

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Police/Fire Expo and Family Security Show

Saturday, November 4th
10am-3pm
L.A. County Fairplex
1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona
For more information, call (818) 239-3165.

Annual Health & Safety Fair

Monday, November 13th
9am-12pm
Esther Snyder Community Center
4100 Baldwin Park Blvd., Baldwin Park
For more information, call (626) 856-4108.

Diamond Bar Community Foundation Holiday Gala

December 2nd
Diamond Bar Center
1600 S. Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar
For more information, call (909) 861-0090.

*From all of us at Foothill Transit,
have a safe and happy
Thanksgiving holiday.*

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Election 2006

From the farebox to the ballot box, it's time to be heard.

Did you know that you vote everyday? In a manner of speaking anyway. By using public transit, you're saying that this is an important part of your life. You made the extra effort to schedule your day, to sit in that seat, to join everyone else sitting with

you to get where you need to go. And as always, thank you for riding Foothill Transit.

But then there are the actual elections. They happen every year and offer a cornucopia of ways for you to have a direct say in how the government operates. If you take the time and effort to use the farebox, it's not a huge leap to do the same with the ballot box.

And yes, we've never really done an election issue with Footnotes before. But there are some really important issues up for the vote this year that

could have a significant impact on public transportation throughout the entire region. We want you going into the election process with as much information as possible.

Do we want you to vote a certain way? No.

We just want you to vote. These issues directly affect you (and by extension, us). You should use your voice and make yourself heard. And this is the big moment when the government, from local all the way up to federal, is really listening.

See page two for a summary of propositions that have a direct impact on public transportation. Election day is November 7th. Be heard. To find out where your polling place is, visit <http://lavote.net/locator/> or call 1-800-815-2666.

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

Proposition 1A

Transportation Funding Protection Legislative Constitutional Amendment

Summary:

Protects transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads. Prohibits the state sales tax on motor vehicle fuels from being used for any purpose other than transportation improvements. Authorizes loans of these funds only in the case of severe state fiscal hardship. Requires loans of revenues from state sales tax on motor vehicle fuels to be fully repaid within the three years. Restricts loans to no more than twice in any 10-year period. Fiscal Impact: No revenue effect or cost effects. Increases stability of funding to transportation in 2007 and thereafter.

What a Yes vote on this means:

The State Constitution would specify additional limitations on the state's ability to suspend the transfer of gasoline sales tax revenues from the General Fund to transportation. In addition all past suspensions would be required to be repaid by June 30, 2016, at a specified minimum rate of repayment each year.

What a No vote on this means:

The State Constitution would not further limit the state's ability to suspend the transfer of gasoline sales tax revenues. State law, instead of the State Constitution, would specify when past suspensions would be repaid.

Proposition 1B

Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006

Summary:

This act makes safety improvements and repairs to state highways, upgrades freeways to reduce congestion, repairs local streets and roads, upgrades highways along major transportation corridors, improves seismic safety of local bridges, expands public transit, helps complete the state's network of car pool lanes, reduces air pollution, and improves anti-terrorism security at shipping ports by providing for a bond issue not to exceed nineteen billion nine hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$19,925,000,000). Fiscal Impact: State costs of approximately \$38.9 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Additional unknown state and local operations and maintenance costs.

What a Yes vote on this means:

The state could sell \$19.9 billion in general obligation bonds, for state and local transportation improvement projects to relieve congestion, improve the movement of goods, improve air quality, and enhance the safety and security of the transportation system.

What a No vote on this means:

The state could not sell \$19.9 billion in general obligation bonds, for these purposes.

Ok, that's great. But what does that mean?

Here's a basic breakdown for the public transit customer...

The Los Angeles County MTA could receive about \$940 million and would send about 15% to municipal bus service operators.

Foothill Transit, Montebello Transit, Claremont Dial-A-Ride and Arcadia Dial-A-Ride could receive an estimated share of \$49.2 million. This could result in park and ride expansions for the San Gabriel Valley.

Rail projects, such as the extension of the Los Angeles to Pasadena Gold Line light rail project to Montclair, could also receive MTA programmed funding.

\$2 billion could be distributed statewide (LA County share of funds estimated at \$410 million or 23%) for transportation projects put on hold due to suspension of gas tax for transportation purposes. In San Gabriel Valley, this could accelerate the I-10 HOV completion.

\$1 billion could go to projects that provide increased security and safety for transit operators as well as to develop disaster response transportation systems that can move people, goods and personnel after a disaster.

Store News

ATM CARDS:

Beginning Wednesday, November 1st, all Foothill Transit Stores will stop accepting ATM cards for payment. ATM cards with the Visa or Mastercard logo will be processed as a credit card.

WEST COVINA STORE:

It's hard to believe that, after years of searching and waiting, Foothill Transit will be moving to its new offices at 100 S. Vincent Ave. in West Covina.

Many of you use the Transit Store located at our current offices at 100 N.

Barranca Ave. But when we pack up the offices, we'll also be packing up the Store.

The West Covina Store will close up shop on Barranca Ave. sometime in December. It will reopen on the second floor of 100 S. Vincent Ave. in early 2007. For those few intervening months while the West Covina location is closed, we encourage you to use one of our five other locations.

Claremont

200 W. First St.
M-F 7AM-6PM
1st & Last SAT:
10AM-2PM

Duarte

1740 E. Huntington Ave.
M-F 10AM-7PM
1st & Last SAT:
10AM-2PM

El Monte Station

3501 Santa Anita Ave.
M-F 7AM-6PM
SAT 10AM-2PM

Puente Hills Mall

1600 Azusa Ave.
M-F 10AM- 9PM
SAT 10AM-8PM
SUN 11AM-6PM

Pomona

100 W. Commercial Ave.
M-F 7AM-6PM
1st & Last SAT:
10AM-2PM



The holiday season in Southern California doesn't quite fit with the usual bucolic snowy scenery that we often see on greeting cards this time of year. Instead, we have to put up with beautiful weather, misty mountains, and the wandering aroma of tamales coming from Olvera Street (which, by the way, is an easy ride on Line 480. We do it a lot here.). Gee, how we Los Angelenos suffer so. Not.

One other hallmark of the season is our holiday bus schedules. You can also find these on page 7 of the new Fall Bus Book (página 14 en español), but we thought it would be a good thing to put them here, too. So, from all of us here at Foothill Transit, we hope you and your family have a happy and safe Chrismahanukwansticceus. What?

WINTER HOLIDAY BUS SCHEDULE

The following Foothill Transit Lines operate on holidays using their Sunday schedule:

178, 185, 187, 190, 191, 193, 195, 269, 272, 274, 280, 281, 283, 284, 285, 289, 291, 292, 480, 482, 486, 488, 492.

No other lines will be running.

Thursday, November 23, 2006
Monday, December 25, 2006
Monday, January 1, 2007

For all winter holiday specifics, please call 1-800-RIDE-INFO or visit us at foothilltransit.org.

WINTER HOLIDAY STORE SCHEDULE

All stores will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, November 23, 2006
Monday, December 25, 2006

In addition, the Claremont, Duarte, Pomona, and West Covina Stores

will be closed on the following days:
Friday, November 24, 2006
Saturday, December 30, 2006
Monday, January 1, 2007

See foothilltransit.org for El Monte Station and Puente Hills Mall schedules.