

NCTD BUS SCHEDULE for Oceana Residents.

Transportation Update - February 2010

SENIOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Senior residents of Oceana (55+) have a variety of Breeze Bus, Sprinter, Coaster and Amtrak public transportation available to us. Most Senior Discounts start with 60+ years of age.

Our local Breeze Bus stop is across the street from the Seabreeze office at Vista Bella and Vista Oceana. All buses use the same side of the street. The shelter next to the office also belongs to NCTD but is no longer used.

Routes 313 (East and west-bound) and 309 (north and south-bound) stop here on a regular schedule that can be found along with maps of their routes and stops in the free Rider's Guide found on the bus. Doris Hughes also tries to keep copies of the Guide in the Lobby.

DESTINATIONS

313 Oceanside and 313 Transit Center North run on weekdays only, both leaving about half-past the hour.

313 Oceanside takes Mesa Drive westward to Mission Ave and then to the Senior Center, Oceanside High School, and the Oceanside Transportation Center. Coaster, Metrolink, and Amtrak trains, as well as Breeze Buses and the Sprinter light rail train also stop here.

313 Transit Center North takes Mesa Drive to El Camino High School, Lowes, Ralphs, and then to Transit Center North for Kmart, Henry's, movie theaters, and Walmart.

309 Encinitas (South-bound) takes El Camino Real to the El Camino Sprinter Station, past the Social Security office, then past Trader Joe's, Michael's, and Barnes and Noble to the Carlsbad Westfield Mall Transit Center next to Sears and Macy's, passing a large strip Mall with Walmart, Stater Brothers, and lots of other stores. This route ends at the Encinitas train depot.

309 Transit Center North takes El Camino Real to Mission Avenue for Stater Brothers, Ace Hardware, 5/99 Department store, American Mobility, Albertson's, and the Oceanside Police Department. It goes past a CVC Drugstore and the Oceanside Golf Club to Vandergriff Blvd and then past KMart and Henry's to the Transit Center North at Walmart.

309 Routes run about every half-hour on weekdays, and hourly on weekends and Holidays. The last bus comes up the hill to Oceana from Mission Ave about 9 pm.

FARES

Single rides cost \$2.00 for 55+, \$1.00 for 60+ seniors. Day passes, good for the day purchased, cost \$5.00 for 55+, \$2.25 for 60+ seniors. Transfers are not issued on Trains and Buses.

Senior, Disabled, Medicare passes for 60+ cost \$18.00, are good for Breeze, Sprinter, and MTS (City of San Diego) Buses and Trolleys. Monthly passes, including SDM for 60+ seniors, are now plastic cards that hold electronic credit for the pass. This Compass Card can be renewed for cash or credit card at ticket vending machines or at the NCRT customer windows. They can be recharged at Von's Stores. They can be registered at NCRT for replacement in case of loss.

Coaster Trains run weekdays and Saturdays. The Schedule is on page 96 of the Rider's Guide. Fares are paid at machines at the Transit Center, using new bills or credit cards. The Coaster does not run on Sunday. The Coaster runs only between Oceanside and the San Diego Santa Fe Station, and is operated by NCTD.

Amtrak does not sell fares for the Coaster or Metrolink Trains. Metrolink connects Oceanside to various Routes in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside Counties. Metrolink fares are sold from machines at the Oceanside Transit Center. It is not a NCTD train.

Amtrak fares must be bought at the Amtrak ticket windows at the Oceanside Transit Center. Some Amtrak routes use buses from Oceanside.

The Senior Center on Route 313 Oceanside sells books of coupons for Taxi service for \$45 that give a large discount for Taxi rides. The Senior Center at El Corazone Park will be on route 317 from the Rancho Del Oro Sprinter Station, hourly on weekdays only.

SHUTTLE BUSES

The shuttle buses from Downtown Oceanside to Oceanside Harbor no longer run. Some major events such as Harbor Days may run special shuttles to the Harbor, usually free.

For more help and information, Dial 511 or go to www.gonctd.com.. and good luck with that. (This is not a link.)

The distance from our residences to the Bus Stop is too far for some of our residents to walk. This can be a serious problem for non-drivers.

There is a special ADA paratransit service called LIFT described in the Rider's Guide.

NCTD will send a special bus to our Bus Stop to teach users of wheel chairs how to get on and off Breeze buses.