



May 9, 2019

To: Transit Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: June 2019 Bus Service Change

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Overview

The June 2019 Bus Service Change consists primarily of minor schedule changes to bus routes which address summer demand, road construction, coach operator input, and customer requests for improved connections. These changes are considered minor and do not require a public hearing.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Background

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) implements schedule and route revisions to selected bus routes three times a year, in February, June, and October. The next bus service change is scheduled for implementation on June 9, 2019. Major changes to bus service may be implemented in fiscal year 2019-20 with the October 2019 and February 2020 service changes as part of the comprehensive OC Bus 360° Program.

Discussion

The June 2019 bus service change includes adjustments to 20 OCTA bus routes designed to address seasonal demand, as well as improve connections and on-time performance. A summary of the changes planned for the routes included in the June 2019 bus service change is provided in Attachment A, and a map of impacted routes is shown in Attachment B.

2019 Orange County Fair Express Service

Included in the June 2019 Bus Service Change is the special event service supporting the 2019 Orange County Fair (OC Fair). The OC Fair Express service consists of nine shuttle routes operating from various areas throughout Orange County. This very popular service has been operating for several years and is planned to be partially funded with a grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reductions Review Committee.

Because of vehicle and manpower availability, the service will operate on weekends only for the duration of the OC Fair, similar to last year. Attendance is the highest on weekends, and this service reduces traffic congestion at the fairgrounds. This service carried nearly 80,000 passengers in 2018. The routes will operate with a frequency of between 15 minutes - 40 minutes, depending on the route. A map of the OC Fair Express network for the 2019 OC Fair season is provided in Attachment C.

Service Change Highlights

- Implement schedule adjustments on ten routes to improve on-time performance and improve connections between routes,
- Continue detours on three routes due to Interstate 405 construction,
- Implement detours on three routes during construction at the Fullerton Transportation Center, and
- Implement summer schedule on three routes due to heavier traffic on coastal routes.

The proposed service changes are projected to reduce service by 582.1 annual revenue hours, which may be used during future service changes to improve service levels or on-time performance.

Title VI and Environmental Justice Analyses

Title VI and environmental justice analyses are not required for the June 2019 bus service change because the changes are considered minor per OCTA policy.

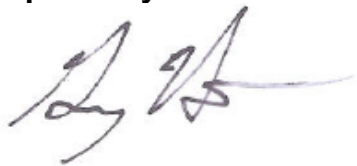
Summary

The June 2019 bus service change consists of minor changes and adjustments to bus schedules, which address summer demand, road construction, coach operator input, and customer requests for improved connections. Notification of the changes to customers is expected three weeks prior to implementation of the service change.

Attachments

- A. June 2019 Bus Service Change Summary
- B. June 2019 Bus Service Change System Map, Schedule and Route Adjustments
- C. 2019 OC Fair Express System Map

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