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May 8, 2017

Mr. Kia Mortazavi
Executive Director of Planning
Orange County Transportation Authority
550 South Main Street
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Re: Request for Changes to Routes 1, 55, 57 & 79 Servicing the Newport Transit Center

Dear Kia:

First off, I would like to extend my thanks to the Orange County Transportation Authority for their efforts to troubleshoot and collaborate with the Newport Beach Police Department and the City of Newport Beach as a whole; OCTA and OCSD staff have worked diligently with us to address some longstanding issues at the Newport Transit Center (NTC) during this past year.

Because the businesses in Fashion Island area are generally closed by 9 p.m., the City of Newport Beach would like OCTA to strongly consider ceasing the lines going to and from the NTC by no later than 11 p.m., which is also consistent with the current posted closing hours of the NTC (i.e., 11:15 p.m. to 5 a.m.), which the Newport Beach Police Department enforces under our municipal code.

We brought this issue up with OCTA staff and they researched the matter. See attached. Starting in October 2017, OCTA staff is recommending that after 11 p.m. buses going on Routes 1 and 79 will be discontinued as part of the Span Program due to a lack of ridership at those hours. We agree and support this move.

As to Routes 55 and 57, OCTA Staff advised us they would need a written request from the City of Newport Beach by May 10, 2017 to cut back the hours of operation to 11 p.m. due to the fact there is evidence of some ridership past 11 p.m. Therefore, we respectfully request OCTA also reduce the hours of operations for Routes 55 and 57 to 11 p.m. based on the rationale identified above. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

If possible, we would also like to see the bus lines that service the NTC to end at the source as opposed to the NTC, which is located in a remote and isolated business district with no resources for anyone dropped off there that may not have access to housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Kiff". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a cursive "Kiff".

Dave Kiff
City Manager
City of Newport Beach

Attachment: OCTA Document Showing Ridership at NTC