



May 10, 2018

To: Transit Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: June 2018 Bus Service Change

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority implements changes to bus routes three times each year. The June 2018 bus service changes consist of minor adjustments to bus schedules in response to customer and coach operator input, as well as changes in summer demand.

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 June 2018 bus service change consists of minor changes to bus schedules in response to customer and coach operator feedback. OCTA implemented major changes to bus service in the October 2017 and February 2018 service changes as part of the comprehensive OC Bus 360° Program.

Discussion

The June 2018 bus service change includes schedule adjustments to 19 OCTA bus routes designed to improve connections and on-time performance. A summary of the changes planned for the routes included in the June 2018 bus service change is provided (Attachment A), as well as a map of these routes (Attachment B).

Route 1 and Route 89 Changes

During the summer, additional service will be added to Route 1 and Route 89 during the peak beach traffic periods to maintain the schedules for these routes. The new Route 1 schedule also makes permanent a recent detour where the service stays on Pacific Coast Highway through the City of Laguna Beach instead of serving the Laguna Beach Bus Station. This change was made based on a request from the City of Laguna Beach, and to improve the speed of the Route 1 service.

2018 Orange County Fair Express Service

Included in the June 2018 Bus Service Change is the special event service supporting the 2018 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 funded by a two-year grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Review Committee.

Similar to last year, the service will operate on weekends only for the duration of the OC Fair because of vehicle and manpower availability. Attendance and demand for parking is the highest on weekends, and this service reduces traffic congestion at the fairgrounds. This service carried 87,541 passengers in 2017. The service will operate the same frequency of service and hours of operation as the prior year; however, this year, Route 691 from south Orange County will provide service from the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station instead of the Junipero Serra Park 'N Ride in San Juan Capistrano. The new location offers enhanced amenities such as expanded parking and public restrooms. A map of the OC Fair Express network supporting the 2018 OC Fair season is provided in Attachment C.

Title VI and Environmental Justice Analyses

Title VI and Environmental Justice Analyses are not required for the June 2018 bus service change because the changes are considered minor per OCTA policy.

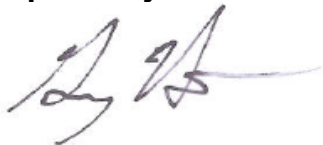
Summary

The June 2018 bus service change consists of minor changes and adjustments to bus schedules in response to customer and coach operator comments, as well as seasonal adjustments. Notification of the changes to customers is expected three weeks prior to implementation of the program.

Attachments

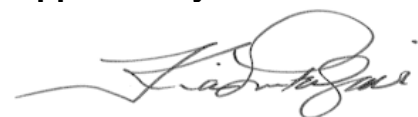
- A. June 2018 Bus Service Change Summary
- B. June 2018 Bus Service Change System Map, Schedule and Route Adjustments
- C. 2018 OC Fair Express System Map

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