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Simi Valley Budget

# FAQ: EMPTY BUSES

## **WHY IS THE CITY PAYING TO DRIVE AROUND EMPTY TRANSIT BUSES?**

It isn't. Simi Valley Transit does not use any City funding. Costs are paid from State and Federal grant funds plus user fares (farebox revenues). The City could stop offering Transit, but there would be no savings to the City budget other than indirect administrative costs such as providing accounting, legal, and other support, and Transit reimburses the City for these costs. The City would also lose a service that allows people to go to and from work and school.

## **ARE THE BUSES EMPTY?**

According to the recent Short-Range Transit Plan prepared by a consultant for the City, they are not. Certain Routes, such as A, B, and C, have the most riders particularly during peak commute times. Route D, on the other hand, accounts for only 6.8% of riders. The Short Range Transit Plan currently underway is making recommendations to improve bus usage and effectiveness.

## **WHAT IS THE CITY DOING ABOUT TRANSIT?**

In 2017 the City hired a consultant to review Simi Valley Transit operations and make recommendations for improving efficiency and effectiveness. The results are still being analyzed but the consultant is suggesting better coordination of transfer times, potential partnerships with the School District and Moorpark College, potential outsourcing of all or some Transit operations in the future, and other changes. The City Council is reviewing the results and approving changes over time. Please visit the City's website for more information on the [Short Range Transit Plan](#).