



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

Home of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

April 9, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Samantha Argabrite
Deputy City Manager
(805) 583-6701

SIMI VALLEY TRANSIT MAKES MODIFICATIONS TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF PASSENGERS AND DRIVERS DURING CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

Simi Valley Transit recognizes the critical need for transportation during the Coronavirus emergency and is making modifications to its passenger experience to protect its riders and drivers.

Riders continue to use Simi Valley Transit for essential trips to work and the grocery store, and the City recognizes that this may be the only means of transportation for many of our residents. Therefore, while Transit service will continue, the City announced that beginning Friday, April 10:

- The City will no longer charge a fare on the Fixed Route System. Previously, the City had moved to accept cash and electronic payment only; however, by not collecting fares at all, there will be little chance for interaction between the rider and bus driver.
- Passengers will only load and unload from the rear door of the bus. This measure will enhance social distancing on the bus. Seating on the buses has previously been decreased to ensure social distancing between passengers, and an additional 6-foot buffer will be implemented between the driver and passenger compartment.
- Passengers are encouraged to wear masks. While masks are not required, following the recommendation of the CDC and best practices of other local transit agencies, Simi Valley Transit invites its passengers to wear masks while riding the bus. The City has been providing masks to its drivers, but the City does not have the ability to provide masks to passengers.

Please visit www.vcemergency.com for the most up to date information on the Coronavirus emergency and www.simivalley.org/covid19. If you believe you are experiencing symptoms, please contact your primary health care provider for an evaluation.

###



Brian Paul Gabler
City Manager