

High Gas Prices Taking a Bite?

New Employee Benefit!!!

The Board of Supervisors recently approved a new employee transit benefit that:

- Allows County of Ventura employees to establish pre-tax payroll deductions for reimbursement of qualified public transit commuting expenses.
- Save up to 30% or higher in transit costs by taking advantage of federal and state tax breaks. No “use it or lose it” penalty for active participants.

Brochures are available at the Human Resources Help Desk located in the Main Plaza at the Government Center or call Benefits Help Desk at (805) 654-2570.

GoVentura - “Smart Card”

Next generation bus pass which acts like a pre-paid phone card that can be used on any public bus in Ventura County.

- The E-Purse (“Smart Card”) is ideal for the new transit benefit program. This card holds a prepaid dollar amount, making it a perfect pass for riders who use the bus for commuting.
- Transfer from one bus to another without the hassle of exact change or stickers. Save 10% discount over the regular fares.

The E-Purse can be purchased at the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), located across the street from the Government Center at 950 County Square Drive Suite 207, Ventura, CA 93003, Phone: (805) 642-1591.

Existing Transit Service to the Government Center

SCAT (soon to be Gold Coast Transit): SCAT offers local bus services throughout the County of Ventura. This service is ideal for local City of Ventura residents. For schedules and fees go to: <http://www.goventura.org/home/>

VISTA Hwy 101/Conejo Connection: These bus routes cover Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Westlake, Warner Center. Buses start arriving at the Government Center at 6:35am and the last bus departs at 5:40pm. Beginning August 20th, VISTA will add an additional trip that will leave the Government Center at 5:10pm, stopping at the Esplanade and Carmen Plaza before arriving at the Thousand Oaks Transit Center at 6:10pm.

Other VISTA routes include Hwy 126 covering Ventura, Santa Paula and Fillmore and Coastal Express covering Santa Barbara and surrounding areas.

New Express Bus Service from Ojai and Oxnard Coming Soon!

In October, Gold Coast Transit (SCAT) will begin new express services to the Government Center from Ojai and Oxnard Transportation Center. Schedules and fares to be announced shortly.

Guaranteed Ride Home:

Should you ever miss your bus or carpool because of working late, etc., the County Transportation Commission will reimburse your taxi fare (with certain restrictions). For more information, call (805) 642-1591 or visit <http://www.goventura.org/home/>.

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