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EL MONTE'S ANNUAL 'BEACH BUS' RIDES AGAIN BEGINNING JUNE 5TH

El Monte, Calif. – Beginning Saturday, June 5, El Monte Transportation Services will be picking up passengers at the El Monte Trolley Station, 3650 Center Ave., and taking them to the Huntington Beach Pier. The \$3 round-trip service, dubbed the Beach Bus, is a bargain for beach lovers, teens on vacation, swimmers and sun worshippers of all ages looking for a convenient and stress-free way to the beach. The Beach Bus will run every Tuesday and Saturday throughout the summer.

“With the Beach Bus program, El Monte is offering an inexpensive recreational outlet for our community, and we hope families will take advantage of the service,” said Transportation Services Manager Deborah Moraza.

Passengers can take a Tuesday round-trip bus leaving the Trolley Station at noon. Saturday trips leave an hour earlier, at 11 a.m. Both days the bus leaves the Huntington Beach Pier at 6 p.m. for an estimated one-hour ride (depending on traffic), and should return to El Monte by 7 p.m.

Carry-on items such as tote bags, small coolers and boogie boards are allowed on the bus but must fit within the passenger's seating space. Surfboards, large coolers and bikes are not permitted since there is no overhead or under bus storage.

“This is really a great service that the Transportation Office is offering,” said Councilwoman Norma Macias. “Many of us love the beach but it can be such a hassle, and financial strain due to gas prices, to drive one's own car and struggle to find parking. With the Beach Bus, El Monte residents will be able to enjoy the beach all summer long without any of the hassle.”

Tickets for the Beach Bus are now available for purchase at the El Monte Trolley Station ticket office during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Trolley station is located one block west of Tyler Ave. on the corner of Valley Blvd. and Center St., next to the Metrolink Train Station. The price of a round trip ticket is \$3. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For additional information and specific Beach Bus dates and policies, please call the El Monte Trolley Station at (626) 580-2242 during regular business hours.

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