



COMMUTER UPDATE

March 23, 2006

Evening Board Meeting March 27, 2006 at 7:00pm

The AVTA Board of Directors hold two evening meetings per year, to accommodate commuter passengers who wish to attend. The Board will hold its next evening meeting on Monday, March 27, at 7:00 pm at the AVTA Administration and Operations Facility at 42210 6th Street West in Lancaster.

If you would like to address the Board, be sure to complete a comment card and give it to the board secretary prior to the start of the meeting. A copy of the meeting agenda is printed on the back of this Commuter Update.

Do not leave your bags unattended at the transfer centers!



Many of our commuters have developed a habit of placing personal items in line at the bus stop, intended to hold their place in line while they return to their cars to wait for the bus. AVTA would like to discourage this practice as several of our passengers have recently had items stolen. Facility management and AVTA do not assume responsibility for stolen items.

REMEMBER:

The kiosk hours have changed, No cash accepted at PTC or LCP kiosks

Please note the following hours which are now in effect:

KIOSKS

On peak days only (last business day and first two business days of the month)

PTC kiosk will be open at 3:45am to 10am.

Check, transit vouchers, debit and credit card transactions ONLY will be accepted.

LCP kiosk will be open from 3:30am to 6:30am Check, transit vouchers, debit and credit card transactions ONLY will be accepted.

The AVTA business office at 42210 6th St. West will be open every weekday evening until 8pm and on Saturday during peak days from 10am to 3pm. **Cash transactions will be accepted only at the AVTA office.** Check, transit vouchers, debit and credit card transactions will also be accepted at the AVTA office.

The PTC kiosk will also be open weekdays from 6am to 10am on off peak days.

The cost of your April pass will be increased

Increased fares will affect your

April commuter pass.

Remember that you get a 10% discount
when you order online!

Route 785	Current	April 06 passes
Monthly Pass	\$191	\$210
EZ Pass	\$208	\$228
10 Trip Ticket	\$ 67	\$ 75
One-way Trip	\$ 10	\$ 10

Route 786	Current	April 06 passes
Monthly Pass	\$207	\$227
EZ Pass	\$228	\$248
10 Trip Ticket	\$ 67	\$ 75
One-way Trip	\$ 10	\$ 10

Route 787	Current	April 06 passes
Monthly Pass	\$169	\$189
EZ Pass	\$193	\$208
10 Trip Ticket	\$ 67	\$ 75
One-way Trip	\$ 10	\$ 10

Seniors and Disabled rates are 1/2 the current established fare. Passengers using Senior/Disabled fares must show photo I.D.

You can help speed the process when purchasing your pass by:

- 1 Make it easy on yourself and order your pass online! Get a 10% discount for doing so. Sorry, no discount on the EZ Pass.
- 2 At the kiosk, arrive early and have your ID and credit/debit cards ready - know your PIN number. Have your check already made out. Make sure your company transit check is valid.
- 3 Provide correct information: your route number • reduced fare or EZ pass?
- 4 Purchase your pass at the AVTA administration office weekdays until 8pm or on peak Saturdays from 10 to 3.

FARE EVASION IS AGAINST THE LAW

It has come to our attention that there may be several fare evasion scams taking place on AVTA commuter routes. If you are guilty of this, and are caught, you will be banned from riding the bus and prosecuted appropriately.

**ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006 7:00PM
42210 6TH STREET WEST, LANCASTER CA 93534
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

DECLARATION OF AGENDA POSTING

COURTESY REMINDER

Please turn off, or set to vibrate, all cell phones and pagers for the duration of this Meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

If you wish to address the AVTA Board on any agenda item but are unable to stay until the item is called, your testimony may be taken at this time. Please give your completed Speaker Card (available as you enter the Board Room) to the Board Secretary. Speaking clearly, state your name and place of residence, and spell your name for the record. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This portion of the Meeting allows the Public the opportunity to address the Board of Directors of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority on any item regarding Agency business that is not on the Agenda. **State law prohibits the Board from taking action on non-agenda items.** Your matter will be referred to the Agency's Executive Director for follow-up. Individual speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.

PUBLIC SESSION

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1 Approval of Minutes for the February 27, 2006 Board Meeting

CC 2 Approval of Expenditures for the Month of February 2006

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM 1 CONSIDERATION OF STAFFING CHANGES RELATED TO ANALYST II – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, PASS SALES AND CASH HANDLING

Summary: The proposed changes as outlined in the staff report would modify the organizational structure of AVTA, increasing it from 17.0 full time employees to 18 full time employees. It is anticipated that the proposal will be cost neutral.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the changes to positions, staffing levels and job descriptions as described in the staff report.

ITEM 2 CONSIDERATION OF BUS COOLING IMPROVEMENTS

Summary: We continue to experience problems with the Detroit Diesel series 40 and series 50 engines. With summer approaching we hope to minimize additional issues created by the heat by installing vented engine covers on local transit coaches.

Recommendation: That the Board authorize AVTA to enter into an agreement with Complete Coach Works (CCW) to install vented engine covers on all local transit coaches.

ITEM 3 CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY DAY

Summary: AVTA has been asked to support the Antelope Valley Community Day on May 3, 2006 through the provision of on-board promotional literature and free rides on the day of the event. The event will be held at Lancaster City Park and will not require modification of local transit service.

Recommendation: That the Board authorize AVTA to promote and support the Antelope Valley Community Day.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- RA 1** Operations Report
Presentation: MV Transportation General Manager
- RA 2** Senior Advisory Committee Report
Presentation: Anne Bell
- RA 3** Executive Director's Report
Presentation: Randy Floyd
ITS Update
Wheels in Motion
Projects Update
Series 50 Engine Update
Santa Clarita Maintenance Facility Grand Opening Invitation
Travel and Training Log

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS

This portion of the Meeting allows the Board Members to address each other and the Staff on any item not on the Agenda regarding Agency matters. State law prohibits the AVTA Board from taking action on items not on the Agenda. Matters will be referred to the Executive Director for follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT