

PRESS RELEASE SERVICE REDUCTION

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El Centro, CA (March 26, 2020) – Based on the current events surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Imperial County Transportation Commission is implementing a reduction in service for its fixed route services. Services effected include Imperial Valley Transit (IVT), IVT Blue Line, IVT Green Line and IVT Gold Line.

Public transit remains a critical lifeline during crisis events, it provides worker access to jobs that support community needs, provides access to essential services and resources like supermarkets, health care and medical needs. In order to balance the need to protect IVT employees while providing a vital public service, the following modifications will be implemented effective Monday, March 30, 2020 until further notice:

IVT Fixed Route service will operate on a Saturday schedule during weekdays Monday thru Friday (Please refer to the schedule located on our website (www.ivtransit.com)).

The following is a summary of the modifications:

- **1 South** will run Saturday schedule, Monday through Friday 7:10 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., Saturday and Sunday schedule to remain the same.
- **1 North** will run Saturday schedule, Monday through Friday 5:55 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday schedule to remain the same.
- **2 South** will run Saturday schedule, Monday through Friday 6:20 a.m. to 7:40 p.m., Saturday and Sunday schedule to remain the same.
- **2 North** will run Saturday schedule, Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 8:20 p.m., Saturday and Sunday schedule to remain the same.
- **3 East** will run Saturday schedule, Monday through Friday 1:20 p.m. to 6:40 p.m., Saturday schedule to remain the same.
- **3 West** will run Saturday schedule, Monday through Friday 7:10 a.m. to 7:20 p.m., Saturday schedule to remain the same.
- **4 West** will run Saturday schedule, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:40 p.m., Saturday schedule to remain the same.
- **4 East** will run Saturday schedule, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:40 p.m., Saturday schedule to remain the same.
- **Routes 21 and 22 (IVC Express)** have been temporarily suspended- No Service
- **Routes 31 and 32 (Direct AM and PM)** to utilize Saturday Service.
- **Routes 41S and 41N (Brawley Fast)** have been temporarily suspended - No Service
- **Routes 45W and 45E (Holtville Fast)** have been temporarily suspended – No Service
- **Routes 51N and 51S (Slab City – Bombay Beach – Brawley)** to remain.
- **Blue Line** – Alternating Trips (Please see Schedules and Riders Guide via www.ivtransit.com)
- **Green Line** – Alternating Trips (Please see Schedules and Riders Guide via www.ivtransit.com)
- **Gold Line** – Suspension of 1st and 2nd trips and 11th and 12th trips (hours of operations will be 8:17 a.m. to 5:12 p.m.) (Please see Schedules and Riders Guide via www.ivtransit.com)

IVT Access paratransit services will operate its regular schedule in accordance with the fixed route schedule until further notice.

Other important things to note:

- To promote social distancing, we encourage all passengers to attempt to create adequate spacing between themselves and other passengers.
- The IVT operations facility at 792 E. Ross Road, El Centro, CA. will continue to provide limited access to the public. Facility hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our dispatching service will still be available Monday - Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday from 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to address any customer service needs. For IVT please call 760-482-2900 or visit www.ivtransit.com and IVT Access please call 760-482-2908 or visit www.ivtaccess.org. For the Imperial County Transportation Commission please call 760-592-4494 or visit www.imperialctc.org.

The protection of our community and employees is a top priority for the Imperial County Transportation Commission and Imperial Valley Transit, while providing a critical service we also must stress the importance of using this service only when absolutely necessary and limit unnecessary contact and keeping with the recommended social distancing practices.

We appreciate the public's support during these difficult times, rest assured we will get through this together. Be safe and be sure to review our websites and social media platforms for further updates.

