San Diego Transit in Crisis: San Diego’s Public Transit Services Face Existential Crisis in Coming Months Due to COVID-19

San Diego Transit Agencies Already Feeling Impacts

Transit in California faces an existential crisis due to the severe and adverse impacts of COVID-19. California’s local public transit agencies require $3.1 billion in new funding assistance this year to prevent additional devastating impacts. Transit agencies across San Diego have already been forced to suspend or dramatically reduce services due to the pandemic. These cuts could become permanent without state or federal action, and the ripple effects of a California without transit would be far-reaching and devastating to our state’s communities.

MTS

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↓ 75%
CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ↓ $680,000
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- As of 6/28, increased frequency and span of service on 40 of its 95 routes to accommodate demand and social distancing.
- School trippers canceled as of 3/16.
- Weekday midday and early/late weekend trolley service also reduced.
OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACTS:
- No cash fares will be collected on buses as of 4/2.

NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↓ 73%
CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ↓ $275,000
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- All weekend COASTER trains canceled. Weekday service cut 50%.
- School trippers canceled as of 3/16.

METROLINK

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ↓ 85%
CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ↓ $436,462
REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:
- Cutting service by 30%, maintaining peak routes and connections. Operating 115 trains per day vs usual 167.

For more information, visit: caltransit.org/resources/coronavirus-awareness