



Southern California Transit in Crisis: Southern California's Public Transit Services Face Existential Crisis in Coming Months Due to COVID-19

Southern California Transit Agencies Already Feeling Impacts

The recently signed federal relief package provides much needed immediate funding for local transit agencies that will help mitigate the worst impacts of COVID-19 in the near term. But these funds only stopped the immediate bleeding — they will likely not stabilize transit over the long-term. It may become imperative that the state support agencies further in the coming months with new funds to keep the doors open and the trains running through the hard times to come. Transit agencies across Southern California are already suspending or dramatically curtailing services due to the coronavirus. These cuts could become permanent without state action.



CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: Metro Bus ▼ 75%, Metro Rail ▼ 85%

CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ▼ \$5.75 million

OTHER FINANCIAL IMPACTS: Estimated losses over \$800 million in sales tax revenue through September 2020. Overall impacts estimated at \$1.8B through FY21.

REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:

- Operating on a modified Sunday schedule (bus), with changes made to provide extra service on specific bus routes.
- Additional \$50 million estimated to be spent on PPE, cleaning, staffing and security.



CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ▼ 75%

CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ▼ \$302,000

REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:

- All bus routes have shifted to Sunday service schedule (only 40% of weekday bus service).

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Foothill Transit

CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ▼ 60%

CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ▼ \$387,000

REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:

- 3 local lines are suspended.
- -20% reduction in services.

OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACTS:

- Fares will not be collected.
- All Foothill Transit Stores are closed.



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.



CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ▼ 68%

CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ▼ \$342,000

REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:

- Cutting service by 50% on most lines.

OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACTS:

- No fares will be collected.



CURRENT RIDERSHIP DECLINE: ▼ 65%

CURRENT WEEKLY REVENUE DECLINE: ▼ \$317,000

REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE:

- 6 bus routes cancelled.

OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACTS:

- As of 3/20, Hilgard Terminal is closed.
- Transit Store is closed until further notice.
- No fares will be collected.

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