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AC TRANSIT STARTS MODIFIED BUS LINE SCHEDULES TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

Most bus lines will now operate on schedules similar to Sunday service.

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) is experiencing dramatic declines in ridership and fare revenue in the wake of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) shelter-in-place orders, issued by all nine Bay Area Health Officers. As a result, AC Transit is activating a Modified Service Schedule, effective Tuesday, March 31, 2020, for the start of morning service and will remain in effect until further notice.

Under the Modified Service Schedule, most bus lines will continue to operate on time-schedules similar to AC Transit's existing Sunday service. Riders are assured, AC Transit has identified the bus lines of greatest demand and dedicates our resources to those routes.

It is important to note, with the shift of all service to a Sunday schedule, the following weekday-only local bus line will be temporarily suspended: 39, 46L, 47, 83, 94, 215, 239, 314, 356, 448, 475, and Broadway Shuttle.

Supplemental bus service – 600 series bus lines serving East Bay schools – will continue the temporary suspension of service.

AC Transit Transbay bus lines are experiencing a 90% ridership decline. Transbay bus lines largely operate at peak hours for commuters to and from the East Bay and San Francisco. Today, seven Bay Area jurisdictions extended shelter-in-place orders to at least May 1, 2020. The shelter-in-place extensions indicate employers will likely continue requests for workers to telecommute. As a result, the following Transbay bus lines will be temporarily suspended: B, BF3, C, CB, E, FS, G, H, J, L, LA, M, NX, NX1, NX2, NX3, NX4, NXC, OX, P, S, SB, U, V, W, and Z.

Transbay bus lines F, NL, O and 800 will continue to operate.

AC Transit's primary objective is to protect the health and safety of our employees and riders alike. This includes disinfecting buses, employee personal protective equipment, and onboard social distancing. Rear Door Boarding currently offers operators a six-foot clearance from most passengers – particularly at the farebox and Clipper card reader where crowding often occurs. While we work to mitigate transmission of the virus, AC Transit's farebox recovery is at 0%.

This notice of a Modified Service Schedule is not a cancellation of AC Transit bus services. As an essential provider during the current COVID-19 pandemic, East Bay riders can still depend on our transit services for access to the life-sustaining resources of food, healthcare, and employment, especially to the most vulnerable in our communities.

Riders may access updated bus schedules and printable PDF timetables at actransit.org. Digital bus locator and online departure predictions are temporarily unavailable. We are working to restore online predictions by Sunday, April 5.

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The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District is California's third-largest bus agency, providing an average of nearly 180,000 daily passenger trips with 151 bus lines throughout the 364-square-mile service area. AC Transit provides safe, convenient, courteous and reliable service in 13 cities and adjacent unincorporated areas in Alameda and Contra Costa counties as well as carrying almost 13,500 daily riders across the bay to San Francisco. For map and schedule information, visit actransit.org or call 511 and say "AC Transit."

