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VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

New VVTA Route 42 begins service Sunday with free rides

Hesperia, Calif. (August 11, 2017) – The new Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) Route 42 begins daily bus service between north Apple Valley and Victorville on Sunday, August 13. To introduce the new hourly service and encourage new ridership, the public may ride the route for free through Sunday, August 20.

The route now connects VVTA's major transfer point at Victor Valley College (VVC) to previously unserved key locations throughout northern Apple Valley. They include major bus stops at the VVC Regional Public Safety Training Center, Walmart Distribution Center, the High Desert Juvenile Detention Center, and Los Ranchos Mobile Home Park.

"This route is a milestone for the community. In addition to VVC and its Regional Public Safety Training Center, which trains future firefighters, police officers, paramedics and emergency medical technicians," said VVTA Board Member and Town of Apple Valley Council Member Barb Stanton. "The bus route will offer service to over a thousand employees at the Walmart Distribution Center."

After Sunday, August 20, regular fares apply. Single-trip fixed route fare is \$1.25. Student discount fare is \$1. Single-trip discount fare is 60 cents for veterans, seniors 60 and over, and those with disabilities or on Medicare. Students age 14 and over and all discount fares require photo identification.

"This is the first wave of system improvements outlined in the recent VVTA Comprehensive Operational Analysis," said VVTA Chair and Victorville Mayor Gloria Garcia. "We are encouraged to see the positive impact this route will have on the lives of the 400 homes at Los Ranchos Mobile Home Park, for example. It opens significant opportunities for those families, students, and senior citizens who had few public transportation options previously."

About Victor Valley Transit Authority

In addition to being a public transit agency, VVTA also operates a nonprofit division designated as a Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA). As such, VVTA provides many services to California's High Desert including regular fixed route bus, ADA paratransit, vanpool service, a travel reimbursement program (TRIP) and several partnerships with area nonprofits. VVTA's service area spans nearly 1,000 square miles, featuring service to Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia, Needles, Victorville and unincorporated San Bernardino County, including Daggett, Helendale, Hinkley, Lucerne Valley, Newberry Springs, Oak Hills, Oro Grande, Phelan, Pinon Hills, Wrightwood, and Yermo. Commuter service to Fort Irwin National Training Center (NTC) and connecting service from the High Desert to the Inland Empire is also provided. Additional information and service alerts are available at VVTA.org and [Twitter.com/VVTransit](https://twitter.com/VVTransit).



Victor Valley Transit Authority's Jonathan McDowell performs a review of the new VVTA Route 42 bus stop at Los Ranchos Mobile Home Park in north Apple Valley. Service kicks off Sunday, August 13, offering a free ride to the public until Sunday, August 20. PHOTO: Fidel Gonzales, VVTA



Victor Valley Transit Authority's new Route 42 features a bus stop at the Walmart Distribution Center, which boasts over a thousand employees. Service begins Sunday, August 13. To introduce the service, free fare is available to the public until Sunday, August 20. PHOTO: Fidel Gonzales, VVTA



Victor Valley Transit Authority's Route 42, which features stops at Victor Valley College and the VVC Regional Public Safety Training Center, begins service to Sunday, August 13, kicking off with a week of free fare to the public until Sunday, August 20. PHOTO: Fidel Gonzales, VVTA

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