

LOCAL TRANSIT CHOICES

RTA ROUTE 10

South County Area Transit (SCAT) provides fixed route service in the “5-Cities” area. Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) provides fixed routes service in the Santa Maria area. You can connect with either SCAT or SMAT from the RTA Route #10 buses.

NIPOMO DIAL-A-RIDE

- Operated by RTA, serving the greater Nipomo area.
- 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM by reservation.
- Monday thru Friday.
- \$1.25 one way.

SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR SHUTTLE

- Senior shuttle services are operated by Ride-On.
- Arroyo Grande, Avila Beach, Grover Beach, Nipomo, Oceano, Pismo Beach, Shell Beach & San Luis Obispo.
- Tuesday & Thursday only, 9 AM to 5 PM.
- Reservations must be made 1 week in advance.
- \$3 one way.
- Maximum 4 trips per month.

Whether you're a frequent rider

or completely new to this form of travel, public transportation is an important service for residents and visitors in San Luis Obispo County.

Transit services are key to remaining independent and mobile without the use of a private car. People just like you have prepared this information to help make public transit easier for you.

By using this brochure, the route maps for each part of your trip, and the driver of every bus you ride as a resource, you will never feel alone while riding public transit on the Central Coast.

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE FOR EASY STEPS TO USING PUBLIC TRANSIT.

THE “GO-TO” PEOPLE!

The information you need is just a phone call away.

511 is available 24/7 and local assistance can be reached during business hours Monday through Friday.



SLO REGIONAL RIDESHARE

Your front line of support for individualized trip planning assistance. Call 511, or visit us at www.rideshare.org.

RTA/SCAT/DIAL-A-RIDE

For information and assistance with South County Area Transit and RTA routes, call (805) 541-2228. For Dial-A-Ride information & reservations, call (805) 929-2881.



SENIOR SHUTTLE (RIDE-ON)

For reservations, call one week in advance, (805) 541-8747.

SENIOR GUIDE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

— NIPOMO —



WELCOME!



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TRANSIT TIPS!

Choose the public transportation options that are right for YOU.

Here, you'll find everything you need to make using public transit on the Central Coast a pleasurable part of your day.

Before you leave

HOW TO TRAVEL SMOOTHLY:

- Note the names, addresses and phone numbers for the places you are going to visit that day.
- Keep route maps and brochures on hand for your trip.

Plan your trip beforehand with Google Transit, 511 or paper schedules.

Remember: Not all areas of the county have Senior Shuttle or Dial-A-Ride services.

- Bring your wallet or purse with your identification and any medications you may need before you return home.
- Make sure you have the correct fare or passes for all buses you will be riding.
- Bring necessary clothing, especially if the weather is inclement or if you may find yourself returning later than planned.
- Bring a small flashlight in your pocket or purse.
- Bring your cell phone (if you have one).

At your first boarding stop

- Be 5 minutes early.
- Make sure you are at the correct stop (transfer points often have many bus stops together).
- Check to make sure you are headed in the correct direction. (Bus stops are often across the street from each other).
- Stay at the bus stop and watch for your bus number.
- Be standing and ready, so the driver knows you are getting onboard.
- Make sure you have all of your belongings before you board the bus.
- Ask the driver if you are boarding the correct bus.

On the bus

- Pay your fare or show your pass.
- Sit toward the front so you can see where you are going and hear the driver.

TRANSFERS:

- If you need a transfer, ask the driver for one as you board the bus.
- If you are not sure, ask the driver right away.

Welcome Aboard

Ask the driver

- Let the driver know where you are going and ask if you are on the correct bus.
- Let the driver know that you are a new rider and are happy to hear their suggestions.
- Ask the driver to announce your stop.
- If you need help, ask for it as early as possible.
- Ask the driver when the last returning bus leaves your destination stop today.

The end of the line

- Signal with the cord or the bar when your stop is next.
- Make sure you have all of your belongings.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before you stand to exit.
- Exit before new passengers board.
- Watch your step and watch the curb.
- Look around to become familiar with the area near your stop.
- Remember when you will need to catch your bus to return home.

Have a good time at your destination!

REGIONAL TRANSIT CHOICES

The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) operates connecting services in our county. You will find basic RTA route information here and on the individual route brochures.



RTA Services

- Fixed route, hourly service.
- 6 AM to 9:50 PM weekdays, 8 AM to 7:55 PM Saturday, 8 AM to 6:55 PM Sunday.
- \$1.50 to \$3, one-way. Seniors pay half the regular fare.

RTA Route #9

- Service to Atascadero, Paso Robles, Templeton, San Luis Obispo, San Miguel and Santa Margarita.

RTA Route #10

- Service to Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande, Nipomo, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria.

RTA Route #12

- Service to Morro Bay, Los Osos and San Luis Obispo.

RTA Route #14

- Service to Cuesta College and San Luis Obispo (weekdays only).

RTA Route #15

- Service to Morro Bay, Cayucos, Cambria and San Simeon.

Transfer Points

- To & from SCAT & RTA at Pismo Beach Prime Outlets and the Arroyo Grande Park & Ride.
- To & from SCAT at Ramona Garden Park.
- To & from RTA & SLO Transit at County Government Center (Osos & Palm).
- To & from SMAT at Santa Maria Transit Center.