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SYVT Introducing New Highway 246 Express Route

Solvang, Calif. – Beginning January 22, Santa Ynez Valley Transit (SYVT) riders will enjoy more frequent service between Buellton, Solvang, and Santa Ynez along the Highway 246 corridor with the introduction of SYVT’s new Express route.

The new Express route will operate every 30 minutes throughout most of the day, with service being provided in both directions along Highway 246. Service to Los Olivos will be provided three times daily, with service coordinated to serve bell times at Santa Ynez Valley High School in the morning and afternoon. The Los Olivos Loop will feature a new stop at Sunny Fields Park.

“We are excited to be able to introduce increased service frequency along Highway 246,” said Matt Dobberteen, Alternative Transportation Manager for the County of Santa Barbara. “We believe it will improve mobility and reduce traffic congestion throughout much of the Santa Ynez Valley.”

In addition, beginning January 2, 2018, SYVT Dial-A-Ride customers can enjoy next-day reservations, rather than having to call 24 hours in advance. In addition, reservations can now be made seven days a week. Same-day service can be provided on a space-available basis.

In 2017, the City of Solvang updated the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for Santa Ynez Valley Transit. The purpose of the SRTP was to ensure the transit service being provided by SYVT would meet the current needs of the Santa Ynez Valley as well as anticipated needs across the next five years. The SRTP utilized significant public outreach, including customer and community surveys as well as public and stakeholder workshops, to gather information about mobility needs from the community.

For more information about SYVT, or to view or download new fixed-route schedules and route maps, visit www.syvt.com. You may also call the SYVT office at (805) 688-5452.

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