

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA
3rd Floor, Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

10:00 AM

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1) Call to order

Supervisors: Perez, Maggard; Councilmembers: Johnson, Rivera

2) Roll call

3) Golden Empire Transit District (GET) Realignment Overview - HEAR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS

4) GET Ridership Analysis Pre and Post Services Changes, Assessment of How Changes Are Serving Customers - HEAR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS

5) Improving Accessibility, Re-establishment of Prior Routes, Stakeholder Perspectives: The Bakersfield Homeless Center, and Clinica Sierra Vista - DISCUSS

6) Examination of Bus Stops, No Parking Ordinances and Pedestrian Safety - DISCUSS

7) Board Member Announcements or Reports

8) Public Comment

9) Adjourn

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Metropolitan Bakersfield Transit System Long Range Plan



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What is the Transit System Long Range Plan?

- A Short (2012), Mid (2020) and Long (2035) Term Plan including ...
 - Stakeholder interviews and public outreach
 - Land use, demographic and travel demand analysis
 - Transit data collection
 - Guiding principles and performance measures
 - Best practices review
 - Service, capital and financial planning
 - Modeling
 - Transit Supportive Policies
 - Final Report

Major Stakeholder Feedback

- Transit is not as convenient as driving
- Transit is too slow
- Transit offers health, economic, environmental and equity benefits
- Residents would like to see:
 - More express routes
 - Faster service
 - Creative solutions for serving low density outlying areas
 - More shelters and benches



Planning Guidelines

- **Planning Guidelines**
 - Balance Productivity and Coverage
 - Increase Speed
 - Air Quality/Emissions Benefits
 - Pedestrian and Bike Supportive
 - Financially Sustainable
 - Coordinated with Land Use Policies
 - Devote resources to transit-supportive corridors



Long-Term Service Plan (2026-2035)

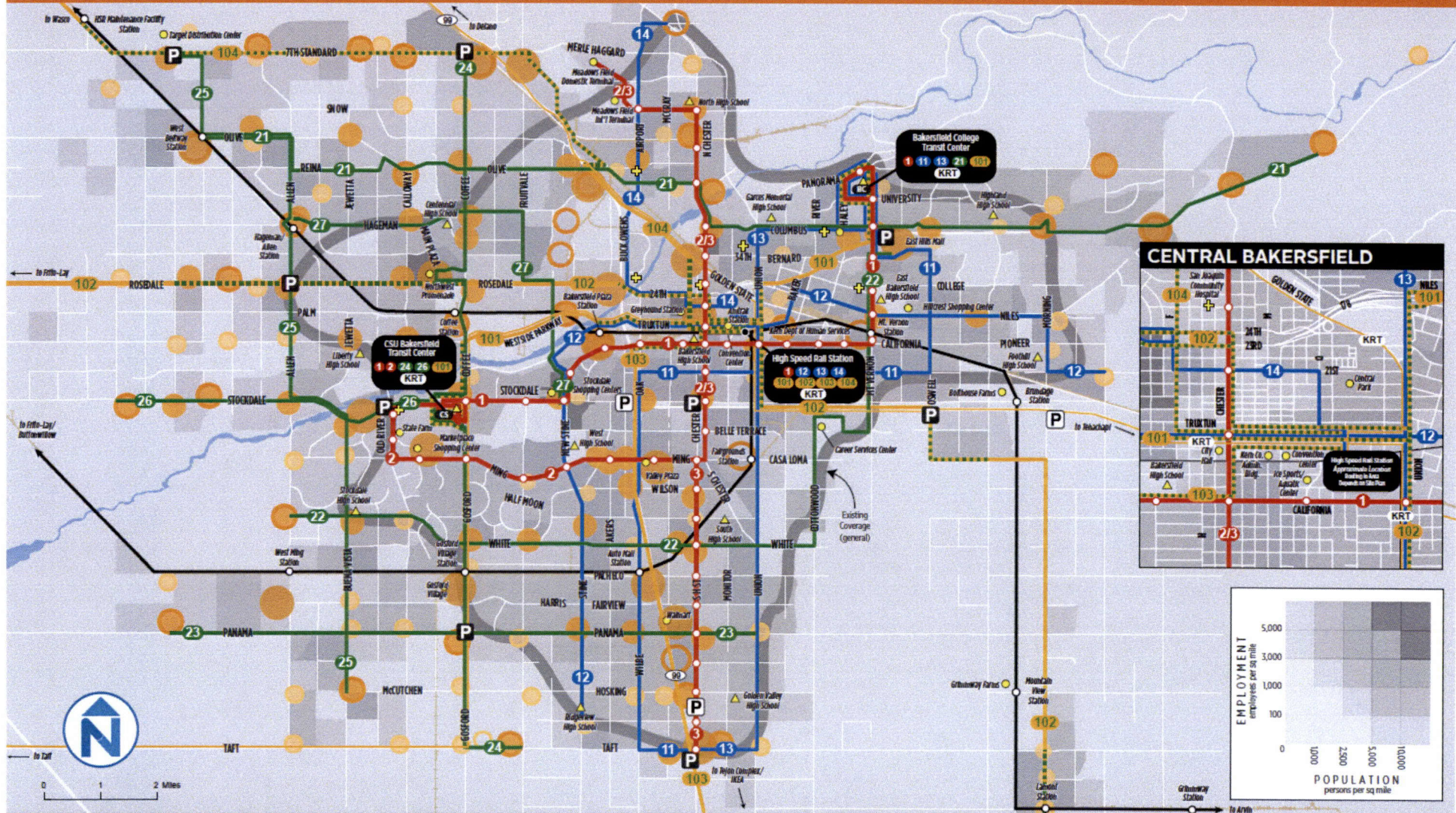
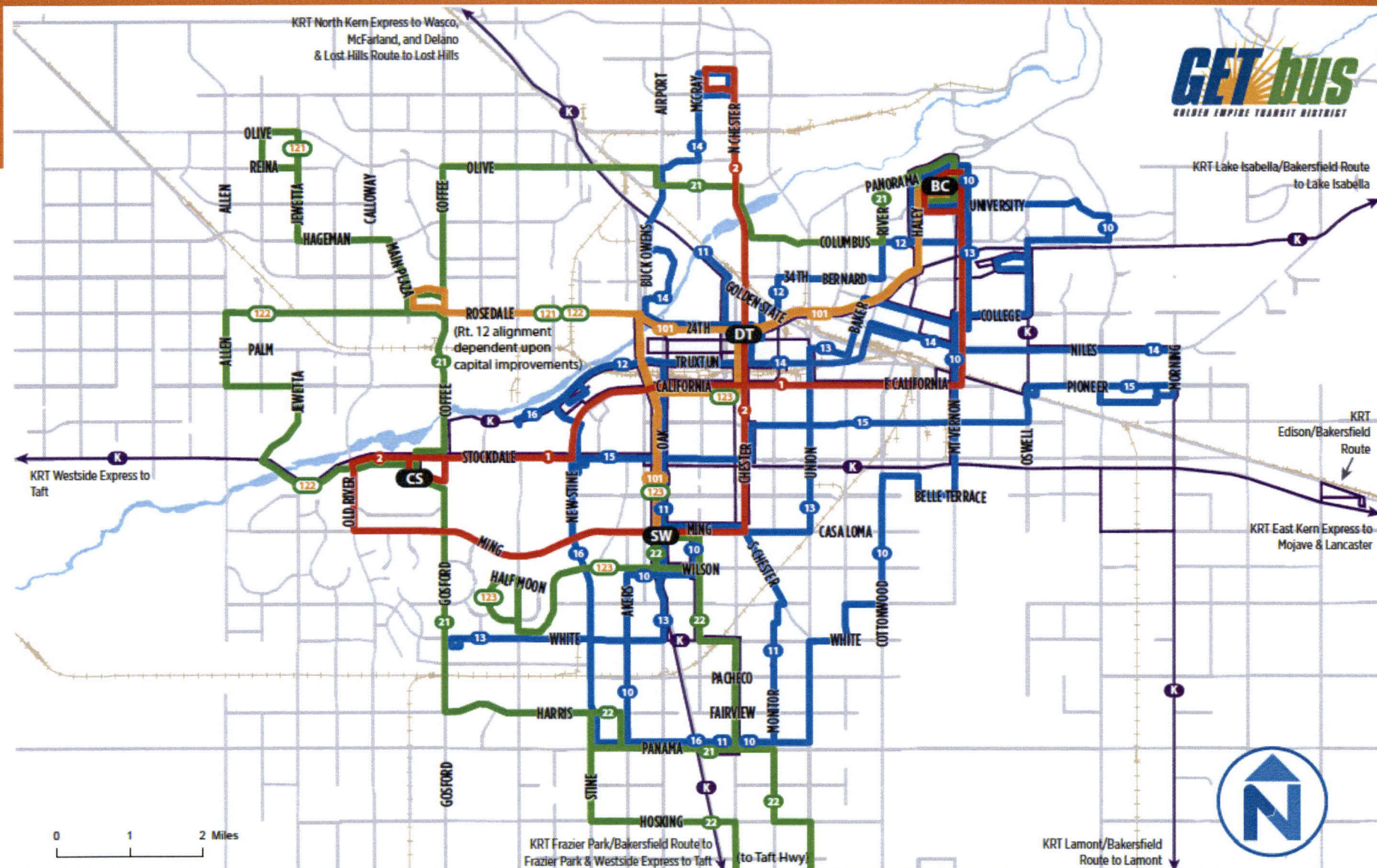


FIGURE 5-5: MAP OF PROPOSED GET, ENHANCED KRT, AND COMMUTER RAIL FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE (LONG-TERM)

Short-Term Key Features

- Reduce bus service from 310,000 hours to 280,000 hours
- Reallocate service to areas of greatest demand
- Run buses on arterials not narrow or residential streets
- Create a new West Bakersfield Transit Center at CSUB
- Make cross-town trips more time-competitive with driving
- Make service more frequent
- Make more express routes
- Add service in the evening and on weekends



GET Routes

2 Rapid
Mon-Fri 6am-11pm
Sat-Sun 7am-7pm
every 15 minutes

101 Express
Mon-Fri 6am-7pm
Sat-Sun 7am-7pm
every 30 minutes

21 Circulator
Mon-Fri 6am-7pm
Sat-Sun 7am-7pm
every 60 minutes
No evening service

13 Crosstown
Mon-Fri 6am-7pm
Sat-Sun 7am-7pm
every 30 minutes

Mon-Fri 7-11pm
every 60 minutes

123 Circulator Express
Mon-Fri 6am-7pm
Sat-Sun 7am-7pm
every 60 minutes
No evening service

Transit Centers

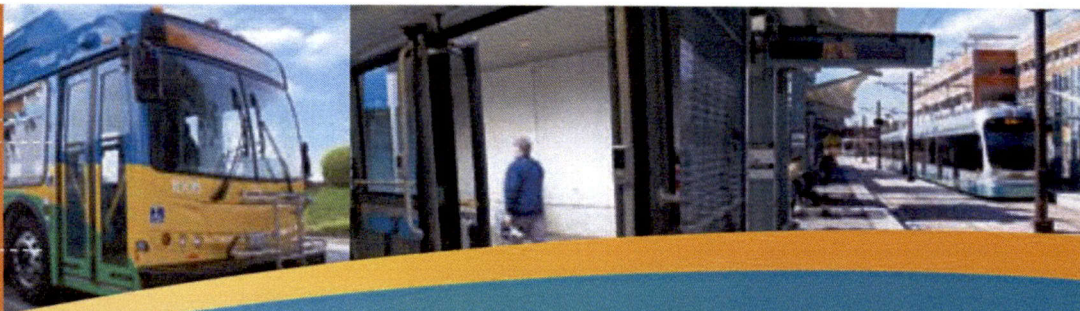
DT Downtown
SW Southwest
BC Bakersfield College
CS CSU Bakersfield

KRT Routes

K Kern Regional Transit

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- Questions?



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Fact Sheet



Short Term, 2013-2020

- **Rapid Lines**
 - Features Bus Rapid Transit on Highest-Demand Corridors
 - Buses Run Every 15 Minutes
 - Fast, Frequent and Comfortable
 - Shelters/Signage at Each Stop
- **Crosstown Lines**
 - Serves Busy Crosstown Corridors
 - Buses Run Every 30/60 Minutes
- **Circulator Service**
 - Circulates Neighborhoods and Outlying Areas
 - Buses Run Every 60 Minutes
- **Express Service**
 - Buses Run Every 30 Minutes
 - Additional Evening Hours
- **Circulator/Express Service**
 - Provides Express Service to Outlying Areas
 - Buses Run Every 60 Minutes

Mid Term, 2021-2025 (Assumes additional funds)

- Implement More Robust Bus Rapid Transit
- Increase Service Frequencies
- Adjust Routes to serve Proposed High-Speed Rail Train Station
- Expand Express Services if funding is available

Long Term, 2026-2035

- Assumes High-Speed Rail (HSR) is implemented
- Upgrade Bus Rapid Transit Service to Light Rail Transit (LRT) Service
- Consider Commuter Rail Service

Transit Supportive Policies

- Recommends policies to address issues of land use, circulation, and urban design to support increased transit ridership and preserve the livability of Bakersfield.

GET Survey Findings - 2009

In late 2009, Moore and Associates conducted an intercept survey of GET riders and telephone survey of Metropolitan Bakersfield residents. Methodologies and findings, including extensive analysis based on cross-tabulations, can be found in the *Customer and Community Survey* report. Below are a few findings that the LRP team believes might prove especially relevant to this planning process.

The typical GET customer is dependent on transit for basic mobility. The "profile" GET customer, as identified by Moore and Associates, is female, very poor (nearly 70 percent of customers reported household incomes of less than \$20,000 per year), and neither employed nor full-time student (more than three-quarters do not work full-time, about 29 percent are full-time students and slightly less than half of all GET trips are to work or school.) She also walks to the stop and does not have access to a car (more than 70 percent of customers identified this as the reason of using GET.)

GET customers are least satisfied with hours of operation and with travel times, although the latter has less potential to increase usage among existing customers. When asked to rate GET service in eight categories on a 1 to 5 scale, these two scored lowest, with mean ratings of 3.46 and 3.52 respectively. Notably access to stops was not one of the eight categories. However, when "what service improvement is most important to you" was cross tabulated with "How many additional trips would you make each week if the improvement indicated in (the previous question) was made?" a longer span of service was found to be the improvement most likely to result in increased usage among existing customers, with 44 percent of those choosing longer hours indicating that it would result in five or more trips per week, and nearly 70 percent indicating they would take three or more trips per week. By contrast, just 49 percent said shorter travel time would result in three or more trips per week and 21 percent said they wouldn't ride any more often.

Fatalities – 2013

Name	Location	Time	Date	
Ira Eugene Bennett	Interstate 5, south of Bear Mountain Blvd		Jan 3	No
Sarhory Rico-Palomares	Highway 58, west of P Street		Jan 11	No
Juan Martinez	DiGeorgio Rd		Jan 23	No
Joe Perez	Hit by train at Patricia Avenue/Jessie Street, Boron		Jan 30	No
Anthony Matthew Saldana	Niles Street east of Valencia Drive	Saturday night	Feb 10	Bus stops operating bet 6:45 and 7 PM on Saturday and a bus has always gone by this location
Joseph Andrew Holcomb	East Roberts Lane/Manor Street	3:35 PM	Feb 27	Bus does not go there
Darryl P. Smith	West Columbus Street east of San Dimas Street	9:06 PM	March 17	Bus stops operation at 7 PM
Roberto Flores Velasquez	Niles Street at Horace Mann Avenue	3:51 AM	Apr 5	No
Michael Scott Deatherage	700 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter		Apr 5	No
Levi Bryant Jr.,	Highway 58 near the Tehachapi Boulevard exit		Apr 12	No
Robert Ross	2100 block of Wible Road	9 PM	Apr 12	Same block as SW TC –buses have always gone there
Neva Yribarren	Merle Haggard Drive near McCray St	12:53 PM	Apr 26	Buses have always gone there
Timothy Walker	Union Avenue near 9th Street	9:15 AM	Apr 29	Buses have always gone there
Kimberly Felice Berry	300 block of A Street	8:15 PM	Apr 29	No
Jeremy Salvador Parrilla	Highway 99 just north of Cecil Avenue in Delano	9:15 PM	May 28	No

Donald Shane Garrett	1001 Beardsley Drive – hit by train	10:30 PM	June 24	No
A pedestrian	Mt. Vernon Avenue, just north of Quincy Street	9:54 PM	July 6	Buses have always gone there
Von Harris	Sierra Highway in Rosamond – hit by truck pushing disabled vehicle		July 11	No
Bryan Cosme	Manor Street a half mile north of West Day	4:30 PM	July 14	No
Aaron Mathew Hafeli	Oak Street/Chester Lane	4:17 PM	July 18	Buses have always gone there
Gwendolyn Jane Cook	16th and F Streets I n Wasco	8:50 PM	Aug 7	No
a pedestrian	Oswell and Niles streets – possibly connection to street racing	8:27 PM	Aug 9	Buses have always gone there
GloriaTillman	Cottonwood Rd and Cheatham Ave	9:49 PM	Aug 15 (Thursday)	Buses have always gone there
Michael Pineda	Cecil Ave, Delano	2 PM	Aug 17	No
68-year-old woman	S. Union Avenue north of Taft Highway	2:47 PM	Aug 17	Buses have always gone there
Yvonne Cupis	3100 block of Q St.	1:27 AM	Aug 27	No
Michael Fulton	White Lane & Kenny St.	11 PM	Sept 8 (Sunday)	No
Unidentified Man	Hwy 99 south of Corpus Road	6 AM	Sept 15	No
Merry Cazares	Hughes Ln. & Pacheco Rd.	8 AM	Oct 10	No
Angel Gomez	Oswell Street, south of Center Street	8:15 PM	Oct 16	No
Elias Martin Reyes-Campos	Hwy 184 near Wharton Avenue, Lamont?	11 PM	Oct 18	No
Bonnie King	100 block of H Street	7:30 PM	Oct 30	No
Raven Knight	Highway 58 east of Leslie Street, Mojave		Nov 18	No
Caterin Orellana	Niles Street/Orange Drive	5:30 PM	Nov 19	Yes
34 incidents				

WHY RIDE GET?

**Northwest Promenade to
Downtown
in 20 minutes**

**Downtown to Bakersfield
College
in 15 minutes**

**Valley Plaza to CSUB
in 20 minutes**

15 minute service takes customers through the heart of Bakersfield from North Chester Avenue to Ming Avenue and from CSUB to Bakersfield College. Every route operates 7 days a week.

Need help planning your trip? Go to www.getbus.org for the trip planner, maps and time tables or call 869-2438. Our staff is ready to assist customers with trip plans.

GET also offers free travel training. Please call 324-9874 for more information about travel training.



GET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Golden Empire Transit District is governed by a board of five Directors. The Board of Supervisors and Bakersfield City Council appoint two members each. The fifth member is appointed by a majority vote of the other four members. Their duties are to supervise and regulate the operations of every transit facility owned, operated and/or controlled by the District.

The GET Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. If it is a holiday month, please contact GET at 661-324-9874 to be sure the Board is meeting on the regular date and time.

MISSION STATEMENT

Golden Empire Transit District's mission is to consistently provide safe, accessible, reliable, and affordable public transportation to diverse customers in the greater Bakersfield area.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Fast. Frequent. Affordable. We are very pleased to offer a system of routes that provides the faster, more frequent service our customers have requested.

In Spring, 2014, GET will be offering another new feature. All buses will provide automated bus stop voice announcements. Plus customers will be able to access real time bus information. Customers will be able to use their smart phone, computer or call GET to learn when the next bus will arrive!

As an organization Golden Empire Transit District (GET) has remained true to its core values and mission to consistently provide safe, accessible, reliable, affordable public transportation to diverse customers in the greater Bakersfield area.

GET is one of our community's most valuable resources. It plays a vital role in the lives of thousands of people every day. While not everyone in the community uses public transit, everyone benefits from public transit. There are more than 25,000 boardings every weekday on GET buses. The majority are people going to work and school – in many ways, public transit helps keep Bakersfield's economy moving forward!

A good public transit system helps attract businesses, create new jobs and provide a better quality of life for those in the community who want to remain independent.

GET bus
GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT

GET
Fast.
Frequent.
Affordable.



1880 Golden State Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
661-324-9874
www.getbus.org

GET BUS. FAST. FREQUENT. AFFORDABLE.

HELP US CLEAN UP OUR AIR BY
RIDING THE BUS JUST ONCE A
WEEK.

GET buses are fueled with compressed natural gas (CNG). CNG is a fossil fuel substitute, which is environmentally cleaner than gasoline, diesel and propane. Riding the GET Bus once a week will make a difference!

RIDE THE GET BUS ON WEEKDAYS OR WEEKENDS.

Going shopping? Tired of fighting for a parking spot? Take the GET bus to the Valley Plaza Mall, East Hills Mall, Northwest Promenade, Market Place, Mercado Latino or Stockdale Village. Call 869-2GET (2438) for

routing information or visit our website at www.getbus.org

WHY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOULD RIDE THE GET BUS.

Taking the bus increases your chances of arriving at your destination safely. Studies report that riding the bus is safer than driving or riding in a car. Due to the size of a transit bus, they are one of the safest vehicles on the road.

USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REDUCES STRESS.

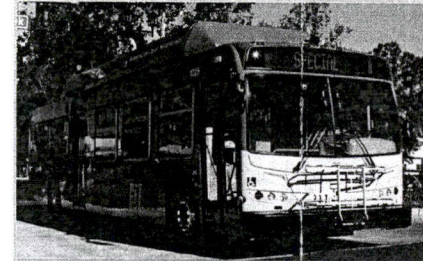
Sit back and relax! Read a book, listen to music, or talk to other passengers and leave the driving to someone else! You'll have less stress which will decrease your risk for future health problems. Once you have the times and route numbers of the buses you need, make sure you arrive at the bus stop early.

WALKING TO AND FROM THE BUS STOP CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR HEALTH.

Decide where you want to go. Call 869-2438 and ask a customer service representative for trip information. The customer service representative can also mail a bus book to your home or go to our website at www.getbus.org

HOW DO I RIDE THE GET BUS?

The bus book or website will help you find your starting location and destination. Look at the system map to find the route numbers of the bus or buses you will need to take. Some trips require more than one bus, which means you'll have to transfer to another bus. Next, you'll need to find the times the bus will arrive at your starting location. Once you have the times and route numbers of the buses you need, make sure you arrive at the bus stop early.



FARES & PASSES – PLEASE HAVE EXACT CHANGE

Golden Empire Transit District offers three kinds of fares:

Regular Fare – Single Ride, Day Pass or 31 Day Pass available. Single Ride is good for one ride. The Day Pass allows customer to ride all day. 31 Day Pass gives customer unlimited rides for 31 consecutive days.

Express Fare – Express route has an X before the number. There is currently one express route, the X92, to the Tejon Commerce Center.

Reduced Fare - Discounted fare for those who qualify. Customers 65, and older and customers with qualifying disabilities, are eligible for the Reduced Fare. Single Ride, Day Pass or Monthly Pass available. To apply for Reduced Fare call 324-9874.

Children - Children five (5) years old and younger ride free when accompanied by a fare paying passenger (maximum five children per passenger).