



# Press Release



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## **Culver CityBus Announces Temporary Free Bus Service and Rear Door Boarding in Response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic**

Rides on Culver CityBus will be free starting Thursday, March 19, 2020 until further notice.

Culver CityBus is announcing that it will temporarily suspend fare collection for riders. Culver CityBus is also requesting that all passengers board using the rear door in order to limit interactions between passengers and bus operators. The front doors will only be used for riders who need support due to ADA mobility devices, which require a lift to get inside the bus.

These changes to service come as a response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and will allow both riders and operators to practice social distancing and still travel to and from home and work. These changes are being implemented by Culver CityBus in addition to on-bus hand sanitizers for both riders and operators and rigorous and increased sanitation efforts of every bus on a daily basis.

Culver CityBus is also announcing "hybrid service" in response to the reduced ridership resulting from school closures and recommendations that the community work from home and practice social distancing. Effective today, Culver CityBus is implementing "existing Saturday service," with additions to accommodate lines that are currently being utilized by the community.

**The specific emergency service plan, which will operate beginning Monday, March 30, 2020 and until further notice, is as follows:**

- Weekday service:
  - Line 1, 3, and 4 will use Saturday service schedules
  - Line 2 will reduce full day service to peak hours only
  - Line 6 Local will use Saturday Line 6 service with additional trips during peak hours
  - Line 7: will use existing regular Line 7 service
- Saturday and Sunday service will remain as is
- Discontinued service
  - Line 5 and Rapid 6 service is discontinued temporarily

Dial-A-Ride Paratransit is limiting services to medical appointments and grocery pick up only.

“We will continue to provide service, even in these challenging times,” said Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer. “We realize that many of our riders depend on us to transport them to and from essential business and work.”

Culver CityBus is committed to deliver safe, reliable transportation. Riders seeking updated information about service are encouraged to use the NextCCBus App or the [Culver CityBus website](#).

For more information about the City of Culver City response to the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit the [City's coronavirus webpage](#) and [stay connected on social media](#).

### **About Culver CityBus**

In the 1920's after a dispute with the Pacific Electric Railway, the City Council of Culver City recognized the need for inexpensive public transportation. Subsequently, the City Council applied to the State Railroad Commission to operate a municipal bus service which began operation on March 3, 1928. Culver City residents overwhelmingly supported the new transit system by approving a \$75,000 bond issue to purchase twelve (12) buses by more than two-thirds majority. Culver CityBus has provided continuous bus service over the past ninety-two (92) years and continues to provide safe and efficient public transportation to the residents of Culver City and persons from the surrounding communities. This bus system contributes to the reduction of traffic congestion and air pollution by transporting more than 5 million passengers each year.

Culver CityBus is an essential component to providing public transit service to the greater Los Angeles County region. Culver CityBus looks forward to providing another 90 years of public transit service to the people who live and work in and around Culver City with safe and reliable public transportation to the citizens of Culver City and the surrounding communities.

## **About Culver City**

[Culver City](#) is a five-square-mile, urban community of 39,000 residents surrounded mostly by the City of Los Angeles but also shares a border with unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. It is centrally located on the Westside near Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and Los Angeles International Airport. Culver City is particularly known for its well-run public school system, "small town" charm, growing high-tech and creative economies, and a dynamic downtown that is regionally known as a destination for restaurants, live theater, and art galleries.

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