

PRESS RELEASE



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CHANGES TO CITY'S SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Senior Transportation Program ("Program") was recently evaluated by City staff to identify opportunities to make the Program more cost effective while continuing to provide safe, reliable and user-friendly transportation services to participants.

During the review process, staff learned that the County of Orange operates a program called Senior Non-Emergency Transportation (SNEMT) that is very similar to the City's Dial-A-Ride program. The SNEMT program provides seniors with access to non-emergency trips such as medical appointments, dentists, therapies, exercise programs, testing and other health related trips. The SNEMT program operates Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

City staff also evaluated the City's Shopper Shuttle and transportation to the Senior Nutrition Program. Staff concluded that in order for the Senior Transportation Program to remain within budget and be available to a high volume of users, an emphasis should be placed on trips to medical facilities and nutrition programs. As such, no changes were recommended to the Nutrition Program transportation; however, the City Council directed staff to eliminate the Shopper Shuttle after December 31, 2018.

As a result of staff's evaluation of the Program, the City Council adopted the following modifications that will be implemented beginning September 4, 2018:

- The Dial-A-Ride Program will operate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tuesday and Thursday travel will be eliminated.
- Transportation to the Senior Nutrition will remain unchanged.
- The Shopper Shuttle will be eliminated after December 31, 2018.

Over the next couple of months, the City will host four Transportation Open Houses to inform Program participants about the new modifications and invite them to learn more about additional

transportation options offered by other public agencies and private companies that will allow them to take trips to medical and shopping destinations outside the scope of the City's Program. The Senior Transportation Program Open Houses will be held at:

- **North Seal Beach Community Center** (3333 Saint Cloud Drive) on July 31 from 9 a.m. to 1p.m.
- **Leisure World** (Clubhouse 2) on August 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Fire Station 48** (3131 North Gate Road) on August 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Marina Community Center** (151 Marina Drive) on August 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about the City's Senior Transportation Program, please contact Patrick Gallegos, Assistant City Manager at 562-431-2527.

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CITY OF SEAL BEACH

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

OPEN HOUSE



JOIN US!

To discuss recent changes to the program
and alternative transportation opportunities

LOCATIONS/DATES/TIMES:

- ◆ **NORTH COMMUNITY CENTER:** 3333 SAINT CLOUD DR— Tuesday, **JULY 31**, from **9AM** to **1PM**
- ◆ **LEISURE WORLD:** CLUBHOUSE 2— Tuesday, **AUGUST 7**, from **11AM** to **3PM**
- ◆ **FIRE STATION #48:** 3131 NORTH GATE RD— Tuesday, **AUGUST 14**, from **11AM** to **3PM**
- ◆ **MARINA COMMUNITY CENTER:** 151 MARINA DR— Thursday, **AUGUST 16**, from **11AM** to **3PM**

