

Hold that Bus!

The City of Santa Clarita is planning to cancel your important bus lines as of August 1, 2009. They will be replaced with one express line to North Hollywood.

In May, citing low ridership, the City announced plans to replace lines 8, 503, 504, 747, 793, and 798 with one line to North Hollywood, bypassing Sylmar, North Hills, Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks and other key stops, reducing the places you can get to and increasing the time and transfers required to get anywhere.

- For **elderly, disabled, and people traveling with children** this will mean prohibitively long walks between their destination and their closest stop.
- For **working people** it will mean longer commutes. Bus riders will have to start earlier and get home later, which in many cases means they will miss a connecting bus. **People who drive** will also have to compete with more cars on the highway as former bus riders are forced back into their cars.
- For **parents**, it will mean more shuttling kids (and your own folks) around (remember, giving someone a ride typically takes 2-3 times the gas/time of a single trip from the optimum start and end points). Fewer transit options will translate to fewer options of all types for our kids.
- For **low-wage employers** it will mean a less reliable workforce. For local businesses and attractions it will mean more obstacles for your patrons to overcome.
- For **cyclists**, fewer buses means fewer bike mounts.

All this service costs about as much as landscaping a proposed new median (see santa-clarita.com/cityhall/cmo/budget/0809/), so when you're sitting in traffic or sitting at home with no place to go this fall, without service, ***Remember you could have done something about it.***

There's Lots You Can Do About This

**Write, email, phone or visit your Elected Officials at: City Hall
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Santa Clarita, CA 91355-2196**

City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located on the first floor of City Hall, and *live broadcast*: [SCV TV channel 20](#) and the [City Website](#). [santa-clarita.com/video/]

Contact the [City Clerk's Office](#) [santa-clarita.com/cityhall/admin/cityclerk/index.asp] (661) 255-4391 for more information.

Call the Council to let them know how this affects your life:

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