

Omnitrans' Continues Free Fares for School Program for 2022-2023 School Year

(San Bernardino, CA) Omnitrans' successful Free Fares for School program, which offers kindergarten – 12^{th} graders in the San Bernardino Valley free rides to school, will continue through the 2022 – 2023 school year. To date, the program has provided more than 800,000 free rides for students.

"Free Fares for School continues to exceed all ridership expectations, and we are pleased to extend the program to build the next generation of transit ridership," said CEO/General Manager Erin Rogers.

The Free Fares for School program allows community members 18 and under unlimited rides on Omnitrans' 29 routes with their student ID card. The program was designed to allow students in Omnitrans' service area to get to school, extracurricular and recreational activities, encourage school attendance and promote equity.

"The Free Fares for Schools program has positively impacted thousands of Fontana Unified School District students. Students have benefitted from the program in ways that we did not anticipate," said Fontana Unified School District Superintendent Randal S. Bassett. "They used the program for school transportation and safe access to resources in the community, including libraries, volunteering, and employment opportunities."

To learn more about Free Fares for School, visit <u>omnitrans.org/buy-a-pass/free-fares-for-school/</u> and for more information on Omnitrans routes and services, please visit <u>www.omnitrans.org</u>.

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