

Regents Express shuttle to begin Sept. 17; shuttle changes, free bus passes announced

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Transportation and Parking Services (T&PS) announces additions and changes to the UCSD shuttle services and a reminder of the availability of free bus passes.

The Regents Express, T&PS's newest parking shuttle, will begin service Sept. 27. The route will connect the new Regents Road parking lots with the Price Center, Monday through Friday, approximately every seven minutes between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and approximately every 10 minutes between 7 and 9:30 p.m. After 9:30 p.m., the East Parking Shuttle will serve the Regents Express stops every 12 minutes until 12:20 a.m.

The Regents Road parking lots served by the new shuttle were built to offset the loss of parking spaces due to the construction of two parking structure facilities on the main campus. Until these new parking structures are opened in the fall of 2000, parking is expected to be limited in these areas.

The Regents Express joins the existing Loop, North Parking, and East Parking shuttle services in connecting UCSD's peripheral parking lots with the rest of the campus during the academic year. Year-round business day service is provided by four additional T&PS systems: Torrey Pines Center, Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), Campus/Medical Center Hillcrest, and the Campus Coaster Shuttle. There is no charge to ride UCSD shuttles.

Shuttle services affected by changes include the Campus Coaster, Torrey Pines Center, and SIO.

Beginning Sept. 20, the Campus Coaster Shuttle, which provides transportation between the Sorrento Valley Coaster Station and UCSD campus locations, will serve campus stops a bit earlier and confine them to the Gilman Drive area.

The Torrey Pines Center Shuttle will start offering its round trip service every 15 minutes, beginning Sept. 27. It currently runs every 12 minutes.

No time changes are being made to the SIO Shuttle, but beginning Sept. 27, a new stop will be added at Southwest Fisheries and, now that area construction has been completed, the current Downwind Drive stop will be relocated back to Nierenberg Hall.

To view the revised schedules, visit parking.ucsd.edu on the World Wide Web or call (858) 534-RIDE and ask for a schedule to be mailed.

The university has contracted with San Diego Transit to provide free, unlimited bus transportation on designated bus routes within a specified zone around campus, extending to Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, and to Balboa Avenue at Genesee Avenue.

Faculty, staff, and students are eligible to have a free UCSD/SDT bus sticker placed on their valid UCSD photo ID card. The stickers and a free bus zone map may be obtained at the Rideshare Operations Office, 201 University Center, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Also available at the Rideshare Operations Office is information on other rideshare options, such as the UCSD vanpool and carpool programs. For more information about shuttles and ridesharing, call (858) 534-RIDE.

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