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VCTC Bus Service to Somis Begins Jan. 14

Free Rides Offered to Somis Passengers during First Month of Service

Ventura, Calif. – The <u>Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)</u> will begin offering bus service to Somis via its East-West Connector bus route on Jan. 14, 2019. This marks the first time that Somis, a community in unincorporated Ventura County between Camarillo and Moorpark, has been served by public transit.

To celebrate the milestone, VCTC will offer free bus rides to all passengers who board or exit at the Somis stop during its first month of service, Jan. 14-Feb. 15.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide regular, convenient transit service to Somis for the first time in the community's history," said Linda Parks, VCTC Board Chair and Supervisor to Ventura County's second district, which includes Somis. "It gives people in this more rural area an opportunity to leave their cars at home and take the bus."

The new Somis stop is located at Somis Rd. and Rice St. The stop is served by VCTC's East-West Connector, a bus line linking Simi Valley and Moorpark with Somis, Camarillo, Oxnard and Ventura. All VCTC buses include bicycle accommodations for cyclists. To view the full East-West Connector schedule, visit <u>https://www.goventura.org/home-2/upcoming-schedulechanges/.</u>

The addition of the Somis stop is one of several schedule and fare changes that will go into effect Jan. 14. More information about upcoming service changes is available at www.goventura.org.

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