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## **MTD TO ROLL OUT VARIOUS ROUTE CHANGES, AUGUST 24, 2009**

Working with riders from around the city, non-profit groups, neighborhood groups and the Board of Directors, Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit Districts announces route and service changes. Effective on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, these changes will coincide with the 2009/2010 Schedule Guide, available at the MTD Transit Center (1020 Chapala) and at various locations throughout Santa Barbara.

After many public hearings and a great deal of public feedback from riders, the changes to Line 8 (the route that includes La Cumbre, Sansum Clinic, County Health Care and Turnpike) address most of the problems associated with residents in the University and Fairview neighborhoods. The improved Line 8 will include more regular service through the University/Patterson neighborhood, a direct connection to County Health for Fairview/Calle Real area residents and a direct connection to Fairview for people who live north of Highway 101.

Of great interest to Isla Vista residents, Line 27 will be replaced by the new Isla Vista Shuttle. With the assistance of a Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality grant that will fund three years of service, the IV Shuttle will run every 15-30 minutes on weekdays and will provide weekend service every 45 minutes.

".....," said David Damiano, Manager of Transit Development & Community Relations.

A full listing of the services changes is available on the MTD website, [www.sbmtd.gov](http://www.sbmtd.gov), or by contacting the Transit Center at 963-3366.

MTD, with its focus on passenger service, provides a reliable, safe, comfortable means of mobility to those who lack other transportation, including students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. MTD also provides an attractive transportation option for commuters and shoppers who might otherwise drive a car. MTD provides over 25,000 passenger trips each weekday resulting in 22,676 cars being left at home on weekdays. MTD provided over 8,100,000 trips last fiscal year.

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