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SYVT Launches Two New Buses

Solvang, California – Santa Ynez Valley Transit (SYVT) launched two new buses on January 24, 2020, to continue meeting the expectation of riders. The new buses will be used on fixed-route and Dial-A-Ride service and can be identified as buses 980 and 981.

The new buses were acquired after a year of ridership growth at SYVT. “Despite statewide and national declines in public transportation usage, something very special is happening in the Santa Ynez Valley,” shared Matt van der Linden, Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Solvang. “With ridership growing, we intend to meet the expectations of our customers with updates such as new buses, when needed, to maintain our high safety record.”

Buses 980 and 981 will replace two older buses from the SYVT fleet and van der Linden says the older buses from the fleet will be sold. SYVT drivers have driven over 73,000 miles without a safety or traffic incident.

SYVT ridership on fixed routes for the month of December 2019 increased by 25 percent over December 2018, continuing the growth trend that started over a year ago. SYVT year-to-date ridership on fixed routes is up by 32 percent over last year.

If you’ve never ridden the SYVT bus, van der Linden hopes you will give it a try to help reduce traffic in the Santa Ynez Valley. For more information, riders can find SYVT service brochures at the SYVT office, located at 431 Second Street, Suite 9 Solvang, and at Buellton and Solvang city halls. New riders are encouraged to call SYVT at (805) 688-5452 for assistance with questions or trip planning.

SYVT is funded through a Memorandum of Understanding between the cities of Buellton and Solvang and Santa Barbara County. For information about SYVT, visit www.syvt.com or call (805) 688-5452.

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