



City of Avalon Transit

The City of Avalon Transit Program presently consists of a bus system, dial-a-ride, and taxi voucher program which are currently operated by “CTS” Catalina Transportation Services (who independently owns the taxi company).

How is the City of Avalon Transit System Funded?

The City receives grant funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the State of California through taxes paid specifically for transit services.

Why is the City of Avalon Soliciting Request for Proposals for the Transit Contract?

The City is required to publicly procure contracted services to ensure public funds are being utilized in the best interests of tax payer at a competitive price. The current contract for transit services has not been publicly bid in over 20 years. Additionally, special requirements of the grant funds the City receives to operate the transit system specifically require the City to perform a public procurement process.

What are the Proposed Changes to the Current Transit System?

Bus Service

The current trolleys will be replaced with smaller, electric fueled, low-floor buses that will operate seven days a week throughout the “flats” and up to The Wrigley Botanical Gardens. The proposed bus schedule is being designed to meet not only the needs of the visitor, but residents as well with more frequent service, bus stops and coordination with the boat schedule.

Dial-a-Ride

The Dial-A-Ride program will be similar to the service offered now as it will be an “on-call” program serviced by two mini-vans (both ADA accessible). Significant changes to the new program are:

- Dial-A-Ride eligibility age will rise from 60 to 65 years of age.
- The rider will no longer need to purchase advance tickets and rides are proposed to be \$2.00 (currently \$1.50) for anywhere in town, \$2.00 to Pebbly Beach (currently \$3.00), and \$4.00 (currently \$3.00) to Hamilton Cove.

ART – Taxi Ticket Program

The taxi voucher program (blue taxi tickets) is a separate program that will remain with CTS. The City is NOT proposing to eliminate this program; however, the number of ticket books or rides may be reduced depending on funding availability. This program is available to any City of Avalon resident and based upon the same criteria required to receive a commuter subsidy card for the boat.

ADA Complementary Paratransit – What is it and why do we need it?

WHAT IS IT?

It allows qualified users to make reservations in advance for pick up. It is similar to the Dial-a-Ride program, but has specific federal rules and regulations that must be adhered to. (For additional details go to <http://nationalrtap.org/adatoolkit/ADA-Complementary-Paratransit>)

WHY DO WE NEED IT?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires public transit agencies that provide fixed-route service to provide “complementary paratransit” service to people with disabilities who cannot use the fixed-route bus or rail service because of a disability. The City’s transit system is currently non-compliant with these regulations.

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For additional details on the Request for Proposal Process please go to:

<http://www.cityofavalon.com/content/3182/4212/4927/default.aspx>

