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Omnitrans Connecting at ONT Every 15 Minutes

Expanded Bus Service to Ontario International Airport Begins Tuesday, September 5, 2017

ONTARIO, Calif. – August 28, 2017 – Getting to Ontario International Airport (ONT) will soon be easier as Omnitrans expands public transit service to the Inland Empire's gateway airport.

Beginning September 5, Route 61 will include stops at ONT every 15 minutes between 4:45 a.m. and 10:45 p.m. on weekdays, officials of Omnitrans and the Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA) announced today. The expanded bus service will operate seven days a week.



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"Ontario International Airport is a public treasure and it should be more readily accessible by public transit, particularly as we add air service and the number of passengers we serve continues to rise," said Alan D. Wapner, OIAA president and Omnitrans board member. "We are grateful to Omnitrans for increasing dependable and affordable service for air travelers, greeters and employees alike."

More than 383,000 airline passengers traveled through ONT in July, an increase of 9.2 percent compared with the same month in 2016.

Omnitrans officials noted that higher-frequency service will provide a desirable transit mode beyond private transportation.

"We believe the 15-minute frequency makes public transit a viable option for ONT travelers," said P. Scott Graham, Omnitrans CEO/General Manager. "With bus fare just \$1.75, it's a lot more affordable than parking, hailing a ride or renting a car, and needless to say it will help to reduce congestion in and around the airport."

Route 61 travels through Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana, providing easy connections to many other Omnitrans routes, neighboring transit bus operators and Metrolink rail service in both Pomona and Fontana.

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At ONT, Route 61 buses will stop just east of baggage claim areas at both passenger terminals. Omnitrans Route 80 also reaches ONT with hourly service seven days a week, traveling through Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga.

Omnitrans recently introduced a pay-by-phone option and also provides real time arrival information and online trip planning via smartphone through the free Omnitrans <u>mobile app</u> and the agency's mobile-friendly website, www.omnitrans.org. Personalized routing assistance available at 800-9-OMNIBUS (800-966-6428) or online at <u>www.omnitrans.org</u>.

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About Ontario International Airport (ONT)

Ontario International Airport (airport code: ONT) is located in the Inland Empire, approximately 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles in the center of Southern California. It is a medium-hub, full-service airport with nonstop commercial jet service to 19 major airports in the U.S. and Mexico, and connecting service to many domestic and international destinations. There are approximately 63 daily departures offered by major eight air carriers. More information is available at www.flyOntario.com. Follow ONT on Twitter at Twitter.com/ @flyONTairport or by liking ONT on Facebook at Facebook.com/OntarioOIAA.

About the Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA)

The OIAA was formed in August 2012 by a Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Ontario and the County of San Bernardino to provide overall direction for the management, operations, development and marketing of ONT for the benefit of the Southern California economy and the residents of the airport's four-county catchment area. OIAA Commissioners are Ontario Mayor Pro-Tem Alan D. Wapner (President), Retired Riverside Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge (Vice President), Ontario Council Member Jim W. Bowman (Commissioner), and San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman (Commissioner).

About Omnitrans

Omnitrans is the public transit agency serving the San Bernardino Valley, providing safe, reliable, affordable, friendly and environmentally responsible transportation. Omnitrans currently operates local and express bus routes as well as sbX rapid bus transit service, OmniGo hometown shuttle service, and Access, a paratransit service for the disabled. Established in 1976 through a joint powers agreement, Omnitrans carries approximately 12 million passengers each year throughout its 480-square mile service area, covering 15 cities and portions of the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Major destinations within the Omnitrans service area include transportation centers, medical centers, educational facilities, shopping malls, business parks, and community centers. For more information, visit http://www.omnitrans.org.