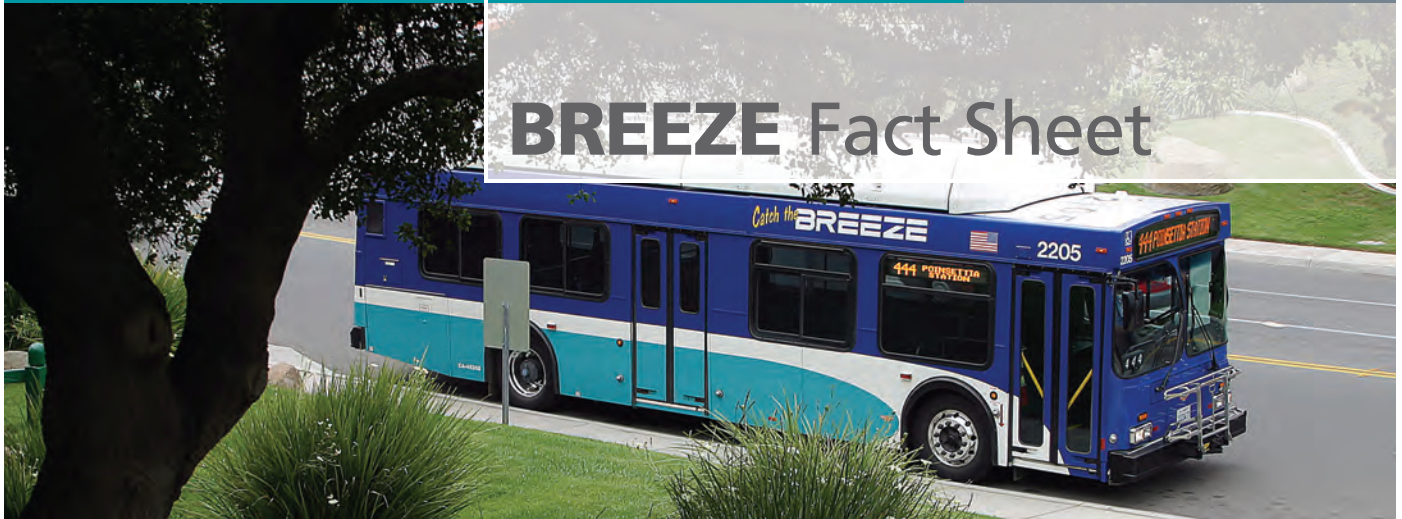


BREEZE Fact Sheet



History: On July 1, 1976 the North County Transit District (NCTD) was established through the consolidation of the original municipal transit systems in Oceanside and Escondido. NCTD's first buses were painted white

community centers, shopping areas and transit centers so they can make connections with other modes of transit. NCTD operates 29 fixed-service routes in our 1,020 square mile service area.

feature 37 seats plus two wheel chair tie down stations with fully ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant wheel chair access on a hydraulic foldout ramp. Seven color cameras on the buses ensure passenger piece of mind while large picture windows allow passengers to enjoy the scenery. Our comfortable and clean buses offer welcomed air-conditioning in summer and heat in winter.

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with yellow trim. In our first full year of service, NCTD buses carried over 4 million passengers. Over the years NCTD adopted the blue, teal and white color scheme you see today and began calling its sleek buses "The BREEZE" in 2001.

Our Customers: In over 30 years of service, the BREEZE has grown to an annual ridership of just under 10 million. The BREEZE serves 30,000 customers on weekdays who depend on our service to get where they need to go. Passengers rely on the BREEZE to reach their places of employment, schools, parks and

The Buses: NCTD owns and operates 144 buses with a reserve fleet for emergencies and special events. Our BREEZE bus fleet continues to prove it is one of the most

dependable in the industry. We report fewer than half the national average for road calls, or breakdowns, when compared to other transit agencies. It has been a priority for NCTD to replace old buses and therefore, 97% of the BREEZE bus fleet has been replaced with new buses in the last ten years. More than half of the fleet is powered by compressed natural gas (CNG), allowing the District to help the environment by reducing emissions. NCTD's newest buses are 40 feet in length and "kneel" at bus stops to allow passengers to easily board and exit. These buses

The Drivers: Coach operators are committed to delivering safe, convenient and reliable bus service.



The Routes: BREEZE buses busily transport customers on 29 routes in North County. Routes range from the scenic 101, which runs along

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picturesque Coast Highway from Oceanside to La Jolla, to the 350 which operates every 15 minutes between central Escondido and North County Fair. Other popular routes offer SPRINTER light rail train connections.



The Transit Centers: in addition to over 2,600 bus stops, NCTD maintains several Transit Centers which serve as transfer hubs for our buses and other modes of transit. The Oceanside Transit Center (one of the county's most active) is home to six BREEZE

bus routes, Greyhound service, Riverside Transit connections, a COASTER / Metrolink / Amtrak train station and SPRINTER light rail station. The Escondido Transit Center includes 11 BREEZE bus routes, Greyhound service, Riverside Transit connections, SPRINTER light rail station, and a future Bus Rapid Transit project. In Vista, the transit center hosts six BREEZE routes and includes a SPRINTER light rail station. Additional Transit Centers are located at the North County Fair in Escondido, Palomar College in San Marcos, Plaza Camino Real in Carlsbad, CarlsbadVillage, Encinitas and a future center is in the works for northeastern Oceanside.

The Fares: The Day Pass, allows passengers to ride all day for one low price on both the SPRINTER light rail trains and BREEZE buses.

A Day Pass for regular passengers is \$5 and for seniors/disabled the fare is \$2.25. A single ride for regular passengers is \$2 and \$1 for seniors/disabled. For unlimited travel on the BREEZE/SPRINTER in any calendar month, monthly passes are also available for \$59 or \$18 for seniors/disabled.

Information: For schedules or more information about the BREEZE, visit www.gonctd.com.

For trip planning and other transit information call 511 or visit www.511sd.com.

Transit trip planning is also available on Google Maps.

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