Rapid Bus Service Transit Facts

In 2014, a Rapid bus service will begin running on the I-15 Express Lanes. This new high-frequency bus service will offer increased reliability and customer convenience, similar to the services of a light rail system. Along with more routes connecting residential areas to major employment centers, Rapid includes transit signal priority, real-time arrival signs, enhanced passenger shelters, and fewer stops. Other planned transit improvements will support Rapid services, creating a vast network of quick and efficient public transit throughout the region.

RAPID BUS SERVICE

- Beginning in 2014
- Offering 29 new buses for service start
- Providing higher frequency service and extended hours of service
- Linking North County communities via I-15 with key regional destinations and employment centers

FACILITIES

I-15 Corridor:

- 20-miles of Express Lanes on I-15 between SR 78 and SR 163
- 5 Direct Access Ramps (DARs) connected to transit stations with rider parking:
  - Escondido Transit Center
  - Del Lago Transit Station
  - Rancho Bernardo Transit Station
  - Sabre Springs/Peñasquitos Transit Station – 630 parking spaces
  - Miramar College Transit Station & Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp - opening summer 2014
- 2 Mid-City Centerline freeway level transit stations:
  - The Boulevard Transit Plaza on El Cajon Boulevard – opening 2015
  - City Heights Transit Plaza on University Avenue – opening 2015

REGIONAL DESTINATIONS

Downtown San Diego:

- Along Broadway – 4 stops
- Terminus at Santa Fe Depot

Sorrento Mesa, UTC, and UC San Diego:

- Sorrento Mesa/along Mira Mesa Boulevard – 6 stops
- La Jolla Village Drive/Genesee Avenue
- Terminus at UC San Diego Transit Station

Kearny Mesa:

- Along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard – 3 stops

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