



MAYOR JIM PATTERSON

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MAYOR PATTERSON KICKS OFF EXTENDED WEEKDAY BUS SERVICE

EXPANDED EVENING SERVICE TO BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 1999

Mayor Patterson announced today that extended weekday bus service will begin on Wednesday, September 1, 1999.

This will mean the people of Fresno will have nighttime bus service for the first time in more than 21 years.

“The people of Fresno deserve this kind of service,” stated Mayor Patterson. “The extended weekday service does not increase fares which will remain at 75 cents. The buses will now run past 10:00 p.m. on most routes. “Those who rely on bus service for transportation can now shop later, and students can go to night classes on the bus and have service available for their return trip home.”

The mayor also announced that the City is giving away *free samples*. Anyone wanting to try the new service can ride free September 1, 2, and 3rd after 6:00 p.m.

FAX riders will now have evening access to Clovis, Malaga, Pinedale, the Tarpey Village area, Saint Agnes Hospital, Community Hospital, UMC, Fashion Fair, Sierra Vista Mall, River Park Shopping Center, Manchester Center, Fresno City College, CSUF, Pacific College, the Fresno Adult School, Fresno Convention Center, Fresno Yosemite International Airport, theaters, entertainment centers, sporting events, and restaurants to name a few locations.

Mayor Patterson also debuted FAX’s new bus design, paint scheme, and logo. The ten new coaches starting service are manufactured by Gillig Corporation and are of a low

floor design. This design, as the name suggests, eliminates the steep front and rear door steps and instead has a floor that is only slightly higher than most curbs. This allows easier boarding and exits for all passengers. The paint and logo designs are brighter and of a more contemporary nature. These buses are also equipped with latest in passenger amenities, including an automated announcement system, four camera video surveillance, and an AM/FM stereo cassette player.

For specific questions about FAX service the public is encouraged to call the information line Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 498-1122.