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CITY TO HOLD THREE MEETINGS TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL CHANGES IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES

The City of Vallejo's Transportation Division will be holding three public meetings to give riders a chance to provide input on a series of potential scheduling changes in the ferry and bus systems.

The meetings are scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on October 11 (ferry service) at the Joseph Room of the JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara St.; 7 p.m. on October 12 (bus service); and 7:15 p.m. on October 18 (both bus and ferry service). The Oct. 12 and Oct. 18 meetings will be held in City Council chambers, 555 Santa Clara Street. The goal of the proposed changes is to provide more efficient service and reduce costs while maximizing the City's transportation dollars.

"One of the many options we have looked at in dealing with our current transportation fund deficit is to adjust schedules on routes with lower ridership," said Gary Leach, Public Works Director for the City of Vallejo. "While we are planning to do a more comprehensive ridership survey later this year, we feel some of these proposed changes can be implemented right away."

Changes being considered for the ferry system are elimination of low ridership sailings during the week as well as on the weekends. For the bus system, extending the time between buses and eliminating service on selected routes altogether is being looked at by staff and representatives of the bus and ferry operators.

"Before we implement any of these changes, we want to hear from the riders," Leach said. "That's why we're holding these three meetings."

The Vallejo City Council is scheduled to consider any proposed transit changes at its October 26 meeting, which will give the public yet another opportunity to make comments and suggestions.

Flyers announcing the meetings will be posted on buses and ferries as well as on the City's website, cable Channel 27 and Channel 28. For more information riders should call (707) 649-5462.

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