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MCBEAN TRANSFER STATION TO CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING
Public Invited to Grand Opening Event Feb. 8!

The official Grand Opening of the new **McBean Transfer Station** will take place on ***Friday, February 8, 2002 at 10 a.m.*** The location of the station is directly behind the Shell Station on the corner of Valencia Boulevard and McBean Parkway. *(From Los Angeles, take I-5 north, exit Valencia Boulevard, turn right to McBean then left. Take the first left and follow the balloons).* The event is free and open to the public.

The new McBean Transfer Station was made possible through the funding efforts of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Federal Transit Administration and the California Department of Transportation.

The station site sits on 1.5 acres and is now the permanent facility for transferring passengers using Santa Clarita Transit. Currently, the station serves 5,000 passengers per day, with 300 buses.

“The McBean Transfer Center is a perfect example of the types of transportation improvements that are so important for the region,” said Frank Roberts, Mayor of Lancaster and MTA Board Member. “MTA, in partnership with other funding sources, funded this project because it provides easy connections and transfers for passengers using Santa Clarita Transit.”

All Santa Clarita Transit local bus routes (Routes 1 through 6) began serving the McBean Transfer Station on *Sunday January 20, 2002*. Commuter Routes 790 to Olive View Medical Center, 795 to Lancaster and selected 793 trips to Van Nuys, began using the McBean Transfer Station on *Monday January 21, 2002*.

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The routes and stops buses will make in the Town Center area have also changed. Riders are encouraged to refer to the new timetable (posted on the City's web site at www.santa-clarita.com). This new timetable is also available on all city buses. Riders should also note that the times local buses pass each stop would in most cases be *1 to 5 minutes earlier or later* than at present. Riders are encouraged to check the timetable before catching local and commuter buses.

"We're very pleased to begin utilizing the new McBean Transfer Station. This new station will help streamline our service valley-wide and provide better customer service to those who ride our buses," commented Ron Kilcoyne, the City's Transit Manager.

The grand opening will include refreshments, a commemorative gift and comments by officials. Reservations are recommended, call 661/259-2489. For more information, contact Gail Ortiz at 661/286-4015.

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