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## **County Connection Free Ride Program for Senior and Disabled Riders**

CONCORD, Calif. – Recently, County Connection’s Board of Directors approved a plan to establish a promotional free ride program for senior and disabled riders during the mid-day hours of 10am and 2pm seven days a week on any County Connection regular or express fixed-route service. The promotion will take effect on Sunday, December 22.

“County Connection is responding to a need in our community for reliable transportation options for the elderly and persons with disabilities,” said Bob Simmons, County Connection Board Chair and City of Walnut Creek Council Member. “Because this group is often living on a fixed income, we are pleased to offer this Free Ride Program during the mid-day, in addition to our already reduced rates to ride at other times of the day.”

To take advantage of the Free Ride Program, riders need to show bus operators proof of eligibility. People with a photo ID showing a birth date of 65 years of age or older, or a senior Clipper card qualify for the senior pricing. Eligible disabled passengers need an RTC Discount Card, DMV placard registration receipt, a Medicare Card, or a Veteran Disability card.

The Free Ride Program will be offered by County Connection for a promotional period of six months, after which the feasibility of extending the program will be studied. As a general reminder, the first few seats of the bus are designated to allow easy access for elderly and disabled riders.

### **About County Connection**

County Connection provides fixed route and paratransit service throughout central Contra Costa County. For information on all transit services, visit [www.countyconnection.com](http://www.countyconnection.com) or call County Connection Customer Service at 676-7500.

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