

Tips for Dealing with Transit Service Cuts

1. If you use public transit, make sure to check the schedule for service changes. You can find more information about specific service changes at Valley Metro's [website](#) or in the transit supplemental book, which is available on buses and at transit centers, as well as at a number of different locations throughout the valley such as senior centers and shopping malls.
2. Plan more time for your commute since the frequency of light rail and some bus routes has been reduced. Light rail trains will now run every 12 minutes during peak hours and peak hours are being reduced to 7:30 am to 6:30 pm. For specific route information, check the Valley Metro [website](#) or the transit supplemental book.
3. If your bus route has been eliminated, check with Valley Metro to see if there is an alternate route available. In most cases, alternative route(s) are available if someone's route is being eliminated or changed. The alternative route(s) might involve a transfer, though, so be sure to plan more time for your commute.
4. If you can't find an alternate route, see if you can find a carpool in your area. Valley Metro has a website to match riders – go to the Share the Ride [website](#) for more information. Share the Ride is a ride matching system that allows commuters to find a carpooling partner or view various bus options. The system matches commuters based on proximity, destination and route travel, as well as schedules and preferences.
5. Vanpools through Valley Metro are another option to consider. Vanpools can take groups of 6-15 passengers and are driven by one of the vanpool members. Riders share the cost of operating the van.
6. For the elderly and disabled who have been affected by service cuts, check with local nonprofits and churches to see if they are offering alternate transportation. Also consider asking family members and friends for rides.
7. Contact your local elected officials and urge them to support a dedicated funding source for transit that provides a reliable revenue stream so that service cuts don't have to occur in the future. Ask state legislators to restore the lottery funds that were intended for transit. Encourage members of Congress to at least double the share of transportation funding given to transit.