

COASTER Fact Sheet



What is the COASTER?

The COASTER began in 1995 as a means of added connectivity within San Diego County providing train service north and south between Oceanside and downtown San Diego. More than 125 trains operate each week taking passengers along the coastal corridor.

How much does it cost?

The fare varies depending on the number of zones traveled. Regular one-way fares begin at \$4.00. Senior or disabled fares begin at \$2.00, and children ages five and under ride free. Monthly passes are available for regular passengers (\$120.00 to \$165.00, depending on zones traveled), youth (\$82.50), and seniors and people with disabilities (\$41.25).

Why should I ride it?

- The COASTER is an alternative to congested highways.
- COASTER passengers have increased mobility through access to Amtrak, Metrolink, BREEZE buses, SPINTER trains, San Diego MTS buses, and the San Diego Trolley.
 - The COASTER improves air quality by reducing the number of vehicles on roadways.
 - COASTER connects passengers to popular tourist and commuter destinations such as Sorrento Valley, Santa Fe Depot and the San Diego International Airport.
 - The Guaranteed Ride Home Program is available to regular commuters. Information is available at iCommuterSD.com or by calling 511 and saying "guaranteed ride home" during normal business hours.



NCTD and other transit services

For additional information on the COASTER and other NCTD transit services, please email media@nctd.org.



Quick Facts



Previous Name

COAST Express Rail



First Day of Service

February 27, 1995



Annual Ridership

1.5 Million for FY18

Average Weekday Ridership

4,915 for FY18



Length of Route

41 Miles



Number of Stations

8



Equipment

7 Locomotives and
28 Bi-Level Coaches



Contract Operator

Bombardier Transportation

Where can I find more information?



Call (760) 966-6500



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