

# SPRINTER Fact Sheet



## What is the SPRINTER?

The SPRINTER is a hybrid rail train that runs east and west between Escondido and Oceanside. A total of 455 trains run every week.



## How much does it cost?

A one-way fare for adults is \$2.50. Senior/Disabled/Medicare\* travel for \$1.25. All youth+ 6 to 18 years old ride NCTD and MTS services for FREE with a PRONTO account through June 30, 2023. Day, monthly, and regional passes are available for adults, youth, students, seniors, and people with disabilities.

- \* Senior = Age 65+ or born on or before September 1, 1959 are eligible for the reduced fare
- + Youth = Ages 6 through 18 (5 and under ride free when accompanied by a fare paying adult)

## Why should I ride it?

- The SPRINTER is an alternative to congested highways, especially the heavily traveled Highway 78 corridor.
- Reaching up to 50 mph, the SPRINTER travels quickly.
- With wide doors, level boarding, large windows, and generous lighting, vehicles are comfortable and inviting.
- Vehicles feature diesel engines that comply with strict emissions standards.
- SPRINTER passengers have increased mobility through access to Amtrak, Metrolink, BREEZE buses, COASTER trains, and San Diego MTS buses.
- Riding the SPRINTER improves air quality by reducing the number of vehicles on roadways.
- SPRINTER provides a quick and easy route to colleges including CSU San Marcos, MiraCosta and Palomar.

## Quick Facts



**First Day of Service**  
March 9, 2008



**Annual Ridership**  
2.4 Million for FY19  
(Pre-COVID)



**Average Weekday Ridership**  
7,865 for FY19 (Pre-COVID)



**Length of Routes**  
22 Miles



**Number of Stations**  
15

**Equipment**  
12 Hybrid Rail Diesel  
Multiple Unit Passenger  
Trains

## NCTD and other transit services

For additional information on the SPRINTER and other NCTD transit services, please email [media@nctd.org](mailto:media@nctd.org).



## Where can I find more information?



Call (760) 966-6500



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