

# 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 190 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 \$5.00. Senior/Disabled/Medicare\* and youth+ fares begin at \$2.50, and children ages five and under ride free. Monthly passes are available for regular passengers (\$140.00 to \$182.00, depending on zones traveled), youth (\$58.00), and Senior/Disabled/Medicare (\$58.00).

\* Senior = 65+ (Customers who turn 60 prior to September 1, 2019 will remain 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 COASTER is an alternative to congested highways.
  - COASTER passengers have increased mobility through access to Amtrak, Metrolink, BREEZE buses, SPRINTER 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](http://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](mailto:media@nctd.org).



## Quick Facts



### Previous Name

COAST Express Rail



### First Day of Service

February 27, 1995



### Annual Ridership

1.4 Million for FY19

### Average Weekday Ridership

4,886 for FY19



### 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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