



COASTER Fact Sheet

What is the COASTER?

The COASTER is a commuter train that runs north to south from Oceanside to downtown San Diego. A total of 126 trains run every week, with expanded service offered in the spring and summer and additional trains scheduled for special events as needed.

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 to \$165, 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, SPRINTER trains, San Diego MTS buses, and the San Diego Trolley.
- The COASTER improves air quality by reducing the number of vehicles on roadways.
- The Guaranteed Ride Home Program is available to regular commuters. Information is available at www.511sd.com/iCommute or by calling 511 and saying "guaranteed ride home" during normal business hours.
- Riders may receive tax benefits. Employers can allow employees to set aside up to \$245 per month in pre-tax income for transit expenses.

COASTER Quick Facts	
Previous name	COAST Express Rail
First day of service	February 27, 1995
Annual ridership	1.6 million
Average weekday ridership	5,600
Length of route	41 miles
Number of stations	8
Equipment	7 locomotives and 28 bi-level coaches
Operator	Transit America

Where can I find more information?

- Call 1-800-COASTER or 511 (and say "public transportation" and "operator")
- Visit GoNCTD.com or 511sd.com.
- See also Google Maps.

NCTD and other transit services

For additional information on the COASTER and other NCTD transit services, please contact Deborah Castillo at dcastillo@nctd.org.



The COASTER travels through scenic byways from Oceanside to downtown San Diego.