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Thousand Oaks Transit Offers Holiday Shopping Convenience

Thousand Oaks, CA – In an effort to ease local holiday traffic, Thousand Oaks Transit will launch its annual Holiday Shopper Shuttle Service on Monday, December 3. The Shuttle provides shoppers access to local shopping centers including The Oaks Shopping Center, Janss Marketplace, and the Westlake Promenade. TOT drivers will also be in the holiday spirit, donning Santa hats for each trip. The seasonal service will operate Saturdays and Sundays from December 3-24, between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

“With all the activity that occurs during the holiday season, we feel offering extended hours can make holiday shopping more convenient for the entire community,” commented City of Thousand Oaks Public Works Director, Mark Watkins. “Our primary goal is to make life a little easier for the public during this busy time of year, and the TOT shopper shuttle helps accomplish this goal.”

TOT enters the holiday season on the heels of record-breaking ridership growth in October. During the month, ridership aboard the local transit system exceeded 19,000 passengers, the highest total ever obtained in a single month. This translates to a 15 percent increase over the same month one year prior. This growth

trend reflects the continued efforts made by the City to make travel more convenient for Thousand Oaks residents.

TOT's commitment to providing convenient customer experiences has been enhanced with the launch of the Google Transit trip planning service earlier this summer. Google Transit provides a simple, comprehensive way for individuals to create travel itineraries for the Thousand Oaks area using public transportation. The system enables users to view satellite maps, travel times, and the cost comparison between public transit and driving. In addition, Google Transit does not require users to know specific route timetables, simply starting and ending locations, as well as time of arrival or departure. Transit riders and visitors can plan their trip by visiting the Google Transit Trip Planner at www.TOTransit.org or www.google.com/transit.

Thousand Oaks Transit operates five fixed-routes routes five days a week throughout Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, and Newbury Park. In addition, Dial-A-Ride service is available for seniors and persons with disabilities. For route and schedule information, call (805) 375-5473, or visit www.TOTransit.org.

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