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### **Local Transit System Experiences Strong Growth**

Solvang, CA – Santa Ynez Valley Transit (SYVT) experienced a 10 percent system wide growth trend during the 2006 calendar year when compared to 2005. At year's end, SYVT maintained a steady stream of riders, increasing annual ridership by nearly 4,000 passengers.

With the start of the new year, SYVT is striving to improve its already convenient and affordable transit system. The implementation of two new transit vehicles in October and the release of updated brochures ensures SYVT is ready to meet the needs of residents and visitors alike.

“We look forward to sharing Santa Ynez Valley Transit with residents and visitors during 2007,” noted Solvang City Manager, Brad Vidro. “SYVT is committed to meeting the needs of the community, and we continue to look for ways of improving our transit network accordingly.”

SYVT provides a stress-free alternative to driving. With gas prices on the rise and the stress that comes with sitting in traffic, SYVT has been helping residents avoid both.

SYVT is also an easy new year's resolution to keep saving residents money while reducing stress.

SYVT links Buellton, Solvang, Los Olivos, and Santa Ynez. Buses operate from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The adult cash fare is \$1.50, with discounted rates available for seniors, children, and persons with disabilities. For more information including routes and schedules, please call (805) 688-5452 or visit [www.syvt.com](http://www.syvt.com).

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