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**ENHANCED BUS SERVICE IN LOS BANOS STARTS IN MAY**

**LOS BANOS**— The Bus will be adding service to a popular Los Banos shopping center starting next month. Beginning May 1, passengers riding the LB, DP and G lines running through the City of Los Banos will benefit from a new stop added to the San Luis Plaza shopping center along East Pacheco Boulevard/Highway 152. This stop will enhance residents' ability to visit a variety of dining, retail and commercial services along with the new Human Services Agency office.

Passengers heading to Merced on the outbound LB line should note that accommodating this new stop will require The Bus to depart from the Walmart stop five minutes earlier on weekdays than is listed on current schedules. Passengers on the DP line going to Dos Palos will also leave from the Merced College Los Banos campus five minutes earlier on the weekdays once the new schedule goes into effect. The outbound G line will drop off riders six minutes later at all regular stops located beyond the Wal-Mart stop on the route when traveling from Gustine to Los Banos. All passengers should check The Bus website or 'The Bus Live' smartphone app for updates to weekend schedules.

"We appreciate our passengers' patience and understanding as we implement this change," said Artis Smith, Transit Director. "We believe the new stop in Los Banos will allow us to continue to serve the public who live on the west side in a way that allows them to take full advantage of the services and opportunities available to them in the community."

All route changes can be found at [www.mercedthebus.com](http://www.mercedthebus.com) or by calling The Bus at (209) 723-3100. Real-time information regarding bus locations, services and arrival times can be found at [www.thebuslive.com](http://www.thebuslive.com) or by downloading 'The Bus Live' app on your smart phone for free. All buses are equipped with bike racks and are wheelchair accessible. Seniors, Veterans and ADA eligible passengers can ride all fixed route service for free with qualifying identification. Those wishing to see if they are eligible for the free fare should contact The Bus office to learn more.

The Bus is the single public transportation service provider for all of Merced County and is administered by the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County and managed by the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG). For more information, please visit [www.mercedthebus.com](http://www.mercedthebus.com) and [www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org).

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