

Altamont Commuter Express (ACE)

Overview

The Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) is an 86-mile weekday commuter rail service from Stockton to San Jose, via the Tri-Valley area of Alameda County. Operating on the Union Pacific railroad track, ACE service consists of three morning trains originating in Stockton providing service to San Jose Diridon Station. Three afternoon trains provide return trip service from San Jose to Stockton. ACE service began in October 1998.



Ridership: 3,700 average daily ridership

Equipment: 6 diesel locomotives and 28 bi-level passenger cars (total regular service seating capacity of 2,722). All cars have bicycle and wheelchair accommodations.

Stations: Southern Pacific Depot in Stockton
Yosemite Avenue in Lathrop/Manteca
Linne Road in Tracy/Vasco & Brisa in Livermore
Railroad Avenue in Livermore
Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton
Amtrak Centerville Station in Fremont
Santa Clara/Great America Station
Santa Clara Caltrain Station (*Service to the Santa Clara station has been suspended during the Union Pacific track work. ACE is providing shuttle buses during this time.*)
San Jose Diridon Station

Shuttle Service: In Santa Clara County, eight routes serve major employment centers in Milpitas, Mountain View, North San Jose, Palo Alto, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale from the Great America Station. VTA's Downtown Area Shuttle (DASH) provides service between Diridon Station and Downtown San Jose. The VTA San Jose Airport Flyer Line 10 provides connecting service between the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, the San Jose International Airport and VTA Light Rail service at North First Street and Metro Drive.

Fares: Zone system fares increase as the distance traveled increases. One-Way, Round-Trip, 20-Trip, and Monthly passes are available, and discounted fares are available for seniors, children, and passengers with disabilities. A \$21 fare is charged for the round trip from Stockton to San Jose.

- Governance:** The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission is the owner, operator and policy-making body for ACE service.
- Funding Agencies:** The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC), and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency provide funding of ACE service under the terms of a cooperative service agreement.
- Funding:** Passenger fares, state funds, federal funds and local funds from the three funding agencies.
- Managing Agency:** San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
- Track Owner:** The majority of the tracks ACE operates through are owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. A trackage rights agreement governs level of service and ACE payment requirements.
- Operator:** Herzog Transit Services

How to Reach Us

For more information on Altamont Commuter Express call ACE Customer Service at 1-800-411-RAIL or log on to www.acerail.com. For more information on other VTA projects, call VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575, TTY for the hearing impaired (408) 321-2330, or visit us on the web at www.vta.org.



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