

SunBus and Taxi Join to Provide Transportation To the Valley's Coachella and Stagecoach Festivals

(Thousand Palms, CA) -- SunLine Transit Agency announces the SunBus & Taxicab joint collaboration to provide transportation to Coachella Music & Arts Festival, April 16 -18, and the Stagecoach Country Music Festival, April 24-25 -- two of the Valley's largest music festivals which take place at the Empire Polo Field in Indio.

General Manager, C. Mikel Oglesby, states, "Taking the SunBus and a taxi to the festivals will ease traffic congestion and long waits into and out of the parking lot. This bus/taxi collaboration is in response to the high demand from visitors and locals wanting to cost-effectively get to the festivals."

Bus route schedules, maps and more details can be found on the SunLine website at www.sunline.org and the events websites at www.coachella.com or www.stagecoachfestival.com.

Certain restrictions will apply on SunBus such as no tents, no poles, no open containers, and no eating is allowed. A small cooler and only two bags per person are allowed. For safety purposes, all carry-on items must be stored so as not to block the aisles of the bus. People who will be camping out at the Festival and have bulky gear are advised to use the taxi service or alternate mode of transportation as bulky items will not be allowed on the bus.

Festival goers at the western end of the Valley can connect to the Official Festival Taxi Stand in Indio at Highway 111 and Flower by way of Line 111 eastbound. Travelers from the east end of the Valley can take Lines 80, 90 and 91 to the Taxi Stand in Indio.

The Taxi Stand opens at 8:00 a.m. and provides a short ride to the festival drop-off at Ave 50 & Monroe at a cost of approximately \$13.00 per trip.

SunBus is \$1 for adults, 85¢ for youth 17 and under. Transfers cost 25¢. Festival goers are cautioned to be prepared to use taxi service at Ave 50 & Monroe or alternate transportation after the festival ends each day because SunBus service at this stop ends at 9:00 p.m.