Instructions on How to Use Google Maps – Transit

Information on how to use Google Maps – Transit will be posted on the City website under the Community Services, Transit Trip Planning Tab. Instructive information will be available through written text and video.

Beach Cities Transit on Google Maps – Plan Your Trip

Google Transit is a feature on Google Maps accessed directly at www.google.com/maps or through your smartphone. Just follow the instructions below, or visit Google Maps - Transit Tutorial Video for a video tutorial.

Beach Cities Transit also provides a Trip Planner on our website.

Directions for a Google Maps - Transit Video Tutorial

The directions for planning your transit trip can also be found in a video developed by Google Maps. Click below for the Google Transit Video:

Google Maps - Transit Tutorial Video

Directions for using Google Maps - Transit Using a Computer or Tablet

1. Begin by going to your website browser and entering in www.google.com/maps or go directly to Google Maps.

2. Click on the blue “Directions” arrow.

3. Next, click on the “Public Transit” icon to see public transit options.
4. Enter in a starting point and destination address or landmark.

5. Google Maps will assume you are “Leaving Now” and plan your trip. If you are not “Leaving Now”, customize your trip using the “Leave Now” tab. If “Leave Now” does not appear hit “enter” on your keyboard.

The “Options” tab adjusts the mode of travel and route preference.
6. The available public transit options will be listed, look for Beach Cities Transit lines. Then, click on your preferred route to highlight the route on Google Maps. If you do not see Beach Cities Transit as an option, try adjusting your arrival or departure times.

Each option will provide basic information about your trip – length of time traveled, where to board the bus, transfers, fare and frequency of service.

7. Click on “Details” to get more information on your selected trip including bus departure time, transfers, fare, transit provider and walking directions.
8. Your trip is complete; options to share or print are identified as icons on the right of the directions. If you are looking to further customize your trip see Steps 9-10.

9. The “Schedule Explorer” feature can also be used to customize your trip, by time of day, date, mode of travel and route preferences.
10. There is contact information about the transit provider in the “Tickets and Information” section, so you can call Beach Cities Transit if you have any additional questions.

**Directions for using Google Transit Using a Smartphone App**

1. Begin by downloading and/or opening the Google Maps App on your smartphone

2. Click on the blue “Directions” arrow.
3. Next, click on the “Public Transit” icon to see public transit options.

4. Enter in a starting point and destination address or landmark. If your location services are turned “on” in your phone, Google Maps will automatically locate your position.

5. The available public transit options will be listed. Then, click on your preferred route to highlight the route on Google Maps and to get detailed instructions. If you do not see Beach Cities Transit as an option, try adjusting your arrival or departure times.

Each option will provide basic information about your trip – length of time traveled, where to board the bus and transfers.
6. Swiping up will provide your fare and transit provider information.

7. You can customize your trip using the “clock” icon to adjust the trip time. The “Options” tab adjusts the mode of travel and route preferences.