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SANTA MARIA AREA TRANSIT ANNOUNCES “NIGHT OWL” SERVICE

Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) now offers Night Owl Service available from 7:15-10:15 pm, Monday through Friday.

The three new night routes run every 45 minutes and include:

- Route 7N which is similar to the daytime Route 7 but continues from Crossroads Center to McCoy and Broadway.
- Route 61 connecting Orcutt with northern Santa Maria connecting route 24 and 1.
- Route 62 which does a large counter-clockwise loop combining parts of Route 3P, Route 2, Route 40, Route 8 and Route 5 connecting many of the shopping areas, neighborhoods, medical facilities and schools served by SMAT.

For more information call SMAT at 928-5624.

Santa Maria Area Transit is administered by the Public Woks Department of the City of Santa Maria.

SMAT ridership in the Santa Maria area has greatly increased. In May of 2006 SMAT attracted over 95,000 riders, breaking its previous single-month record of 91,000. In the past 12 months the transit system has served nearly one million riders.