



**Press Release**

***Veolia Transportation Partners with Napa County Transportation and Planning Authority (NCTPA) to Launch NAPA Shuttle***

**Napa Valley, CA – March 16, 2009** – The NAPA Shuttle plans on making its debut launch on March 26, 2009 from the NAPA Senior Center. The 14 passenger FlexRide bus is the newest service provided by NCTPA and is a six month demonstration project which will operate two days per week within the city of NAPA.

Operating Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 2pm, this senior-friendly service has a dedicated driver and dispatch, requires no subscription service. Customers do not have to make advance reservations; same day trip requests are sufficient. Service is on a first come, first served basis and can go curb –to-curb whenever necessary.

“We believe the service will be very popular. It is available to the general public, yet has some of the best features of a paratransit service,” said Veolia Transportation General Manager Reno Navarette. “We have a large population of seniors in the area that don’t necessarily need paratransit services and don’t need to go long distances, but still need a ride to take care of business like doctor’s appointments, grocery shopping, etc. The NAPA Shuttle fills that need.”

As part of the promotion activities, the NCTPA, Adhoc advisory committee and Veolia Transportation held a “Name That Service” contest with the *NAPA Shuttle* as the winning entry. Runners’ Up included: *Get About, Gad About; Stepping Out; Let’s Go; and Going Your Way.*

Navarette said, “Veolia Transportation has operated NAPA’s Fixed Route and Paratransit service for NCTPA since 1991. Our staff is very familiar with riders and service needs so they were instrumental in designing all aspects of the route including the days and hours it should operate and the logistics of scheduling customers and maximizing convenience.”

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