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## TENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY TO BE HELD ON JUNE 18

## **Dump the Pump. Ride Public Transit.**

**(Thousand Palms, CA)** June 18, 2015 • With the return of high gas prices, SunLine Transit Agency announced today that it will join with other public transportation systems nationwide to participate in the tenth annual National Dump the Pump Day and offer free rides on SunBus from 5:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Public transportation doesn't just save money, it also helps communities grow and prosper. Public transportation is a cornerstone of local economies in urban, suburban, and rural communities. In fact, public transportation helps to make a community economically prosperous and competitive. Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic returns, powering community growth and revitalization.

More information about SunLine can be found at <u>sunline.org</u>. • Media inquiries contact Norma Stevens at 760-250-5366 or e-mail <u>nstevens@sunline.org</u>.

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SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit sunline.org.

