

# Speak Out Now! at AC Transit 3/16/2026

## District Already Has the Run Time Info

Why does the District pretend like our crappy run times are some mystery? We have to fill out timecards to show the start and end times of the run. But they do nothing about it, and none of this info is even needed.

The District has every real run time of every bus for every day. That is how they have real time bus arrivals. What is the point of tracking every bus if they don't look at the run times? Why are they making us fill out useless forms to tell them info they already have?

Instead of making us fill out useless timecards, they should just actually look at the info they already have and fix the run times!

## Are Timecards Just a Distraction?

It is clear the District just makes us fill out timecards in order to create extra steps to get paid accurately. They know that not all of the drivers will take the time to do it. The timecards are totally useless information for the District because they already have all of the real travel time of every bus.

So what the hell are we having to fill out these timecards for? What are we telling them that they don't already know? We should be paid accurately without having to waste our time filling out useless timecards.

## District Saves by Messing with Healthcare

The District is trying to ram through the switch of AC workers' medical carriers from Kaiser and HealthNet to CalPERS Medical. The problem is workers don't know what the changes will be. Will the copays or premiums change? And also, for those workers who have HealthNet, how are we supposed to know if our providers will take CalPERS? We still haven't been updated on this, and it is certainly possible that not all providers will accept CalPERS?

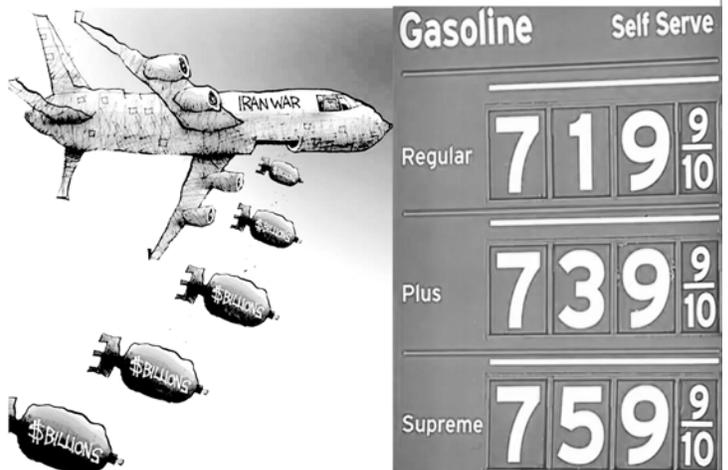
We know the District is trying to save money, but our lives shouldn't be jacked around by their methods.

## CA Gas Prices Skyrocket Because of War

Because of the U.S. and Israel's brutal and unnecessary war on Iran, gas prices everywhere are skyrocketing. But they are increasing the most in California because the state requires a special gasoline blend that makes it rely heavily on energy imports. And many of these imports are the ones being held up the most by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz from this horrific war launched by the U.S. In a few places, the gas prices have already gone over \$7 a gallon and could go as high as \$10 per gallon.

The U.S. ruling elite think they can get away with whatever they want. They think they can bomb and brutalize and murder without consequence. They think they can throw everyone's lives into chaos and we will just accept it. They are wrong!

## LOOKS LIKE AC MIGHT GET THEIR RIDER NUMBERS UP!



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## Their Brutal War Shows the Priorities of Their System

This devastating war on the people of Iran by the murderous regimes of the U.S. and Israel has continued for two weeks, hitting over 6,000 locations across Iran, killing over one thousand civilians and displacing an estimated 3.2 million people. They have struck an elementary school for girls, killing at least 170 people, mostly young girls. They have bombed hospitals, power stations, residential buildings, infrastructure and more, devastating entire cities. They have bombed oil depots and refineries, igniting massive fires that sent thick clouds of toxic black smoke over Tehran, a city of 9 million people. As a result, Tehran is being hit with dangerous "black rain" – acidic rain contaminated with toxic chemicals that burn the skin and damage the lungs.

And their killing has not been limited to Iran. Israel has expanded its bombing into Lebanon, killing nearly 700 people in two weeks, about 50 people a day, destroying bridges and whole neighborhoods. Israeli forces have ordered forced evacuations in most of southern Lebanon, displacing over 800,000 people in a small and densely populated city. Israel has bombed families with nowhere to go as they sleep in tents on a beach in central Beirut. Israel claims it is defending itself from Hezbollah, an Islamist political and military organization in Lebanon supported by Iran, but this is a lie. Israel has spent the past three years destroying most of Hezbollah's military capacity since the beginning of the genocide in Gaza. Israel's real aim is to expand its borders, vowing to occupy southern Lebanon indefinitely.

Meanwhile, Trump, Pete Hegseth, and others in the administration brag about their callous destruction of Iran as they waste billions of dollars on this war, on top of the tens of billions the U.S. has already given to fund Israel's genocide of Palestinians. The first six days of this war have already cost over \$11.3 billion. And this war has provoked Iran to block the Strait of Hormuz, where 20% of the world's oil supply passes through, causing oil prices to skyrocket and increasing gasoline and energy costs. As living costs for working people increase, U.S. oil companies stand to make an extra \$60 billion from the increase in oil prices.

While billions of dollars a day go to destroy the innocent people of Iran, the Trump administration is carrying out the largest gutting of social programs in U.S. history, slashing trillions from healthcare, food assistance, education and more to fund \$4.5 trillion in tax breaks for billionaires and to pay for their massive increases in military spending. It's expected that the Trump administration will ask for at least an additional \$50 billion more for this war, and plans to increase the military budget to \$1.5 trillion dollars in 2027.

The Medicaid cuts alone will strip coverage from an estimated 7.2 low-income million people. On top of that, their cuts to health care subsidies from the Affordable Care Act mean that an estimated 4.8 million people that had private insurance will become uninsured. Overall, millions of people face losing access to health coverage. Nationwide, over 700 hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities face huge service cuts or could shut down altogether from these funding cuts.

The administration is also cutting food assistance, eliminating \$187 billion from SNAP over ten years, the largest cut to the program in its history. An estimated 4 million people, including 1 million children, will have their food assistance slashed or eliminated altogether. Work requirements are being expanded to cut off 2.4 million more people, including older adults, veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and young people. Millions of families who are already struggling to put food on the table will now have even less.

This is the priorities of their system laid bare. They have billions a day for a war to kill innocent people and bomb schools and hospitals, but they have no money for food assistance or healthcare or public transportation or any of the programs that working people rely on.

Working people have nothing to gain from this war. Our enemies are not the people of the Middle East under assault by the U.S. and Israeli military. Our enemies are the politicians and billionaires that work together to defend their system by bombing civilians abroad while gutting the programs that keep people alive at home. We must oppose both the war being waged in our name overseas and the war being waged against us here.