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## Free Local Taxi Vouchers for City of Rancho Santa Margarita's Senior Mobility Program

The price of senior transportation within RSM is FREE for a one-way trip

**Rancho Santa Margarita, CA –** Seniors who live in Rancho Santa Margarita will enjoy a price reduction for transportation through the City's Senior Mobility Program. The price of a taxi voucher for transportation within the city limits of Rancho Santa Margarita was reduced from \$2.50 per one-way trip to FREE beginning April 1, 2013. The Senior Mobility Program allows older adults who are unable to drive the opportunity to purchase discounted taxi vouchers to assist in getting them around town.

"Rancho Santa Margarita is fortunate to have a vibrant senior community," shared Jennifer Cervantez, City Manager for the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. "We want to make every effort to assist our seniors to live an active lifestyle. Access to reasonably priced transportation is an important component to keeping our aging adults moving."

The vouchers are used in lieu of cash towards rides from California Yellow Cab Company. Currently, transportation is provided within Rancho Santa Margarita to John Wayne Airport and within the city limits of Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills and Laguna Niguel. Voucher prices for the other locations are: Mission Viejo and Lake Forest city limits - FREE; Laguna Hills city limits - \$7.50; Laguna Niguel city limits - \$8.75; John Wayne Airport - \$30.00.

Taxi vouchers are only available to Rancho Santa Margarita residents ages 60 and older. Proof of age and residency is required in order to qualify and vouchers expire on June 30, 2013.

For more information regarding the Senior Mobility Program, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.cityofrsm.org">www.cityofrsm.org</a> or call 949.216.9700. Vouchers are limited and are available for pick up at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center, 22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.