HOW TO GO FROM SCHOLAR HOUSING TO THE VILLA USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Traveling time varies depending on the day/time, and traffic, but will generally take about 1 hour. Barring traffic, buses run on a fairly regular schedule.

There are apps like "Moovit" https://www.moovitapp.com/ and "NextBus" https://www.nextBus.com/ that can be installed on your cell phone to let you know when a bus is scheduled to arrive.

You can ask the driver when you board the bus to let you know when the stop closest to the Getty Villa is coming up. Drivers are usually helpful and friendly.

Bus maps and schedules can be accessed at https://www.metro.net/riding/trip-planner/

Option 1

Take bus number 602 (westbound) at the bus stop located right outside Scholar Housing at the corner of Sunset and Westgate.

Get off at the bus terminal at the very end of Sunset Blvd. after the bus makes a kind of U-turn stopping at the intersection of Sunset and Pacific Coast Hwy, SE corner.

At the traffic light cross Pacific Coast Hwy to go towards the beach. Turn right to walk north alongside the beach until you reach the very visible Getty Villa main entrance (about 1 mile or 10 minutes).

At the traffic light cross the street to the Getty Villa main entrance. If the Villa gate is open, enter and show your badge and the security officer will call for a driver to pick you up and take you near the Villa Ranch House (where scholar offices are located.) If the gate is closed, press the button on the intercom and request a driver to pick you up at the gate. Identify yourself as a Getty Scholar and have your badge with you.

Option 2

Take bus number 602 (westbound) at the bus stop located right outside Scholar Housing at the corner of Sunset and Westgate.

Get off at the bus terminal at the very end of Sunset Blvd. after the bus makes a kind of U-turn stopping at the intersection of Sunset and Pacific Coast Hwy, SE corner.

Wait there for bus number 534 and get off at the next bus stop (Pacific Coast Hwy and Coastline Dr.) right in front of the Villa.

If the Villa gate is open, enter and show your badge and the security officer will call for a driver to pick you up and take you near the Villa Ranch House (where scholar offices are located.) If the gate is closed, press the button on the intercom and request a driver to pick you up at the gate. Identify yourself as a Getty Scholar and have your badge with you.

Option 3

Take bus number 602 (westbound) at the bus stop located right outside Scholar Housing at the corner of Sunset and Westgate.

Get off at Sunset and Paseo Miramar. This stop comes immediately after the Self Realization Lake Shrine that you can see on your left-hand side while you are still on the bus.

Walk very briefly towards the ocean and turn right onto Los Liones Drive. This street goes uphill and it seems long but, it has a sidewalk and it makes for a fast and comfortable stroll. Continue on Los Liones (past the Church of Latter Day Saints) to the Getty Villa staff entrance. Show the Security Officer at the kiosk your badge for entrance.

Per Getty safety procedures, you are required to wear an orange vest to walk this route. Orange vests can be requested from Scholar Program staff. Please note that Los Liones has little lighting (and is also wildlife corridor.) It is not advisable to walk on Los Liones after dark. Note also, that Getty Security is not able to provide shuttle service on Los Liones.