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SacRT 50th Anniversary Special Edition

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**(Special Section) SacRT Celebrates 50 Years – Our Golden Anniversary**

April 1, 2023, marks SacRT’s 50th anniversary of operation, and we’re celebrating this important milestone by looking back at our history and celebrating what is still to come. SacRT has played an integral role in generations of Sacramentans and has been woven into the fabric of daily life across the Sacramento region.

"For 50 years, our dedicated, hard-working employees have kept this region moving by providing the most equitable, accessible and innovative public transportation options,” said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. “This is a milestone worth celebrating, and we look forward to celebrating with our employees, customers and community.”

“It is my pleasure to congratulate the entire SacRT Team and Sacramento County community as we celebrate our 50th anniversary,” said SacRT Board Chair and Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. “Since its founding in 1973, SacRT has become highly recognized for its innovative approaches in delivering clean, safe and convenient transit options for our customers. SacRT has seen tremendous growth, especially in the past few years, and occasions like this 50th milestone are a wonderful reminder that great things are happening.”

This half-century landmark not only provides a moment for reflection about where SacRT has been, it’s also a time to focus on where SacRT is headed into the future to improve transit access and serve more riders.

**50th Anniversary Bus and Light Rail Train**

We are rolling out a special 50th anniversary edition bus and light rail train this month. Step on board for an immersive experience, as both the bus and train feature decals dotted with QR codes that virtually connect riders to stories and videos about our history and achievements. A special thank you to Siemens for sponsoring our train wrap and Gillig for sponsoring our bus wrap.

**Free Ride Transit Tuesdays**

To kick-off the celebration, we are offering Free Ride Transit Tuesdays on fixed-route bus and light rail every Tuesday during the month of April 2023, on April 4, April 11, April 18 and April 25. No flyer needed to ride, just hop on board.

**50th Anniversary Events**

To honor our history and, most importantly, to say “thank you” to everyone we serve, we’ll be holding pop-up events at light rail stations and transit center throughout the month of April 2023. We’ll also have some commemorative items to hand out and a chance to enter to win prizes at each event.

We plan to continue celebrating our 50th Anniversary throughout the year and plan to hold larger community events in the coming months to showcase our new low-floor light rail trains.

50th Anniversary Pop-Up Events in April:

* Wednesday, April 5: 16th Street Station – 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
* Thursday, April 6: Arden Fair Transit Center – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
* Friday, April 7: Watt/I-80 Station – 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
* Monday, April 10: Mather Field/Mills Station – 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
* Thursday, April 13: University/65th Street Station – 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
* Saturday, April 15: Historic Folsom Station (Farmers Market) – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
* Tuesday, April 18: Arden/Del Paso Station – 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
* Wednesday, April 19: Cosumnes River College Station – 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
* Monday, April 24: 13th Street Station – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Share Your SacRT Story

We would love to hear your story about your first-time riding SacRT or a special memory you have. Visit our website to share your story online.

Learn more about the 50th anniversary and SacRT’s history through the decades by visiting sacrt.com/50years.

**April 2023 Service Adjustments: Bus Routes 72 and 86** (gray box)

Effective April 2, 2023, SacRT will implement minor service adjustments on bus routes 72 and 86.

**Route 72: Outbound to Mather Field/Mills (Monday – Friday):**

To better serve demand along Kiefer Boulevard, the trip that started at Branch Center Drive at 3:37 p.m. will now start at Watt/Manlove at 3:28 p.m.

**Route 86: Inbound to J & 11th (Monday – Friday):**

The trips departing Marconi/Arcade Station before 8 p.m. will depart five minutes later than currently scheduled to improve connections. All times shift accordingly. See new timetable for more details.

New timetables are available at sacrt.com/aprilservice.

**Rider Alert: Upcoming Weekend Light Rail Service Disruptions**

Several light rail service disruptions are planned for multiple weekends in April. During construction, riders will be able to travel between impacted light rail stations through a bus bridge (shuttle buses).

**Saturday, April 1 and Sunday April 2, 2023:**
Gold Line: Bus bridge between 13th Street and 29th Street Stations
Blue Line: Bus bridge between 13th Street to Fruitridge Stations

**Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16, 2023:**
Blue Line: Bus bridge between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Watt/I-80 Stations

**Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 2023**
Gold Line: Bus bridge between 13th Street to 29th Street Stations
Blue Line: Bus bridge between 13th Street to City College Stations

**Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30, 2023**
Gold Line: Bus bridge between 13th Street and Sacramento Valley Station.

Blue Line: Bus bridge between 13th Street and Cathedral Square (10th & K and 11 & K)

The station construction schedule could change due to inclement weather. Check sacrt.com/stationclosure or call Customer Service at 916-321-BUSS (2877) for updates.

**Help improve bus stops along Stockton Blvd, take the survey!**

SacRT is asking for feedback on bus stops along Stockton Boulevard for the Stockton Boulevard Bus Stop Implementation Plan. Stockton Boulevard is SacRT’s highest ridership corridor, and we are identifying projects at existing bus stops along Stockton Boulevard from Alhambra Boulevard to Elsie Avenue to improve safety, accessibility, and ridership along Stockton Boulevard.

Community engagement will help identify needs of specific bus stops needs and guide where future funding will be implemented. Community input was previously received from the Spotlight on Stockton Boulevard event in October 2022. The feedback received from this survey will be combined with the input received from the Spotlight on Stockton Boulevard to inform project results.

Take the online survey through Thursday, April 13, 2023, at sacrt.com/stocktonblvd.

**Go Green! Ride free on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22**

SacRT is offering systemwide free rides in celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Free rides are available to travel on all buses, light rail and SacRT GO paratransit services shuttles during regular service hours. No flyer is needed to ride free.

SacRT light rail vehicles minimize air pollution, as they are 100% powered by electricity and most buses use compressed natural gas (CNG) which produces fewer pollutants, other vehicles are 100 percent zero-emission electric battery powered vehicles. On Earth Day, help clear the air by trying an alternative form of transportation. Leave the car at home and try SacRT for free. Learn more at sacrt.com/earthday.

**Help Spring Clean at the American River Parkway**

The American River Parkway Foundation's Spring Clean-Up is being held on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 9 a.m. This free community event is the second-largest annual clean-up, and helps remove thousands of pounds of trash from the Parkway. With nine locations to choose from along the American River Parkway from Discovery Park to Nimbus Dam, you can help conserve your favorite part of the Parkway or explore a new area. This is an opportunity for the entire family to make an impact on the community together and a great way to earn community service hours. Learn more about the clean up opportunities at [arpf.org](https://arpf.org/).