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September 2022 Service Adjustments

SacRT will make service modifications and/or improvements to 19 bus routes, which will take effect on Sunday, August 28, 2022. The 19 bus routes include routes 1, 23, 26, 30, 33, 38, 51, 81, 82, 86, 93, 107, 134, 138, 142, 177, 193, E37 (new route) and E110. The proposed September 2022 service changes were approved by the SacRT Board of Directors on Monday, May 9, 2022, during the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

These service changes will restore most of the temporary service reductions that took effect on April 3, 2022, in response to the workforce shortage of operators. It also recommends several minor, low-cost improvements to other routes, which were recommended in SacRT's Short-Range Transit Plan. Lastly, it presents and discusses multiple potential partnerships for future service that could be funded via cost-sharing agreements. Learn more at sacrt.com/septemberservice.

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We're Hiring! SacRT Hosting Two Hiring Events

Join SacRT for an in-person hiring event. We have dozens of career opportunities, which include medical, dental, paid sick leave and retirement benefits. Also, \$2,000 signing bonuses for bus drivers! Don't miss the opportunity to be part of a winning team! SacRT was awarded North America's 2021 Outstanding Transit System of the Year by the American Public Transportation Association.

Choose from two different in-person hiring events held in SacRT's Auditorium at 1400 29th Street in Sacramento (accessible via light rail to the 29th Street Station, Smart Ride, or bus routes 38, 67 and 68):

- Tuesday, June 14, 2022
2 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Learn more about the hiring process and what to bring with you at sacrt.com/hiringevents or call 916-321-BUSS (2877). Don't worry if you can't attend the SacRT career fair, you can apply online using our online career portal at sacrt.com/careers.

Take SacRT's Bus Stop Improvement Survey

SacRT, in partnership with Civic Thread, a local non-profit planning and advocacy organization, is working on a Bus Stop Improvement Plan for the SacRT service area, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, and Sacramento County. This plan will create a comprehensive list of necessary and desired improvements to bus stops, amenities, and supporting pedestrian infrastructure.

Focus areas will be identified through a community survey, which is available to all residents within SacRT's service area to take, that will allow respondents to rate the bus stops in their area. This will help SacRT focus the plan on areas with the greatest needs. Respondents will be randomly selected to win a gift card or a month of free transit. Your feedback is important to the success of the plan, please take the survey now at sacrt.com/busstopimprovement.

Masks Recommended on Public Transit

As of April 18, 2022, the Federal Transit Administration no longer mandates that masks be worn on public transportation; however, SacRT still highly recommends wearing a mask while riding public transportation, especially if you are unvaccinated. The health and safety of our staff and riders remains a top priority. For more information, visit sacrt.com/covid19.

SacRT on the Move: SacRT's Short-Range Transit Plan Adopted

SacRT on the Move is SacRT's Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP). All transit agencies that are direct recipients of federal funds are required to have an approved SRTP. This plan makes recommendations looking forward over the next five years. The SRTP was approved by the SacRT Board of Directors on May 9, 2022, during the regularly scheduled board meeting.

In September 2019, SacRT implemented the SacRT Forward project, which brought more frequent bus service to the region seven days a week, and in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic changed travel patterns system-wide. In the SRTP update, SacRT considered the existing data and trends to establish a plan for transit service and operations through FY2027. This plan was developed to help guide SacRT's system on continuing the goals of SacRT Forward and recovering from pandemic impacts.

The FY2022-2027 SRTP contains information including, but not limited to:

- Service Planning and Evaluation
- Transit Service Operating Plan
- Capital Improvement Planning
- Strategic Planning and Marketing

The SRTP includes a 'Five-Year Service Plan' (Appendix H), which contains service improvements for the plan period and considers enhancements such as span and frequency improvements, pandemic recovery, and ridership building initiatives.

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The service plan items were also developed with SacRT's Network Integration Plan, as well as public feedback. Review the adopted SRTP document at sacrt.com/SRTP.



RydeFreeRT is your Ticket to Summertime Fun

Youth in grades TK through 12th can enjoy more freedom this summer to get to summer jobs, shopping centers, restaurants and more by taking advantage of SacRT's RydeFreeRT, the fare-free transit program for students/youth. With RydeFreeRT, students/youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT buses, light rail, and SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service for FREE! RydeFreeRT is available all day, any day of the week during regular SacRT service hours.

To ride free, students/youth simply need a current RydeFreeRT card. Youth who are experiencing homelessness or taking part in foster programs are also allowed to participate in the program regardless of current residence or school address.

Students and youth who do not have a RydeFreeRT card can visit SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street Station) or a participating Sacramento library. For more information, visit rydefreert.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).



Ride Free to Concerts in the Park

SacRT teamed up with Downtown Sacramento Partnership to offer a free ride flyer to ride free to Concerts in the Park every Friday through July 29, 2022. Learn more about the concert line up and other vendors at godowntownsac.com. Simply print or screenshot the free ride flyer at sacrt.com/freerideflyer to ride SacRT buses (fixed-route and SmaRT Ride) and light rail trains for free.

SacRT Sites Included in Critical Infrastructure Ordinance

The City of Sacramento recently passed a Critical Infrastructure Ordinance, which prohibits camping within 25 feet of SacRT's critical infrastructure. This includes, but not limited to, light rail tracks, bridges, light rail station platforms and parking lots under Title XV of SacRT's Administrative Code and Sacramento City Code Chapter 8.140.

Violators must cease camping activities and move to avoid injury to themselves or others. Violators who fail to comply will be subject to a fine of up to \$75 for the first offense, and \$250 for the second offense. Learn more at sacrt.com/tracksafety.

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Take a Ride on SacRT for Free to Pride

The 2022 Sacramento Pride Festival will take place on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day on Capitol Mall between 3rd and 7th streets. SacRT has partnered with the Sacramento LGBT Community Center to provide free rides to festival attendees. Learn more about the event and get tickets at sacramentopride.org.

To ride free, simply print or screenshot the Free Ride Flyer available at sacrt.com/freerideflyer. Only one flyer is needed per group. Present the flyer to the bus operator when boarding the bus, or to a light rail fare inspector upon request. This free ride flyer is available to use on bus or light rail on Saturday, June 11, 2022 and Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. both days. Please check schedules prior to riding. Some SacRT routes end earlier on Sundays. Get SacRT trip planning assistance at sacrt.com/planyourtrip or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).