

## **Next Stop News**

**March 2019**

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### **SacRT Forward Update**

SacRT's Board of Directors approved a new bus network proposal on February 25, which comprehensively redesigns SacRT's bus system. The new service is expected to start in summer 2019.

The focus of the new network has been on building a solid network of core routes on major corridors that will lead to economic growth and reduce congestion. Adjustments have been made to almost every route, some minor and some much more substantial, which will provide better frequency, more weekend service and new and improved schedules. SacRT will invest up to an additional \$3 million to retain and improve service. With additional local funding, we could implement more robust service in the future. The new network consists of:

- 27 regular routes
- 14 peak hour only routes
- All routes have 7-day service (with the exception of bus route 33)
- All routes have 45 minute or better service (with the exception of bus route 19)
- Complements the new 15-minute weekend light rail service

Important Information Regarding Future Service Changes:

#### Major Service Improvements

Bus Routes: 1, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 34, 38, 51, 56, 61, 62, 67, 68, 72, 75, 81, 82, 84, 86, 87, 88 and 93

#### All Day Bus Service to Peak Hour

Bus Routes: 2, 5, 6, 34 and 161 (new route)

#### Discontinued Bus Routes (most service will be covered by new routes)

Bus Routes: 22, 24, 28, 47, 54, 55, 65, 74, 80 and 95

#### New Route Numbers

Bus Routes: 3 (103), 7 (107), 29 (129), and 103 (193)

### Minor or No Route Changes

Bus Routes: 30, 33, 109, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177 and 200 series

In some areas where there is no demand for fixed-route bus service, or is not designed for large buses to navigate through neighborhoods, SacRT will deploy SmaRT Ride microtransit service. The defined SmaRT Ride service areas are currently in development. To learn more about this service, visit [smartride.sacrt.com](http://smartride.sacrt.com).

We appreciate your feedback and the time that you have taken to share your concerns. We also had a tremendous turnout of riders and stakeholders address the SacRT Board of Directors on February 25 regarding the proposal. Please know that we will continue to document your remarks and keep them on file for future reference; however, the official comment period has passed.

Once the service changes are implemented, SacRT will continuously monitor each route to optimize and adjust service on a quarterly basis as needed.

For detailed information about the upcoming service changes, visit [sacrt.com/sacrtforward](http://sacrt.com/sacrtforward) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877). If you are a person with a disability and need travel training related to the service changes, call Accessible Services at 916-557-4685.

### **Take SacRT for Free to the 2019 Capitol Beer Fest (logo)**

On Saturday, March 2, leave the driving to us and take SacRT for free to the 2019 Capitol Beer Fest. Located at Capitol Mall, the 9th annual festival takes place from noon to 4 p.m., and features delicious food from 20 food trucks, live music and a wide variety of beer from 125 brewers.

Visit [sacrt.com/capitolbeerfest](http://sacrt.com/capitolbeerfest) to view or print your free ride flyer (valid from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Best of all, SacRT now offers 15-minute weekend light rail service, and several light rail stations are within a block of the event.

Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$70 and all proceeds benefit the Runnin' for Rhett Youth Fitness Program. For event and ticket information, visit [capitolbeerfest.com](http://capitolbeerfest.com).

### **SacRT's Pre-Paid Ticket & Pass Exchange Starts April 1**

Effective July 1, 2019, SacRT buses and light rail fare vending machines will no longer accept pre-paid tickets and passes with a June 30, 2019 expiration date. This year, SacRT staff will start the ticket and pass exchange earlier, on Monday, April 1, 2019, in order to provide better customer service, shorter wait times and ample opportunity for staff to answer questions about the transition to Connect Card and ZipPass fare options. In addition, transferring the value on to electronic fare media eliminates the need for future paper ticket and pass exchanges.

From Monday, April 1, 2019 through Friday, May 31, 2019, customers will have the option to exchange current, unvalidated Basic and Discount single fare paper tickets or daily passes (June 30, 2019 expiration date) for the fare equivalent value only on electronic media, Connect Card or ZipPass. Starting on June 1, 2019 through Saturday, August 31, 2019, the exchange will also include paper fare media.

Customers can exchange their pre-paid tickets and passes at the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street Station). To make it more convenient for our customers, other exchange locations will be scheduled over the next couple of weeks at key light rail stations. Please check [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for updates.

**Important Dates:**

- Monday, April 1: Pre-paid ticket and pass exchange begins (for cash value of tickets transferred to Connect Card or ZipPass ONLY)
- Monday, June 3: Current valid pre-paid tickets pass exchange to include paper fare media
- Sunday, June 30: Current valid pre-paid tickets and passes expire
- Saturday, August 31: Last day of pre-paid ticket and pass exchange

**Extended Weekday Hours (8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.):**

- Monday, April 1 through Friday, August 30

**Special Saturday Hours (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.):**

- April 27, 2019
- June 1, 2019
- June 29, 2019
- July 27, 2019
- August 31, 2019

Visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) for details.

**All SacRT Park-and-Ride Lots Now Free**

Great news park-and-ride commuters! Effective Friday, March 1, parking at any of the seven Park-Pay-and-Ride lots is free. However, customers using the Cosumnes River College parking structure will continue to be required to pay the daily rate of \$2 or \$20 per month, since parking is maintained by the college.

Free parking at all the park-and-ride lots is just another way SacRT wants to improve the customer experience and make it more convenient to take transit. We HeaRT You!

**SacRT is Hiring!**

Did you know that SacRT employs more than just bus and light rail operators? There are a wide-range of positions at SacRT from mechanic to customer service representative, and more. SacRT's salary and benefits package is very competitive so the best personnel can be hired and retained.

Applications are only accepted for vacant positions. Visit [sacrt.com/careers](http://sacrt.com/careers) for job listings. Please note that this may only be a partial listing of career opportunities. For a complete list, call 916-556-0297 or stop by the Human Resources department at 2810 O Street, Sacramento. You may also obtain an employment application at the SacRT Human Resources department, by phone, or click on the "Job Application" link at [sacrt.com/careers](http://sacrt.com/careers).

SacRT is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### **Take SacRT to the 150th Anniversary of the Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad**

This year, the California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are proud to present a series of exciting events, activities and exhibits to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. As history can attest, the completion of the 1,912-mile continuous railroad line was arguably the single greatest technological feat of the 19th century. It helped to connect the country, shape the nation, and put the United States on a path to economic prosperity.

To commemorate the important milestone in our nation's history, the California State Railroad Museum & Foundation will present and/or support a series of events, activities and exhibits, including a free community sesquicentennial event being held on the Old Sacramento Waterfront on Wednesday, May 8 beginning at 10 a.m.

What better way to celebrate the history of rail than taking a free ride on light rail to the event. The Sacramento Valley Station is just steps away from Old Sacramento. Visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) and click on the Transcontinental Railroad link to view or print your free ride flyer. For more information on the event, visit [californiarailroad.museum](http://californiarailroad.museum). For route and schedule information, visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com).