

# NEXT STOP NEWS

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## Three Smart Ride Zones to Expand on Monday, April 5

To better serve residents of Arden, Carmichael, Folsom, Natomas and North Sacramento, Smart Ride zones in those communities will expand on Monday, April 5.

The Arden-Arcade zone will merge with Carmichael creating the Arden-Carmichael zone, which will provide service to Kaiser Morse and American River College.

The Folsom zone will expand to serve the developing community of Folsom Ranch, south of Highway 50.

The North Sacramento zone will expand further into Natomas serving Arena Boulevard shops, Garden Highway, River Oaks, Gateway Oaks, the University Technical Institute and North Natomas Regional Park. This will become the Natomas-North Sacramento zone.

Smart Ride is SacRT's on-demand ride-share shuttle service where customers can use a smartphone app to request a ride that will pick up and drop them off within the service zone boundaries.

These service areas offer corner-to-corner service where passengers are picked up and dropped off at the nearest corner or 'virtual bus stop,' which is usually within a block or two of the pickup or drop-off location. Residents living in gated communities need to board the Smart Ride shuttle at the main entrance gate.

For additional information and all eight zone maps, visit [sacrt.com/smartride](http://sacrt.com/smartride).

## Rider Alert

### April 2021 Service Changes

Effective, Sunday, April 4, 2021, SacRT will implement the following service changes:

#### Route 23: El Camino (Saturday)

To improve connections at the Arden/Del Paso light rail station, the 7:05 a.m. trip from Sunrise Mall will leave five minutes earlier at 6:58 a.m.

#### Route 26: Fulton (Monday through Friday)

To improve connections with the Blue Line, the 5:16 a.m. and 5:36 a.m. trips between Watt/Elverta and Watt/I-80 will shift two minutes later with trips departing at Watt/I-80 at 5:43 a.m. and 6:03 a.m. Trip times south of Watt/I-80 will not change.

#### Route 61: (Saturday)

To improve connections at Rush River/Wind-bridge, the 7:05 a.m. and 8:05 a.m. trips will leave Florin Towne Centre five minutes earlier. All other times will shift accordingly.

#### Route 138: Causeway Connection (Monday through Friday)

Trips leaving the UCD Medical Center at 3:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m. and 5:20 p.m. will have five additional minutes between the UCD Medical Center and the Mondavi Center to better reflect actual run time. All other times will shift accordingly.

For detailed information about the April 2021 service changes, visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

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## Ride SacRT FREE to Vaccine Appointments

Starting Monday, March 1, SacRT will offer free transit rides for everyone who needs to get to a scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointment location. This includes all vaccination sites in Sacramento County within SacRT's service area, including hospitals, pharmacies, and other immunization locations.

To ride free, customers only need to show a COVID-19 vaccine appointment confirmation in the form of an email, text or vaccine card, which will serve as valid fare only on the date noted on the appointment confirmation to ride SacRT's fixed-route bus, light rail, Folsom Stage Line, SmaRT Ride or SacRT GO services. When boarding a bus, show the operator either a printout or screenshot on a smartphone, or have ready to show a fare inspector when riding light rail.

*Please note: SacRT is only providing transportation, not administering the COVID-19 vaccine itself.*

For more information on vaccinations, eligibility and appointments, visit Sacramento County's Coronavirus vaccine website. For those who wish to be notified when they become eligible for the vaccine and schedule their appointment, you can sign up on state's website [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov).

For trip planning assistance visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) or call 916-321-BUSS. To request a ride on SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service, download the free SacRT SmaRT Ride app (App Store or Google Play) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for assistance.

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SmaRT Ride service is available in eight different zones throughout Sacramento County. Learn more about SmaRT Ride at [sacrt.com/smartride](http://sacrt.com/smartride).

SacRT GO Paratransit Services subscription customers can book a ride up to two days prior to their scheduled vaccination date. Call 916-321-BUSS (2877), select option 2 to discuss with a SacRT GO reservation specialist. Learn more about paratransit services at [sacrtgo.com](http://sacrtgo.com).

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## No Mask, No Ride, No Exceptions

SacRT requires anyone waiting at a station or transit center, riding transit (bus, light rail, SmaRT Ride, SacRT GO Paratransit Services, Folsom Stage Line, Causeway Connection, Jibe Express or Rancho CordoVan), or visiting the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street, to wear a mask or face covering. This mandate is also supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which issued a public health order effective as of February 1, requiring all passengers age two and older riding public transportation to wear a mask or face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Also, as federal law mandates, people must wear masks or face coverings that cover both the mouth and nose when awaiting, boarding, traveling on, or disembarking public transit. Visit [sacrt.com/covid19](http://sacrt.com/covid19) for more on our COVID-19 precautions.

To learn more about the free rides to vaccination locations, visit [sacrt.com/vaccines](http://sacrt.com/vaccines) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

## Take the Survey: Help SacRT Plan Future Service



Has your travel on SacRT been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic? We understand that travel patterns have changed in the last year and we want to work with our riders and community members to help plan for future service. SacRT will launch a new online survey on Monday, March 8 and your participation will provide vital feedback. You will have the opportunity to enter your email into a prize drawing for the chance to win complimentary SacRT passes, SacRT swag and gift cards. The survey will be available at [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com).

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## SacRT Continues Partnership with AmeriCorps NCCC

SacRT will continue its partnership with AmeriCorps NCCC members to distribute masks at light rail stations and transit centers during the month of March. Passengers can also obtain free masks at SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (13th Street light rail station).

AmeriCorps is a federal agency dedicated to community service and volunteerism. They provide resources and people power to organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. For information about AmeriCorps or to become an AmeriCorps member, visit [nationalservice.gov](http://nationalservice.gov).