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Ironman Triathlon— Service Disruptions in Downtown Sacramento

The inaugural Ironman triathlon event will bring thousands of athletes and spectators to the downtown core on Sunday, October 24, 2021. The renowned event includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile marathon that will race through the streets between West Sacramento and downtown Sacramento.

For the safety of participants, streets will be closed for the duration of the event. The course will also impact light rail service at the 7th & Capitol and 8th & Capitol light rail stations, and most downtown bus routes.

During the light rail disruption, SacRT will provide special shuttle bus service from noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2021. On the Blue Line, buses will transport passengers between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and 13th Street light rail stations. On the Gold Line buses will transport passengers between the Sacramento Valley and 13th Street light rail stations. Bus detours will also be in place for the following routes: 11, 30, 38, 51, 62, 86, and 88. Check SacRT's website for additional details about the service disruption and to download the free ride flyer in the coming weeks at sacrt.com/ironman.

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SacRT on the Move, Short-Range Transit Plan

SacRT is moving forward with the development of the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and is updating the important transit elements while considering trends and conditions in today's Sacramento region.

Staff continues to meet with councils and community groups to spread the word about the SRTP, sharing important status updates and encouraging the community to get involved this fall during the project's public engagement period.

Public engagement will include a first look at SacRT's Five-Year Service Plan for future service improvements. The list of potential changes has been developing over time, and in coordination with multiple SacRT divisions, reflecting the following motives:

- Span of Service & Frequency
- Network Integration Plan
- COVID Restoration
- Major/Minor Developments
- Other Agency Initiatives
- Complaints & Unmet Transit Needs

Staff is taking a close look at where SacRT stands post-SacRT Forward, and post-pandemic; therefore, obtaining the public perspective will be a crucial piece to creating a unified plan. Staff is working with community groups and local jurisdictions for opportunities to present SRTP information to the public, and is preparing to hold at least two virtual workshops between October and November 2021.

A schedule of workshop dates and times, as well as additional outreach opportunities, will be available soon. Visit sacrt.com/SRTP for more information. For questions, please contact Sarah Poe, SacRT Planner, at spoe@sacrt.com.

West Elevator Closed at the Watt/I-80 Station

On September 20, 2021, construction crews began demolition of the west elevator at the Watt/I-80 light rail station. Upon completion of the demolition, crews estimate installation of a new elevator will take approximately 10 to 12 weeks.

To access bus stops on Watt Avenue, passengers should take the east elevator and board special shuttle buses on Watt Avenue that will take them to northbound and southbound Watt Avenue stops. Shuttle buses will operate approximately every 30 minutes. Look for the buses that display "Shuttle" on the headsign before boarding.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience during the installation of a new elevator.

Mask Mandate on Public Transportation Extended



The Transportation Security Administration extended its travel mask mandate through Tuesday, January 18, 2022, to minimize the spread of COVID-19 on public transportation. Whether a person is fully vaccinated or not, riders must wear masks that cover both the mouth and nose when awaiting, boarding, traveling on, or disembarking public transit. To request a reasonable modification of this mandate, call 916-321-BUSS (2877). As a reminder, you should avoid public transit if you are sick, positive for COVID-19, or if you think or know you have been exposed to COVID-19. Visit sacrt.com/covid19 to learn more.

System-Wide Free Rides on California Clean Air Day

On Wednesday, October 6, 2021, SacRT is offering free rides system-wide in recognition of California Clean Air Day. Single Occupancy vehicles are the single largest source of air pollution in California. On Clean Air Day, give public transportation a try to help clear the air. As a reminder, masks are required to ride.

California Clean Air Day is a non-profit statewide program built on the idea that shared experiences unite people to action to improve our community health. Visit cleanairstay.org or to take the pledge to try transit and for more information on this statewide day of action. Visit sacrt.com for trip planning assistance or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Free Rides to COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Extended

SacRT has extended free transit rides to scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointments through Friday, December 31, 2021. SacRT has been offering free rides since March 2021.

Free rides are available to all vaccination sites in Sacramento County within SacRT's service area, including hospitals, pharmacies, and other immunization locations.

To ride free simply show a COVID-19 vaccine appointment confirmation in the form of an email, text message or vaccine card, which will serve as valid fare only on the date noted in your appointment confirmation. Learn more at sacrt.com/vaccines.

Tap to Ride on SacRT Light Rail and get \$1 Discount with the Cash App Card Boost

SacRT light rail riders can now tap to ride using contactless fare payment devices on all light rail trains. Riders can also get an extra \$1 off your light rail ride using the \$1 Boost on the Visa Cash App Card.

The Cash App Card is also a great for riders who do not have a bank card. The Cash App Card is a free, customizable, and provides contactless-enabled Visa debit card offered through Cash App. The Cash App Card rewards program, called Boost, offers instant discounts to select retailers, and there is currently a Boost for \$1 off each light rail ride on SacRT.

The contactless fare payment option allows riders to tap a contactless credit, debit, prepaid card, or contactless-enabled mobile or wearable device (e.g., smartwatch) to pay fare onboard light rail trains. Learn more at sacrt.com/contactless.

Ride SacRT Free to the 11th Annual Capitol Beer Fest

The Capitol Beer Fest is back! On Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Capitol Mall in Sacramento, festival-goers can enjoy four hours of some of the nation's best brewers, a great variety of food and live music.

Best of all, you can ride SacRT for free to and from the festival. To ride free, simply present the free ride flyer to the bus operator or light rail fare inspection staff. Visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer to get the flyer.

New RydeFreeRT Cards Make Back to School Easy!

With the RydeFreeRT program, youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT buses, light rail, and SmART Ride on-demand microtransit service for FREE during regular service hours.

New cards for the 2021-2022 school year have been distributed by schools. This new card is valid from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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.

If you did not receive a RydeFreeRT card, you can stop by your local library or visit the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (13th Street light rail station) to pick one up. Visit rydefreert.com for details.

Ride Natomas-North Sacramento SmART Ride for FREE in October!

In honor of California Clean Air Day, Jibe is sponsoring all rides in the Natomas-North Sacramento SmART Ride zone during the entire month of October 2021. Visit sacrt.com/jibe for details on how to ride free.

Rider Alert

Blue Line Service Disruption

On Saturday, October 16 through Sunday, October 17, 2021, Blue Line light rail trains will not operate between the 13th Street and City College light rail stations from the start of service on Saturday until 7 p.m. on Sunday due to construction on the Camellia City Viaduct. Riders will need to transfer to special shuttle buses to travel between light rail stations during the closure. This includes service to and from the following stations:

- 13th Street
- 16th Street
- Broadway
- 4th Avenue/Wayne Hultgren
- City College

No other light rail lines will be affected. Visit sacrt.com/alerts for details.

SacRT Continues Partnership with UC Davis Health

Over three years ago, SacRT partnered with UC Davis Health to rename the 39th Street Station after the healthcare provider. The 39th Street/UC Davis Health Station is the light rail stop nearest to UC Davis' Sacramento campus and provides a critical transportation link for patients, staff and students. UC Davis Health also provides free shuttle service to and from the light rail station to the UC Davis Medical Center and nearby clinics.

In addition to being a long-standing transportation partner, UC Davis Health is a top-ranked nationally recognized academic medical center offering world-class personalized care. To learn more about UC Davis Health's services and open enrollment information, visit ChooseHealth.ucdavis.edu. For trip planning assistance to the UC Davis Medical Center, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (916-321-2977).