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TransitAction Awards Open for Nominations

RT TransitAction Awards for transit excellence will be presented during the Sacramento Metro Chamber's 2016 State of RT Breakfast on Thursday, March 9 at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. These annual awards recognize efforts in support of transit and honor selected nominees that have made a significant and positive impact to public transit in the Sacramento region.

The TransitAction Awards offer an opportunity to highlight incredible contributions, and recipients will be recognized among elected officials, business leaders, community members and transit advocates in the Sacramento region.

RT is now calling for nominations. Nominations for the TransitAction Awards can be submitted for the following categories:

- Business of the Year
- Organization/Agency of the Year
- Transit Oriented Development of the Year
- Elected Official of the Year
- Individual/Transit Advocate of the Year

All nominations must be submitted no later than Wednesday, January 13, 2016. For more information about the TransitAction Awards, visit sacrt.com/transitactionawards.

RT Launches New Mobile Fare App

On Sunday, January 3, RT will launch a new "RideSacRT" mobile fare app for iOS and Android devices that will allow customers to set up a secure account to purchase, save and use tickets and passes for RT bus and light rail trips right from their smartphone.

The free mobile app is a six-month pilot project that will initially offer the ability to purchase Basic and Discount single ride tickets or daily passes. During the pilot period, users will have the ability to provide feedback that will help create RT's final mobile application.

A benefit to using the mobile app to purchase tickets is that single ride fare is valid for up to 90 minutes once activated, which means that mobile tickets can be used to ride both bus and light rail. However, the ticket must be valid for the duration of a light rail trip. Mobile RT tickets and passes will not be accepted by other transit agencies. In addition, up to 10 RT tickets or passes can be purchased and stored for future use until June 30, 2016.

The mobile app will eliminate the need to stand in line at fare vending machines or at the Customer Service and Sales Center. The ability to purchase RT fare anywhere at any time using a smartphone and credit card is a valued convenience for all RT passengers.

Download the new RideSacRT mobile app from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) on Sunday, January 3!

For more information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

35th Annual Capitol March for the Dream

Each year, thousands of local residents take to the streets of Sacramento to honor one of America's great leaders and remember the sacrifices made by pioneers of the American Civil Rights Movement during the annual Capitol March for the Dream and Diversity Expo at the Sacramento Convention Center.

The Capitol March will depart at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 18, 2016, from Sacramento City College. Marchers will then make their way past the west steps of the State Capitol and on to the Sacramento Convention Center where the celebration will continue.

Travel with RT employees as they participate in the march and remember to stop by the RT booth during the Diversity Expo, where RT's "Old Blue" historic bus will be on display.

RT will provide supplemental bus service from the Sacramento Convention Center on J Street back to Sacramento City College and Grant Union High School for attendees who participated in the march.

For more information about the event, visit MLK365.org, email operations@mlk365.org or call 916-426-4227. For route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Rider Alert

January 2016 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, January 3, 2016, RT will implement the following service changes:

Route 80: Watt – Elkhorn (Weekday/Saturday Route and Schedule Changes)

Most weekday and Saturday trip times will be significantly adjusted to improve on time performance. On weekdays and weekends at the Watt/Manlove station, passengers will need to board Route 80 in the bus loop instead of at the bus stop located near the disabled parking spaces.

Route 84: Watt – North Highlands (Weekday/Saturday Route and Schedule Changes)

Most weekday and Saturday trip times will be significantly adjusted to improve on time performance. At the Watt/Manlove station, passengers will need to board Route 84 at the bus stop located near the disabled parking spaces instead of in the bus loop.

Route 170, 171, 172 and 173: North Natomas Flyer (Weekday Schedule Changes)

All weekday trip times will be adjusted to improve on time performance.

Swiping of Fare Media Required on Buses

Effective Monday, February 1, 2016, passengers will be required to swipe all passes and tickets with a magnetic stripe in the farebox upon boarding buses to confirm validity. Fare media with a magnetic stripe include monthly passes, semi-monthly passes, daily passes (pre-paid, farebox-issued and fare vending machine-issued), and pre-paid single ride tickets.

Confirming validity via the magnetic stripe will help prevent counterfeiting and fraudulent use.

On buses, customers are asked to have passes and tickets ready to swipe to expedite boarding. On light rail trains, passes and tickets must be available for visual inspection.

Transit Talk with the General Manager

Get the answers to transit questions directly from Mike Wiley, General Manager/CEO, by logging on to RT's monthly online chat "Transit Talk with the General Manager" at sacrt.com on the first Friday of every month from noon to 1 p.m.

Mark Lonergan, Chief Operating Officer, will serve as guest host for the January session, which will be held on Friday, January 8 due to the holiday.

No registration is required to participate and questions will be accepted two hours before the session, up to the conclusion of the chat. For more information, visit sacrt.com.

Pre-Paid Tickets and Passes Expire on June 30, 2016

As a reminder, RT pre-paid tickets and passes will expire on Thursday, June 30, 2016. Effective Friday, July 1, 2016, RT buses and light rail fare vending machines will not accept pre-paid tickets and passes with a June 30, 2016, expiration date. RT will not conduct an exchange or refund for new fare media.

Customers who have pre-paid tickets and passes are encouraged to use them prior to June 30, 2016.

Ride and Glide to the Holiday Ice Rink

Ride light rail (Blue Line, Gold Line or Green Line) to the St. Rose of Lima Park (7th & K or 9th & K) Station, or take Route 11, 15, 30, 38, 51, 62, 86 or 88 into the heart of downtown for some holiday magic at the 24th annual Downtown Holiday Ice Rink. Located at 7th and K streets, the open air rink is the perfect place to celebrate the holidays and create lasting memories with family, friends and loved ones through Monday, January 18, 2016.

There are several special events planned for the Downtown Holiday Ice Rink this holiday season, including "Ride-and-Glide with RT" day. Ride RT to downtown Sacramento on Saturday, January 9, 2016, show your valid RT ticket or pass at the ice rink ticket booth, and receive a free skate rental (\$2 value).

For more information about the ice rink, visit godowntownsac.com/icerink. For route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).