

# Sacramento Regional Transit District

## Fact Sheet

### **System Profile**

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) operates approximately 91 bus routes and 37.5 miles of light rail covering a 418 square-mile service area. Buses and light rail run 365 days a year using 76 light rail vehicles and 235 buses powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) and 17 shuttle vans. Buses operate daily from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. every 15 to 75 minutes, depending on the route. Light rail trains begin operation at 4 a.m. with service every 15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes in the evening. The Blue Line trains run until 1 a.m. and the Gold Line to Folsom runs until 7 p.m.

Passenger amenities include 48 light rail stations, 26 bus and light rail transfer centers and 18 free park-and-ride lots. RT also serves over 3,300 bus stops throughout Sacramento County.

Annual ridership has steadily increased on both the bus and light rail systems from 14 million passengers in 1987 to over 34 million passengers in FY 2009. Weekday light rail ridership averages approximately 62,000. Bus weekday ridership has reached an average of approximately 58,000 passengers per day.

RT's entire bus and light rail system is accessible to the disabled community. RT also provides a door-to-door transportation service (in accordance with its responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act) for Sacramento area residents who are unable to use fixed-route service. RT provides this service through a contract with Paratransit.

RT's Community Bus program provides smaller circulator "Neighborhood Ride" buses to five neighborhoods in Sacramento County.

### **History and Organization**

RT began operations on April 1, 1973, with the acquisition of the Sacramento Transit Authority. Later that year, RT completed a new maintenance facility and purchased 103 new buses.

Over the next decade, RT continued to expand bus service to the growing Sacramento region while a cooperative effort emerged among city, county and state government officials to develop a light rail system. In 1987 the 18.3-mile light rail system opened, linking the northeastern (Interstate 80) and eastern (Highway 50) corridors with Downtown Sacramento.

RT completed its first light rail extension in September 1998 with the opening of the Mather Field/Mills station. In September 2003 RT opened the first phase of the South Line, a 6.3-mile extension to South Sacramento. In June of 2004, light rail was extended from the Mather Field/Mills station to Sunrise Boulevard. On October 15, 2005, light rail was extended 7.3 miles east from the Sunrise station to the city of Folsom. This extension included four new stations. In December 2006 RT completed the final segment of the Amtrak/Folsom Corridor Project, when it opened the .7-mile light rail extension to Sacramento Valley Station. This connects light rail with Amtrak inter-city and Capitol Corridor service as well as local commuter buses.

RT is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors comprised of members of the Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove and Folsom city councils as well as the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. The fiscal year 2010 operating budget is \$140.8 million, with a capital budget of \$115.4 million.

RT employs a work force of approximately 1,088 (April 2009) people, 77 percent of whom are dedicated to operations and maintenance of the bus and light rail systems. RT operates three maintenance and operations facilities – one for buses at 29th and N Streets, one for the Community Bus Service at McClellan Park, and one for the light rail system at 2700 Academy Way in north Sacramento.

### **Light Rail Expansion**

As light rail ridership increases, RT continues to extend the rail system. South Line phase 2 project, which is the highest priority transit project in the region – will extend RT's South Corridor light rail service from the existing terminus at Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College. The 4.3-mile extension will include four new stations and three new park -and-ride lots.

Construction of the 1.1 mile Green Line to the River District light rail project will begin in December 2009. Revenue service is expected to start in January 2011.

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# Regional Transit Facts & Figures

## System Quick Facts

Metropolitan Population	2.2 million
Service Area	418 sq. miles
Employees	1088 (Apr. 2009)
Passenger Miles	143 million
Ridership (Boarding Passengers/Year)	34 million
Bus Annual Passenger Trips	17 million
Light Rail Annual Passenger Trips	17 million
Operating Budget	140.8 million
Percentage of Operating Expenses Funded by:	
Federal Assistance	22.5%
State & Local Sales Taxes	40.1%
Fare Receipts	29.1%
Other sources	8.3%
RT Board Members	11
Sacramento City Council	4
Chair Steve Cohn	
Director Bonnie Pannell	
Director Ray Tretheway	
Director Lauren Hammond	
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors	3
Director Roger Dickinson	
Director Don Nottoli	
Roberta MacGlashan	
Elk Grove City Council	1
Director Pat Hume	
Citrus Heights City Council	1
Vice Chair Steve Miller	
Rancho Cordova City Council	1
Director David Sander, Ph.D.	
Folsom City Council	1
Director Andy Morin	

## Significant Dates

1971	RT was created by the California State Legislature.
1973	RT took over Sacramento Transit Authority.
1987	Light Rail began operation.
1993	RT began operating CNG fueled buses.
1998	First light rail extension to Mather Field/Mills station began operation.
2003	6.3-mile South Corridor extension began operation.
2004	Extension of Folsom Corridor to Sunrise began operation.
2005	Folsom Corridor 10.7-mile extension began operation.
2006	Folsom Corridor 10.7-mile extension to Sacramento Valley / Amtrak Station began operation.

## Light Rail Operations

Vehicles	76
Light Rail Track	37.5 miles
Stations	48 (April 2009)
Transfer Centers	26 (April 2009)
Park-and-Ride Lots	18
Parking Spaces	7,379
Average Weekday Passenger Trips	58,000
Annual Train Car Miles Operated	3.4 million
Sacramento Valley Station to Folsom Run Time	55 minutes
Watt/I-80 to Meadowview Run Time	48 minutes

Busiest Stations	Av. Weekday On & Offs
16th Street	4,800
Meadowview	3,000
St. Rose of Lima Park	2,800

## Bus Operations

### Vehicle Fleet (February 2008)

40 foot CNG	212
Replica Streetcars CNG	4
Shuttle Buses (12 diesel, 7 gasoline)	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>235</b>

### Routes (September 2009)

All-Day	51
Peak Period	12
Supplemental Services	20
Community Bus Service	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

Bus Stops	3,340
Average Weekday Passenger Trips	58,000
Annual Miles Operated	8,180,126

### Busiest Routes

	Av. Weekday Boardings
#51 Broadway/Stockton	3,750
# 81 Florin/65th	3,400
#67/68 Florin/Arden	3,300

## Customer Service Center

Annual Calls Answered	950,904
Average Calls Per Month	79,242
Annual Photo ID Cards Prepared	27,824
Complaints & Commendations	48

## Paratransit, Inc.

Service for people with disabilities who cannot use RT buses and light rail service.

Annual Passenger Trips Provided	309,219
Average Weekday Passenger Trips Scheduled	1,627
Annual Service Miles Provided	2,798,463
Annual Vehicle Service Hours	107,733
Vehicles	100

## Telephone Information

Main Office.....	321-2800
Lost and Found.....	321-2855
24-hour Information Line.....	321-2877 (weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Telephone Info Center.....	321-2877 (weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
TDD .....	483-HEAR (recorded information)

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