**January 2024 Next Stop News**

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**Construction Begins in January 2024 for Folsom 15-Minute Light Service Project**

On Tuesday, January 2, 2024, SacRT will begin construction to add a passing track at the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station. Upon completion, SacRT will be able to provide 15-minute light rail service to all Folsom area stations, including Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn/Robert G. Holderness and Historic Folsom. Folsom light rail customers can expect service disruptions for the duration of the expected six-month construction period. Customers are encouraged to download the free Alert SacRT app (Google Play or the App Store) to stay informed.

Service Disruptions:

* **Tuesday, January 2 and Wednesday, January 3, 2024**
Gold Line: Bus bridge between Sunrise and Historic Folsom stations. Signaling work will take place near the Iron Point Station so trains can serve the Iron Point Station starting on Thursday, January 4.
* **Thursday, January 4, 2024 - July 2024**
Gold Line: Bus bridge between Iron Point and Historic Folsom stations. Construction of the passing track will take place near the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station. There will be NO light rail service between Iron Point and Historic Folsom stations.

SacRT will provide supplemental shuttle bus service for customers that need to travel in between impacted stations. If a customer does not want to take the shuttle bus they can park and catch the train at one of SacRT’s free park-and-ride lots at Hazel Station (30-minute service) or Sunrise Station (15-minute service).

In conjunction with the construction activities, road closures will be implemented starting Tuesday, January 2, 2024. The northbound stretch of Folsom Boulevard, between Bidwell Street and Parkshore Drive, will experience lane closures. Glenn Drive will also be closed between Folsom Boulevard and Coolridge Drive.

Upon the successful completion of the Folsom 15-Minute Light Rail Service Project in summer 2024, SacRT will introduce 15-minute service at all Folsom area stations, utilizing new state-of-the-art low-floor light rail trains.

For more detailed information about the project and shuttle bus information, please visit [sacrt.com/Folsom15](http://www.sacrt.com/folsom15). For trip planning assistance, please call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

**Rider Alert: Service Disruptions at Sunrise Station Begin in January 2024**

To expedite the construction timeline on station platforms for the introduction of the new low-floor trains on the Gold Line, SacRT will implement several service disruptions beginning in January 2024. Customers are encouraged to download the free Alert SacRT app (Google Play or the App Store) to stay informed.

Starting on Monday, January 8, 2024, SacRT will begin full platform modifications at the Sunrise Station. Rather than a complete closure of the station, SacRT will implement a phased approach, closing only one side of the station platform at a time on weekdays. Full weekend station closures with bus bridges will also be in effect.

For riders that park at Sunrise Station, SacRT suggests parking at Cordova Town Center Station during the weeks of January 8 and January 22, 2024.

Below is the schedule for January 2024; however, the schedule is subject to change due to weather and other impacts.

GOLD LINE STATION CLOSURES AT SUNRISE STATION

* **Monday, January 8 – Friday, January 12** (Sunrise Outbound Side Closed)
The Sunrise Station outbound platform (trains headed toward Historic Folsom), will be closed for boarding and deboarding.
* **Weekend of January 13 and 14** (Sunrise Station Closed – NO light rail service)
Gold Line: Bus bridge (shuttle buses between stations) between Cordova Town Center Station and Historic Folsom Station.
* **Monday, January 22 – Friday, January 26** (Sunrise Inbound Side Closed)
The Sunrise Station inbound platform (trains headed toward Sacramento Valley Station), will be closed for boarding and deboarding.
* **Weekend of January 27 and 28** (Sunrise Station Closed – NO light rail service)
Gold Line: Bus bridge (shuttle buses between stations) between Cordova Town Center Station and Historic Folsom Station.

SacRT will continue full station platform construction at a different station each month through July 2024. Learn more about the project at sacrt.com/stationclosure.

**University/65th Transit Center Bus Stops to Reopen in January**

Bus routes 26, 38, 81, 82 and 87 will move back to their permanent location at the University/65th Street transit center in January 2024 and will no longer serve the Power Inn Station. Due to an issue with the concrete pad where the buses pull into the transit center, all five bus routes that serve the transit center had been temporarily relocated to the Power Inn light rail station for a couple of months. Please check sacrt.com/alerts or download the free Alert SacRT app for updates.

**SacRT January 2024 Holiday Service**

New Year’s Day (Monday, January 1, 2024)

**Sunday/holiday schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses and light rail, and SacRT GO Paratransit Services.

**No Service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Stage Line, Rancho CordoVan, SacRT e-van, and SmaRT Ride.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 15, 2024)

**Sunday/holiday schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses and light rail, and SacRT GO Paratransit Services.

**No service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Stage Line, Rancho CordoVan, SacRT e-van and SmaRT Ride.

**January is Sex Trafficking Prevention Month**

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. SacRT teamed up with Soroptimist International of Elk Grove to help educate the public about these crimes and how to spot them. Everyone can play a part in ending human trafficking.

SacRT is sharing messages on vehicles, passenger newsletter and social media during the month of January. In addition, SacRT has an employee training program to help spot human trafficking.

To report a tip about possible trafficking or to connect with anti-trafficking services, contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888, text “BeFree” to 233733 or visit humantraffickinghotline.org.

**SacRT Board of Directors Meetings Start Time Changed to 4 p.m.**

Starting in January 2024, all SacRT Board of Directors meetings will begin at 4 p.m. (the previous start time was 5:30 p.m.). The Board meeting end time depends on agenda items. The first meeting with this new start time is Monday, January 8, 2024.

Board meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, with exceptions due to holidays or a change in the agenda. Please check sacrt.com/board for the meeting calendar.

Meetings are held at the SacRT Auditorium located at 1400 29th Street. Virtual participation options are available as well, including Zoom, YouTube and phone.

To ride transit to the Board meeting, take buses 30, 38, 67, 68 or light rail via Gold Line to the 29th Street Station. If coming from the Blue Line, transfer trains at 16th Street Station. If taking the Green Line transfer trains at 13th Street Station.

**Join Us at a SacRT Hiring Event in January**Start the new year with fresh opportunities. SacRT is hosting two in-person hiring events in January for all open positions, with an emphasis on hiring more bus drivers.

Thursday, January 11, 2024
2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, January 19, 2024

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SacRT Auditorium
1400 29th Street, Sacramento
(Accessible by bus routes 30, 38, 67, 68 and light rail to the 29th Street Station)

Learn more at sacrt.com/hiringevents.

**Share Your Feedback for SACOG’s Unmet Transit Needs Hearing**

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is looking for feedback on our area’s bus, dial-a-ride, paratransit and light rail transit services. The Unmet Transit Needs Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the SACOG Board Room at 1415 L Street, Suite 300 (3rd Floor) in Sacramento. This meeting has in-person and virtual participation options. You can submit comments any time between now and the hearing (including at the hearing). Learn more at sacog.com/unmet .

**New SacRT Customer Service Phone Hours for 2024**

Starting on Monday, January 8, 2024, the SacRT customer service phone hours will adjust slightly for weekdays. The new phone hours will be 6:30 a.m. through 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekend and holiday hours will remain from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit SacRT’s website 24/7 for trip planning help, schedules and much more at sacrt.com.