

SacRT System Fact Sheet

SacRT Profile

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) operates 30 fixed routes, 19 commuter routes, 17 seasonal routes in addition to nine SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service zones, ADA paratransit service (SacRT GO), Airport Express bus service (temporarily suspended due to ridership impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic), UC Davis service (Causeway Connection), and 43 miles of light rail that covers a 400 square-mile service area.

SacRT buses and light rail trains operate 365 days a year using 97 light rail vehicles, 186 buses powered by compressed natural gas (CNG), six zero emission electric buses, 26 shuttle buses powered by CNG, nine zero emission electric shuttle buses, and 120 ADA paratransit vehicles. Buses operate daily from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. every 12 to 60 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 and on weekends. Blue Line and Gold Line trains operate until approximately 12:30 a.m. and the Gold Line to Folsom operates until 11:30 p.m. Green Line trains operate every 30 minutes Monday through Friday from approximately 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (no weekend or holiday service).

Passenger amenities include 53 light rail stations, 30 bus and light rail transfer centers and 22 park-and-ride lots. SacRT also serves over 3,100 bus stops throughout Sacramento County.

Annual ridership has fluctuated recently on both bus and light rail systems and has grown from 14 million passengers in 1987 to over 21 million passengers in FY19. Weekday light rail ridership averages approximately 37,500 passengers per day. Bus weekday ridership has reached an average of approximately 35,000 passengers per day (note: during the COVID-19 pandemic due to shelter in place orders, distance learning and telecommuting, ridership is averaging around 40% and growing every month).

SacRT's entire bus and light rail system is accessible to the disabled community. SacRT GO paratransit service 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.

With a total of nine active SmaRT Ride service zones, SacRT is the largest microtransit provider in the country, operating with 45 shuttle buses. SmaRT Ride service is on-demand using an app, website or phone, and operates in the communities of Arden; Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Downtown-Midtown-East Sacramento, Elk Grove, Florin-Gerber, Folsom, Franklin- South Sacramento, Natomas-North Sacramento and Rancho Cordova, with a focus on serving disadvantaged communities.

The Causeway Connection electric bus service operates Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8:50 p.m. between the cities of Davis and Sacramento. When in service, the Airport Express bus operates from downtown Sacramento to the Sacramento International Airport every 20/30 minutes, seven days a week.

History and Organization

SacRT began operations on April 1, 1973, with the acquisition of the Sacramento Transit Authority. Later that year, SacRT completed a new maintenance facility. SacRT 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. SacRT completed its first light rail extension in September 1998 with the opening of the Mather Field/Mills Station.

- September 2003: SacRT opened the first phase of the Blue Line to south Sacramento, a 6.3-mile extension with seven new stations.
- June 2004: light rail was extended from the Mather Field/ Mills Station to Sunrise Boulevard with three new stations.
- October 2005: light rail was extended 7.4 miles east from the Sunrise Station to the city of Folsom, which included four new stations.
- December 2006: SacRT completed the final segment of the Gold Line when it opened the .5-mile light rail extension to the Sacramento Valley Station (Amtrak) with the addition of two new stations.
- June 2012: SacRT opened the Green Line to the River District, which is the first phase of the Green Line to the Airport light rail extension project. The Green Line to the River District extends light rail 1.1 miles north connecting downtown Sacramento to the River District.
- August 2015: SacRT opened the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College (CRC) - ahead of schedule and under budget - which is the second phase of the Blue Line project. The Blue Line to CRC extends light rail 4.3 miles south from Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College and includes four new stations.
- February 2018: SacRT was one of the first transit agencies in the country to launch SmarT Ride on-demand microtransit service. Initially operating in one service area, SmarT expanded to nine zones by June 2020.
- August 2018: Implemented a 10% fare reduction – rolling back fares for the first time in 47-year history of the agency.
- December 2018: The City of Citrus Heights City Council approved the annexation of their transit service into the SacRT system.
- January 2019: The City of Folsom annex's Folsom Stage Line bus service to the SacRT system.
- July 2019: Signed the first paid station naming rights agreement in SacRT history – 39th Street/UC Davis Health Station in partnership with UC Davis Health.
- September 2019: SacRT reimagined its entire bus network. Called SacRT Forward, almost every bus route was adjusted to improve frequency, scheduling, and weekend service.
- October 2019: Introduced RydeFreeRT, first unrestricted fare-free program in the nation for students and youth in grades TK through 12th.
- January 2020: SacRT launched a new Airport Express bus route with service between downtown Sacramento and the Sacramento International Airport in partnership with Yolo County Transportation District (Yolobus).
- April 2020: SacRT and Yolo County Transportation District (Yolobus) in partnership launched the Causeway Connection zero emission electric bus service between the cities of Davis and Sacramento in tandem.
- May 2020: In partnership with the California State Transportation Agency and City of Sacramento, SacRT provided buses to act as super wireless hotspots in communities with limited high-speed internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- June 2020: SacRT transitioned its complementary ADA paratransit service in house.
- July 2021: The City of Elk Grove annex's Elk Grove bus service to the SacRT System.

Light Rail Expansion

As funding becomes available, SacRT will continue to extend the rail system. The Green Line to the Airport project will eventually extend light rail an additional 11.7 miles from the 7th & Richards/Township 9 Station to the Sacramento International. The Green Line is a major project with many components, including double tracking; bridges over the American River and Highway 99; up to 16 light rail stations; a light duty maintenance facility; and seven park-and-ride lots. The Blue Line to Elk Grove extension is also pending available funding and will extend the terminus of the Blue Line approximately two miles from Cosumnes River College Station along Bruceville Road to Elk Grove Boulevard.

Light Rail Modernization

SacRT was awarded nearly \$200 million in funding from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to modernize the light rail fleet, including the purchase of 20 new low-floor light rail trains, low-floor stations, supporting infrastructure and double-tracking in Folsom to provide 15-minute service that will provide better accessibility to passengers with disabilities, bicycles, and strollers, and help reduce traffic congestion on the busy Highway 50 corridor. Service implementation is expected in 2023.

Workforce

SacRT employs a work force of approximately 1,237 people, 80 percent of whom are dedicated to front-line operations and maintenance of the bus and light rail systems. SacRT operates seven maintenance and operations facilities: one for bus, three for Community Bus Services (Folsom Stage Line, SmarT Ride and SacRT GO) and two locations for light rail. SacRT also operates and maintains e-tran and e-van services in Elk Grove.

Board of Directors

SacRT is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors comprised of members of the Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom and Rancho Cordova city councils as well as the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Budget

SacRT's Fiscal Year 2020-21 operating budget is \$200.3 million, with a capital budget of \$195.8 million.

Recent Awards and Accolades

- American Public Transportation Association's 2020 Rail Safety Gold Award
- American Public Transportation Association's 2019 Outstanding Public Transportation CEO of the Year in North America
- American Public Transportation Association's First Place AdWheel Award for Comprehensive Outreach Campaign for SacRT Forward
- Asian Resources, Inc's 2020 Community Partner Award
- California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) EPIC Award for SacRT Forward Public Awareness Campaign
- California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) Award of Distinction for RydeFreeRT Community Relations/Participation Campaign
- Federal Transportation Security Administration's 2019 Gold Standard Award for System Security
- Sacramento Taxpayer Association's 2019 Good Governance Award
- Metro Magazine's 2018 Innovative Solutions Award
- Sacramento Clean Cities Coalition 2018 Clean Air Champion
- Greater Folsom Partnership/s 2019 Green Energy Award
- US 50 Corridor 2018 Big Wheels Award

System Quick Facts

Metropolitan Population: 1.4 million
 Service Area: 438 sq. miles
 Employees: 1,237
 Passenger Miles: 7,576,849

Ridership (Boarding Passengers/Year): 20.8 million
 - Bus Annual Passenger Trips 10.0 million
 - Light Rail Annual Passenger Trips 10.8 million
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 - Federal Assistance (includes CARES act funding) 51.8 %
 - State & Local Sales Taxes 36.5 %
 - Fare Receipts 19.2 %
 - Other sources 5.6 %

Customer Satisfaction

Annual Calls Answered: 201,984
 Average Calls Per Month: 16,832
 Number of Sales Center Transactions: 27,556
 Average Transactions Per Month: 2,296

Operating Budget \$200.3 million Percentage of Operating Expenses Funded by:

Light Rail Operations

Vehicles: 97
 Light Rail Track: 43 miles
 Stations: 52
 Transfer Centers: 30
 Park-and-Ride Lots: 22
 Parking Spaces: 10,113
 Average Weekday Passenger Trips: 37,500
 Annual Train Car Miles Operated: 4,470,930
 Sacramento Valley Station to Folsom Run Time: 59 minutes
 Watt/I-80 to Cosumnes River College Run Time: 63 minutes
 13th St. to 7th & Richards/Township 9 Run Time: 11 minutes

<u>Busiest Light Rail Stations</u>	<u>Average</u>
<u>Weekday</u> 16th Street:	6,800
University/65th:	3,000
CRC:	2,900
29th Street:	2,900

Bus Operations

Vehicle Fleet (CNG/ZEV/Gas): 347
Routes: 81
Bus Stops: 3,100
Average Weekday Passenger Trips 37,000

Busiest Bus Routes: Av. Weekday
Boardings#51 Broadway/Stockton: 3,300
#81 Florin/65th: 3,200
#68 Oak Park: 2,000

SacRT GO ADA Paratransit Service

Service for individuals with disabilities who cannot use fixed-route SacRT buses and light rail service.

Annual Passenger Trips Provided: 295,867
Average Weekday Passenger Trips Scheduled: 928
Total Vehicle Service Hours: 222,115
Total Vehicle Service Miles: 3,357,369
Vehicles: 120