**December 2023 Next Stop News**

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**Rider Alert – Planned Service Disruptions**

**Planned Gold Line Service Disruptions in December**

SacRT has a number of light rail service disruptions planned for December 2023 due to station platform construction modifications, and other regional projects and events.

Gold Line Service Disruption on December 2
Gold Line light rail service will be disrupted on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. between 29th Street and Watt/Manlove stations due to Caltrans work on the U.S. Highway 50 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement project. A bus bridge (shuttle buses between stations) will be in place during the disruption. Regular light rail service is expected to resume by 8 a.m.

Station Platform Modifications in December 2023

SacRT continues station platform modifications on the Gold Line to meet the height requirements of the new low-floor light rail trains. Below is the service disruption schedule for the Gold Line in December 2023.

* Weekend of December 9 and 10 – (Historic Folsom Station - no light rail service)
Gold Line: Bus Bridge between Sunrise to Historic Folsom stations.
* Weekend of December 16 and 17 – (29th Street Station – no light rail service)
Gold Line: Bus Bridge between 13th Street and 39th Street stations.

Learn more about December light rail service disruptions at sacrt.com/stationclosure.

**California International Marathon – Service Disruptions on December 3**

The California International Marathon is Sunday, December 3, 2023, and runners will race from Folsom to downtown Sacramento. Light rail will not operate through downtown Sacramento between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The Gold Line will have a bus bridge between Sacramento Valley Station and 13th Street Station. The Blue Line will have a bus bridge between Cathedral Square (10th & K and 11th & K stations) and 13th Street Station. Riders should board the shuttle bus (bus bridge) to travel in between stations. In addition, many bus routes will have detours. Please allow extra travel time if you will be taking the bus on this day. For the latest information, please call the Customer Service and Sales Center at 916-321-BUSS (2877). For details on bus bridge times and bus route detours, visit sacrt.com/CIM.

**Rider Alert: 2024 Gold Line Station Platform Modifications**

In order to speed up the construction timeline to start revenue service with the new low-floor trains, SacRT will be extending station closure times during the next phase of Gold Line platform modifications starting in January 2024.

Instead of closing the entire station to riders during the platform construction, only one side of the station platform will be closed at a time (could be either the inbound or outbound side). The closures only impact some Gold Line stations, and will take place Mondays through Fridays, one station at a time. Weekend closures with bus bridges will continue through summer 2024.

Visit sacrt.com/stationclosures to see if and/or when the Gold Line station you use is impacted.

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

SacRT is adding a passing track at the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station to 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.

During construction, which begins on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, there will be NO light rail service between Iron Point Station and Historic Folsom Station. Instead, SacRT will provide supplemental shuttle bus service for customers that need to travel to Folsom stations from Iron Point that are impacted by track construction. This includes Glenn/Robert G. Holderness and Historic Folsom stations. Light rail service will be available at Iron Point Station for travel to and from downtown Sacramento. 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 Iron Point, Hazel and Sunrise stations.

Once construction is completed in summer 2024, SacRT will operate 15-minute service at all Folsom area stations (Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn/Robert G. Holderness and Historic Folsom) using new low-floor light rail trains. Learn more about the project at sacrt.com/Folsom15.

**University/65th Street Bus Transit Center Construction Update**

Construction work related to the University/65th Street bus transit center should be completed sometime in mid to late December 2023. Pending final inspection and approval by the City of Sacramento, all five impacted bus routes (26, 38, 81, 82 and 87) will return to service at the University/65th Street bus transit center from the temporary location at the Power Inn Station.

Since there is not an exact date for the return to service to the University/65th Street Station, SacRT highly encourages customers to frequently check the sacrt.com/alerts page for updates, download the free Alert SacRT app, or call the Customer Service line at 916-321-BUSS (2877). As a reminder, light rail service at the University/65th Street Station is not impacted and no other bus stops along those five routes are changed.

**Rider Alert: SacRT Holiday Service**

Christmas Day (Monday, December 25, 2023)

**Sunday/Holiday Schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses and light rail

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

New Years Day (Monday, January 1, 2024)

**Sunday/Holiday Schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses and light rail

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

**Have Your Hallmark Moment in Downtown Sac This Holiday Season**

The Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink presented by DignityHealth is open through January 15 in Ali Youssefi Square (7th and K streets). Show your same-day SacRT ticket or pass and receive $2 off!

In the historic Old Sacramento Waterfront, Theatre of Lights, a free family-friendly performance retelling “Twas the Night Before Christmas” is available Thursday through Sunday nights until Sunday, December 31, 2023.

Avoid parking and take SacRT to all of these fun holiday events. For trip planning assistance, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

**Ride Free on the SacRT Holiday Bus**

SacRT’s annual FREE Holiday Bus is back! The holiday themed 40-foot bus travels on various routes throughout the region between December 1, 2023 and January 2, 2024.

To thank our riders, the SacRT Holiday Bus is FREE to ride. View the schedule:

Friday, December 1, 2023 – Routes 62, 106, 252

Saturday, December 2, 2023 – Routes 51, 56, Elk Grove Parade

Sunday, December 3, 2023 – Route 81

Monday, December 4, 2023 – Route 1

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – Routes 67, 68

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – Route 86

Thursday, December 7, 2023 – Route 13

Friday, December 8, 2023 – Route F10

Saturday, December 9, 2023 – Santa Parade

Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Routes 30, 38

Monday, December 11, 2023 – Route 19

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – Route 11

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – Routes 75, 78

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – Route E110

Friday, December 15, 2023 – Routes 15, 88

Saturday, December 16, 2023 – Route 23

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Route 142

Monday, December 18, 2023 – Route 138

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – Routes 30, 38

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – Route 61

Thursday, December 21, 2023 – Route 25

Friday, December 22, 2023 – Routes 26, 72, 84, 161

Saturday, December 23, 2023 – Routes 21, 93

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Routes 15, 23, 88

Monday, December 25, 2023 – Route 1 (Sunday/holiday schedule)

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 – Route 137

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 – Route 81, 102, 129

Thursday, December 28, 2023 – Routes 93, 113

Friday, December 29, 2023 – Route 82

Saturday, December 30, 2023 – Routes 72, 75 78

Sunday, December 31, 2023 – Route 51

Monday, January 1, 2024 – Routes 30, 38 (Sunday/holiday schedule)

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 – Routes 25, 26, 87

Learn more at sacrt.com/holidaybus.

**Join SacRT’s Team! Visit a SacRT Hiring Event in December**

Are you looking for an exciting career opportunity with a reputable and community-driven organization? Look no further! SacRT is hosting two in-person hiring events in December 2023.

**Event Information:**Tuesday, December 5, 2023
2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 14, 2023
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Location:**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.

**SacRT’s Rebranding Update**

As part of a long-term marketing strategy, SacRT is in the process of creating a fresh brand identity and logo that will redefine SacRT for the future. In December, we plan to share a survey to get your feedback on the process. SacRT’s primary objective is to modernize our brand and boost our visibility, making it easier for both our valued riders and community members to appreciate the wide range of services we offer, all through a unified visual identity. This initiative takes on a special significance as we eagerly await the arrival of our new low-floor light rail trains to join our fleet in summer 2024. Learn more at sacrt.com/rebranding.