

# SacRT 2023 Title VI Program Update

SacRT has updated its 2023 Title VI Program, which documents compliance with requirements set forth in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4702.1B on the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The program includes information about how to file a Title VI complaint, how complaints are addressed, and how information about services, fares, and projects are communicated to riders. The program also includes a service monitoring report, which analyzes equity in services provided among minority and low-income populations, and plans that identify how to communicate with limited-English speaking riders.

The 2023 Title VI Program document will be available for review and public comment at sacrt.com/titlevi. The document will be released on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 for a 30-day comment period through Friday, March 31, 2023.

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#### Light Rail Modernization Project Update



SacRT is in the process of updating the light rail network with its Light Rail Modernization Project. This project will modernize the light rail system with new low-floor light rail vehicles, updated station platforms and a "passing track" in Folsom to provide 15-minute service to Folsom area stations.

The first phase of construction work is currently underway to modify 14 light rail stations between 59th Street and Sacramento Valley stations to accommodate the height requirements for the new low-floor light rail trains.

A total of 48 additional station platforms, 15 Gold Line stations between University/65th Street and Historic Folsom stations, and 19 Blue Line stations, will still need to be modified in the next phase of construction, which is awaiting additional funding.

The first new low-floor light rail train, which was built at Siemens Mobility in south Sacramento was delivered last month. This is the first of 28 trains that Siemens is currently building for SacRT. The contract with Siemens includes options for the purchase of up to 76 light rail vehicles. This first low-floor train will go through a rigorous testing process before it can be put into revenue service with passengers onboard. SacRT expects to have the station conversions and low-floor trains ready for service by summer 2024.

Construction for the Folsom passing track is expected to break ground in summer 2023 and be completed by spring 2024. Upon project completion, trains will arrive in, and depart from, Historic Folsom Station every 15 minutes. Learn more about the light rail modernization project at sacrt.com/modernization.

### Celebrating 50 Years of SacRT

Saturday, April 1, 2023 marks SacRT's 50th anniversary of operation, and we're celebrating this important milestone by looking back at our history and celebrating what is still to come.

Fifty years ago, on April 1, 1973, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) began operation, taking over for the City owned Sacramento Transit Authority. In celebration, SacRT will host a series of celebratory pop-up events at different locations across the region during the month of April and roll out a special 50th Anniversary edition bus and train that will be in service starting in April.

## We want to hear your SacRT story!

Help us celebrate this major milestone. Do you have a favorite SacRT transit memory over the years that you want to share, let us know! We will have opportunities for people to share their fun stories at our pop-up events, on our website and on social media, where storytellers will be entered to win prizes.

Check sacrt.com/50years in the coming weeks for more information.

# Transit Driver Appreciation Day – Don't Forget to Thank Your Driver!

Saturday, March 18, 2023 is Transit Driver Appreciation Day. Be sure to take a moment on March 18, or any day, to let them know how much you appreciate them.

### Rider Alert: Weekend Light Rail Service Disruptions

Several light rail service disruptions are planned for multiple weekends in March and April. During construction, riders will be able to travel between light rail stations through a bus bridge (shuttle buses).

### Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5 - Light Rail Service Disruption on the Gold and Blue Lines

Due to construction efforts along the Gold and Blue lines during the weekend of March 4 – 5, 2023, several light rail stations will be closed, and a bus bridge (shuttle buses) will be in place to transport riders.

SacRT is replacing concrete at the 39th Street Station in preparation for platform modification construction the following weekend, which will impact Gold Line service. In addition, SMUD is working on a utility pole replacement project that will impact service on the Blue Line.

#### Gold Line Service

A bus bridge will be in place between the 29th Street and Power Inn stations. Light rail service on the Gold Line will operate between Power Inn and Historic Folsom stations, and between the 29th Street and Sacramento Valley stations.

#### Blue Line Service

A bus bridge will be in place between the City College and 13th Street stations. Light rail service on the Blue Line (north) will continue to operate between the 13th Street and Watt/I-80 stations, and light rail service on the Blue Line (south) will continue to operate between the City College and Cosumnes River College stations.

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Normal light rail service will resume at the start of service for all light rail lines on Monday, March 6.

### Saturday, March 11 and Sunday March 12 – 39th Street Light Rail Station Modification

During the weekend of March 11 – 12, 2023, station modifications will be underway to accommodate the height requirements for the new low-floor light rail trains at the 39th Street Station, which will impact Gold Line light rail service. A bus bridge (shuttle buses) will be in place between the 29th Street and Power Inn stations from the start of service from Saturday, March 11 through the end of service on Sunday, March 12. Normal light rail service will resume the morning of Monday, March 13.

### Saturday, March 25 and Sunday March 26 – 29th Street Light Rail Station Modification

During the weekend of March 25 – 26, 2023, station modifications will be underway to accommodate the height requirements for the new low-floor light rail trains at the 29th Street Station, which will impact Gold Line light rail service. A bus bridge (shuttle buses) will be in place between the Power Inn and 13th Street stations from the start of service from Saturday, March 25 through the end of service on Sunday, March 26. Normal light rail service will resume the morning of Monday, March 27.

# Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2 – 23rd Street Light Rail Station Modification During the weekend of April 1 – 2, 2023, station modifications will be underway to

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13th Street stations from the start of service from Saturday, April 1 through the end of service on Sunday, April 2. Normal light rail service will resume the morning of Monday, April 3.

The station construction schedule could change due to inclement weather. Check sacrt.com/stationclosure or call Customer Service at 916-321-BUSS (2877) for updates.

### Ride SacRT FREE to Local Events in March

SacRT is offering free rides on bus and light rail to several local community events during the month of March. Event attendees can ride to and/or from these events by presenting the corresponding free ride flyer at sacrt.com/freerideflyer. Simply print or screenshot the flyer and present it to the bus operator upon boarding or light rail fare inspection staff upon request. Only one flyer needed per group. For help planning your trip on SacRT, visit sacrt.com/planyourtrip or call Customer Service at 916-321-BUSS (2877).

- Free Museum Weekend Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5, 2023\*
- Capitol Beer Fest Saturday, March 4, 2023\*

\*Reminder that there will be Blue and Gold Line service disruptions this weekend. Know before you go and check sacrt.com/stationclosure or call Customer Service at 916-321-BUSS (2877) for travel information.

#### **Rider Alert**

### April 2023 Service Adjustments: Bus Routes 72 and 86

Effective April 2, 2023, SacRT will implement minor service adjustments on bus routes 72 and 86. New timetables will be available at sacrt.com/aprilservice by mid-March.

### Route 72: Outbound to Mather Field/Mills (Monday – Friday):

To better serve demand along Kiefer Boulevard, the trip that started at Branch Center Drive at 3:37 p.m. will now start at Watt/Manlove at 3:28 p.m.

### Route 86: Inbound to J & 11th (Monday – Friday):

The trips departing Marconi/Arcade Station before 8 p.m. will depart five minutes later than currently scheduled to improve connections. All times shift accordingly. See a new timetable for more details.

## **Bus Stop Improvement Plan Update**

During January and February, SacRT and Civic Thread received comments from stakeholders on the draft Bus Stop Improvement Plan. The project team is reviewing each comment and will address them all in the final Bus Stop Improvement Plan. The plan is expected to be finalized by Wednesday, March 1, 2023. The purpose of this plan is to improve the conditions and accessibility of SacRT bus stops around the Sacramento region. You can review the plan at sacrt.com/busstopimprovement.