#### **Rider Alert**

#### SacRT Station Platform **Modification Update**

SacRT is currently working on completing station platform modifications along the Gold Line to meet height requirements of the new low-floor light rail trains. SacRT has completed platform modifications at 14 Gold Line stations. Weekend station closures will be on pause during the month of August 2023 while the contractor finishes any remaining work at the 14 stations.

Starting in September 2023, SacRT will continue work to complete the modifications to Gold Line stations. including 7th & Capitol, Archives Plaza, 13th Street, Power Inn, College Greens, Watt/Manlove, Starfire, Tiber, Butterfield, Mather Field/Mills, Zinfandel, Cordova Town Center, Sunrise, Glenn/Robert G. Holderness and Historic Folsom. This phase of construction along the Gold Line is expected to be complete by spring 2024. Bus bridges will be in place most weekends between September 2023 and March 2024 while construction takes place at different stations. Learn more at sacrt.com/stationclosure.

Next Stop News is produced monthly by the Sacramento Regional Transit District to keep passengers informed about current SacRT news and community events.

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# **AUGUST 2023**

#### **Service Adjustments**

#### August 2023 Service **Adjustments (Elk Grove** Transit Service)

Effective Sunday, August 13, 2023, SacRT will make minor service adjustments to three Elk Grove transit service bus routes.

E18 (Commuter Route): Schedule adjusted to better reflect afternoon service times. The Route E18 trip will now depart 30th and R streets at 4:58 p.m. and arrive at P and 4th streets at 5:14 p.m.

E111 (Local Route): To improve connections, the morning trip times will depart 10 minutes earlier. The 7:55 a.m. trip toward Vaux and Laguna Main will start at 7:45 a.m., and the 7:37 a.m. trip toward Big Horn and Civic Center will start at 7:27 a.m. In the afternoon. the trip leaving Big Horn and Civic Center (heading toward Vaux and Laguna Main) at 2:25 p.m. will depart Whitelock and Franklin High 10 minutes later at 2:51 p.m. All other times will shift accordingly.

E113 (Local Route): To improve connections, the afternoon trips traveling toward Vaux and Laguna Main will shift seven minutes earlier to start at 3:46 p.m. All other times will shift accordingly.

View the new timetables at sacrt.com/elkgrovetransit.

#### September 2023 Service Adjustments

Effective Sunday, August 27, 2023, SacRT will make minor service adjustments to two SacRT bus routes:

Route 19 (Rio Linda): The schedule timepoint will change at Rio Linda and Pinedale to Rio Linda and Main Street. The trip time will shift one minute later heading toward Arden/Del Paso Station and one minute earlier heading toward Watt and Elverta at the new timepoint.

Route 61 (Fruitridge): On Saturdays, the trips departing from Florin Towne Centre will start three minutes later to improve connections at the Fruitridge light rail station. All other times will shift accordingly.

Effective Monday, August 28, 2023, SacRT will make changes to three SmaRT Ride zones:

Citrus Heights-Antelope-Orangevale Zone:

- Discontinue service south of Madison Avenue, and service north of Elm Avenue and east of Wachtel Way. Alternative fixed-route options: bus routes 21 and 23
- New service hours 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Downtown-Midtown Zone:

- Discontinue service east of Alhambra Boulevard (East Sacramento). Alternative fixed-route options: light rail and bus routes 30, 38 and 134
- New service hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Florin-Gerber Zone:

SmaRT Ride zone will expand north from Fruitridge Road to include underserved areas bound by 14thAvenue, Power Inn Road and Stockton Boulevard.

Learn more at sacrt.com/septemberservice or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

#### SacRT to Launch Elk Grove/UC Davis Medical Center Express

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) partnered with UC Davis Health to launch a new bus service called the Elk Grove/UC Davis Medical Center Express (bus route 137) that will operate between four park-and-ride locations in the city of Elk Grove and the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. The express bus will start service on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, and operate Monday through Friday with six morning trips and six evening trips.

Learn more at sacrt.com/UCDHElkGrove.

# Ride SacRT Free to Hughes Stadium for Sac Republic FC Game

SacRT teamed up with the Sac Republic



FC to offer free rides to ticket holders for the 10th Season Celebration match at Hughes Stadium. To ride free, simply show your valid Sac Republic FC ticket on Saturday, August 26, 2023, to the bus driver

when boarding the bus or have ready to show a fare inspector on light rail upon request. Free rides will only be valid on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 3 p.m. to end of service. For more information about the match or to purchase tickets, visit sacrepublicfc.com/hughes.

# Adding Passing Track for Folsom 15-Minute Service

As part of the Light Rail Modernization Project, SacRT is adding a passing track near the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station to provide 15-minute service to Folsom area stations. Currently, 15-minute service is not available due to single-track serving stations between Hazel and Historic Folsom.

The second passing track will enable light rail trains to operate between the Sunrise and Historic Folsom stations offering 15-minute service to passengers at those four stations.

The construction of the passing track is expected to begin in October 2023 and last through May 2024. During the six-month closure, SacRT will have a bus bridge (shuttle buses between stations) in place for riders to access Folsom area stations.

Preliminary work is underway to be able to turn trains around at Iron Point Station during the six-month closure for construction. Learn more at sacrt.com/folsom15.

#### Ride SacRT Light Rail for FREE to the Folsom Peach Festival

SacRT partnered with Living Smart Farmers Markets to offer free rides to the Peach Festival in Historic Folsom on Sunday, August 6, 2023. To ride free, simply print or screenshot the free ride flyer available at sacrt.com/freerideflyer. Free rides are only available on light rail.

## RydeFreeRT Back to School!

Students heading back to school can take advantage of SacRT's RydeFreeRT program for youth in grades TK through 12th. With RydeFreeRT, youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT buses, light rail, and SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service for FREE during regular service hours.

Students should have received the new RydeFreeRT cards, which are valid from June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, from their school prior to the summer break. Students and youth who do not have a RydeFreeRT card, can visit SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street Station) or Sacramento public libraries.

Youth who are experiencing homelessness or taking part in foster programs can also participate in the program regardless of current residence or school address. The RydeFreeRT program does not apply to those over 18 years old that are pursuing their GED. For more information, visit rydefreert.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

# Labor Day Schedule

In honor of the Labor Day holiday, Monday, September 4, 2023, SacRT fixed-route bus and light rail will operate on a Sunday/ holiday schedule. SacRT GO will operate regular service. All other services will not operate. The Customer Service Center phone lines will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.; however, the Sales Center will be closed.

# Apply Now to Join SacRT's Transit Academy

SacRT is taking applications for the 2023 SacRT Transit Academy. The academy is a free five-class course designed to educate and engage residents, business and community leaders about our planning process and how public transit shapes our communities.

Classes will be held once a week, on Wednesday evenings, over a five-week period. The 2023 Citizens Transit Academy will be held between September 27 – October 25, 2023.

Applications will be accepted through Monday, September 4, 2023. SacRT is looking for applicants that live and work in communities throughout the Sacramento region. Academy participants will represent Sacramento's diverse population, which may include a mix of students, business professionals, seniors, individuals with disabilities, appointed and elected officials, key stakeholders, communityminded individuals and more. Graduates will be recognized as knowledgeable representatives for public transit and be encouraged to engage the community in conversations about the region's mobility needs.

SacRT's free Transit Academy includes presentations about public mass transit benefits; SacRT's operations; budget and governance; planning and scheduling processes; environmental and mobility initiatives; Q & A; interactive discussions; and behind-the-scenes field trips, including a tour of SacRT's Light Rail Maintenance Facility and our new low-floor light rail trains. Presenters and speakers include SacRT management, community advocates, and local transit leaders.

