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Rider Alert

Major Bus Service Changes Effective September 8, 2019

SacRT Forward, SacRT's new bus network, is just a couple of months from launching on Sunday, September 8. As part of the project, new bus stop signs will start appearing at bus stops throughout SacRT's service area. The new signs not only feature a new look, but also include the bus route destination and the bus stop number on the front of the sign.

The SacRT Forward outreach team has been riding the affected routes to talk with riders about the future changes and improvements. Look for the SacRT Forward outreach bus, which will travel to community events and transit centers to provide information and offer trip planning assistance on the new bus network.

There are adjustments to almost every bus route making the new bus system userfriendly with more direct routes seven days a week. Visit sacrt.com/forward to view all the bus route improvements, a fact sheet on the project and to sign up to receive updates on the project.

September Service Changes:

(Changes effective, Sunday, September 8, 2019)

Major Service Improvements

Bus Routes: 1, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 34, 38, 51, 56, 61, 62, 67, 68, 72, 75, 81, 82, 84, 86, 87, 88 and 93

All Day Bus Service to Peak Hour

Bus Routes: 2, 5, 6, 34, 113 (new route) and 161 (new route)

Discontinued Bus Routes (most service will be covered by new routes)

Bus Routes: 22, 24, 28, 47, 54, 55, 65, 74, 80 and 95

New Route Numbers

Bus Routes: 3 (103), 7 (107), 29 (129), and 103 (193)

Minor or No Route Changes

Bus Routes: 30, 33, 109, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177 and 200 series

Once the service changes are implemented, SacRT will continuously monitor each route to optimize and adjust service on a quarterly basis as needed. For more information on the project, visit sacrt.com/forward or email sacrtforward@sacrt.com or call 916-557-4545.

Visit the New and Improved SacRT Forward Web Page

Check out sacrt.com/forward for information about SacRT's new bus network debuting on Sunday, September 8. Almost every bus route has been adjusted to improve frequency, scheduling, and weekend service. Be sure to check your bus route to see if it is changing. There is also of list of routes that serve Sacramento City Unified School District schools.

Use the SacRT Forward trip planner to discover your new route on the next generation bus network. Simply enter your starting point and your destination to find out which route or routes you will take on the new bus network. Be sure to sign up for SacRT Forward email updates to stay informed!

Celebrate 4th of July in Rancho Cordova

If you are looking for some family fun this Independence Day, look no further than Rancho Cordova's 4th of July Celebration! The two-day festival will take place at Hagan Community Park on Wednesday, July 3 and Thursday, July 4. Activities include a hometown parade, carnival, petting zoo, live music, fireworks and much more! This event is easily accessible riding SacRT. Take light rail (Gold Line) to the Mather Field/Mills Station, or take bus route 21 to Hagan Community Park (near Coloma Road). For more information about the event, visit ranchocordovajuly4th.com. For route, schedule and fare information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

SacRT to Operate Elk Grove's e-tran Bus Service July 1

SacRT is excited to announce a new partnership with the City of Elk Grove to operate their e-tran bus service beginning Monday, July 1. On March 13, the Elk Grove City Council unanimously approved a service contract, which includes operating e-tran bus service and e-van paratransit service. The addition of Elk Grove service into the larger SacRT network allows for seamless connectivity for customers and better transit service for Elk Grove residents.

The e-tran commuter bus service, that connects Elk Grove residents to their jobs downtown, and other fixed-route service will not change under the new service contract. Over time, and as Elk Grove's public transit service needs grow, City residents will benefit from the variety of service options and improvements available through SacRT.

All qualified e-tran employees have been offered similar positions within SacRT. In addition, the e-tran branding and contact information will not change.

Customer Service and Sales Center Lobby Expansion Update

Construction continues this month at SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center. The construction crew is working weeknights and Sundays to reduce impacts on day-to-day operations. The renovation includes adding an additional 266 square feet of lobby space, added seating and additional service windows. The construction is expected to be complete by the end of July.

Thank you for your patience while we work to make the Customer Service and Sales Center a better experience for SacRT customers.

Ride SacRT to the Folsom Pro Rodeo

The Folsom Pro Rodeo is a favorite family tradition since 1960! The 59th annual event will take place on July 4, 5 and 6, in the Dan Russell Rodeo Arena. The patriotic celebration offers family fun with non-stop rodeo action, outstanding nightly fireworks, mutton busting, and much more! Avoid parking hassles and take SacRT to the event. With extended evening service every 30 minutes to Folsom stations, taking SacRT is now even more convenient! Attendees can ride light rail for free to the Historic Folsom Station with valid admission ticket. Simply exit the train and board a Folsom Stage Line bus directly to the arena. On weekdays, the last train departs the Historic Folsom Station at 11:30 p.m. Visit folsomprorodeo.com for event times and ticket pricing.

SacRT Job Applications Now Online

Applying for a job at SacRT just got easier. SacRT has joined more than 1,500 organizations nationally who use NEOGOV Human Resources management software. NEOGOV's software will streamline the job search and application process for interested job seekers. Candidates will be able to create a user profile to submit applications electronically, instead of manually applying for multiple job openings. For a listing of current openings and to create an account on NEOGOV, visit sacrt.com/careers.

MACC Hosts Free Concert on the Porch

Save the date! On Friday, July 19, enjoy a special night of music, food and fun at the Mills Station Arts & Culture Center (MACC) in Rancho Cordova. Bring your dancing shoes, the RC Swing Band will be performing a concert on the porch of the MACC from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. just steps from the Mather Field/Mills light rail station. RC Swing was formed by a group of friends who were unable to find a place to perform the kind of music that they all really enjoy playing – big band and swing.

Take SacRT to the event! Attendees can ride bus or light rail for free to the Mather

Field/Mills Station with a free ride flyer. To download the flyer, visit rcmacc.org.

Ride for Clean Air During the 33rd Annual Breathe Bike Trek

Join staff from SacRT on the annual Breathe Bike Trek, a three-day bicycle ride in support of Breathe California's programs for clean air and healthy lungs. SacRT has been a long-time sponsor of the event, which raise funds that support local programs to prevent youth from smoking, screen for asthma, promote the use of electric vehicles, reduce the pollution from food waste, and more. Breathe also works to coordinate the policy efforts of multiple resource and environmental agencies in the Sacramento region.

From Friday, September 6 through Sunday, September 8, participating cyclists will camp in Petaluma and ride through the beautiful back roads of Sonoma and Marin counties. Back at camp, riders will be pampered with fully catered meals and beverages, and have the opportunity to participate in costume and dance contests during the three-day Trek.

To register and learn how to improve the quality of your environment while having fun, check out the Bike Trek at sacbreathe.org/events/breathe-bike-trek. To learn more about Breathe California's many programs, visit sacbreathe.org.