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**“SacRT On the Move” Short-Range Transit Plan Update**

SacRT’s Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) is advancing to the next step with the scheduling of two virtual open houses this month! SacRT encourages riders and the entire community to continue to be involved in this important process as we consider the trends and conditions in today’s Sacramento region.

SacRT has spent several months planning, analyzing and discussing ideas to establish what we think service should look like over the next five years. The formal 30-day public review and comment period is open through Wednesday, March 16, 2022, and are actively seeking input. There are several ways to share public comment:

**Email:** spoe@sacrt.com

**Phone:** 916-556-0518

**Mail:**

Attn: Sarah Poe

2811 O Street

Sacramento, CA 95816

**Drop Off:**

SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center

1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th St Station)

Sacramento, CA 95812

In addition, SacRT will hold two virtual public outreach meetings to discuss the draft document and provide opportunities for the public to provide comments via Zoom (see dates below). Links to the live Zoom meetings will be available at sacrt.com/SRTP.

* Tuesday, March 1 at 2:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Once the public comment period concludes, staff will analyze all the feedback received and finalize the SRTP plan document into a final draft to be presented to the SacRT Board of Directors for final adoption in April 2022.

For questions about the SRTP, please contact Sarah Poe, SacRT Planner, at spoe@sacrt.com, or visit sacrt.com/SRTP for more information.

**Take SacRT for Free to the 2022 Capitol Beer Fest**

On Saturday, March 5, 2022, leave the driving to SacRT and take light rail for free to the 2022 Capitol Beer Fest. Located at Capitol Mall, the 12th annual festival takes place from noon to 4 p.m., and features a great variety of food trucks, live music and a some of the nation's best brewers.

Visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer to print or screenshot the 2022 Capitol Beer Fest free ride flyer (valid from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Best of all, SacRT offers 15-minute weekend light rail service, and several light rail stations are within a block of the event.

Safety is a TOP priority at the Capitol Beer Fest, so organizers require proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative test conducted no more than 72 hours before the gates open. Although masks are not required to attend the outdoor event, they are required while riding SacRT.

Tickets range in price from $15 to $75 and all proceeds benefit the Runnin’ for Rhett Youth Fitness Program. For event and ticket information, visit capitolbeerfest.com. For SacRT route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

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**April 2022 Service Changes**

**Effective Sunday, April 3**

SacRT is making service adjustments effective Sunday, April 3, 2022, impacting 14 bus routes (11, 19, 23, 25, 61, 67, 68, 81, 82, 86, 107, 134, 142, and 193).

Making adjustments on these routes will better align with staffing levels, allowing buses to operate on a consistent and reliable schedule, resulting in fewer canceled bus trips. No schedule or service adjustments will be implemented to light rail.

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| **Route** | **Service Change** |
| 11: Natomas/Land Park (Weekday) | The 6:29 a.m. trip departing Natomas Boulevard and New Market Drive will shift to 6:50 a.m. This time shift will provide more direct service to downtown Sacramento, arriving 30 minutes faster. |
| 19: Rio Linda (Weekday) | The 6:53 a.m. trip departing from the Arden/Del Paso Station will depart 10 minutes earlier at 6:43 a.m. to improve service to Rio Linda High School. |
| 23: El Camino (Weekday) | Weekday afternoon trips that only operate between the Arden/Del Paso Station and Watt Avenue will be suspended.  |
| 25: Marconi (Weekday) | Times will be adjusted on most trips to improve on time performance |
| 61: Fruitridge (Weekday) | Times will be adjusted on most trips to improve on time performance. |
| 67: Franklin (Weekday) | Times will be adjusted on most trips to improve on time performance. |
| 68: Oak Park (Weekday) | Times will be adjusted on most trips to improve on time performance. |
| 81: Florin (Weekday) | Weekday morning and early afternoon trips that only operate between Riverside Boulevard and Florin Towne Centre on Florin Road (in both directions) from approximately 5:30 a.m. through 2 p.m. will be suspended, with the exception of the trips beginning at Florin Towne Center at 7:17 a.m. and 7:56 a.m. Suspending these trips will result in service frequency on Florin Road changing from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.  |
| 82: Northrop/Morse (Weekday) | The 7:32 a.m. trip departing from the University/65th Street Station will be suspended. |
| 86: Grand (Weekday) | The 6:47 a.m. and 7:17 a.m. trips departing from the Marconi/Arcade Station will be suspended.  |
| 107: South Land Park Express (Weekday) | Route 107 will be suspended. As an alternative, customers may be able to take routes 62 or 106, or route 61 to the Fruitridge Station.  |
| 134: McKinley (Weekday) | Route 134 service will be reduced to two trips (7:03 a.m. from River Park and 2:30 p.m. from downtown Sacramento). As an alternative, customers may be able to take route 30. |
| 142: Airport Express (Weekday & Weekend) | Frequency will change from 30 minutes to 60 minutes seven days a week. The first trip will depart downtown Sacramento at 5:15 a.m. and the last trip will depart the Sacramento International Airport at 10:33 p.m.  |
| 193: Auburn (Weekday) | Route 193 service will be suspended. As an alternative, customers can park-and-ride at the Watt/I-80 Station or take routes 93 or 25.  |

Learn more about the April 2022 service changes at sacrt.com/aprilservice or call SacRT Customer Service at 916-321-BUSS (2877) for assistance.

**Free Rides to Vaccine Locations Through March**

SacRT is offering free rides to scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointments, including booster doses, through Thursday, March 31, 2022. The free rides include all vaccination /booster sites in Sacramento County within SacRT’s service area, including hospitals, pharmacies, and other immunization locations.

To ride free, simply show a COVID-19 vaccine appointment confirmation email, text or vaccine card that will serve as valid fare on the day of your appointment only. Free rides are available on SacRT’s buses, light rail, Elk Grove Transit, Folsom Stage Line, SmaRT Ride or SacRT GO Paratransit services. Free rides are not available on Rancho CordoVan. Visit sacrt.com/vaccine for details.

**Make Sure to Thank Your Driver on March 18**

Join us in celebrating our hard-working bus, shuttle and light rail operators on Friday, March 18, 2022, Transit Driver Appreciation Day!

Here are some suggested ways to express your gratitude and support:

• Bring a card or a personal note and hand it to your transit operator.

• Say "Good morning!" or "Good afternoon!" when boarding, and a hearty "Thank you!" when exiting.

• Share a photo of yourself on social media riding SacRT, using the #TDAD hashtag and tagging us.

Transit Driver Appreciation Day is an annual event recognizing the public service of transit drivers and their contributions to keeping the Sacramento region moving 365 days a year, even through an unprecedented pandemic.

**Watt/I-80 Elevator Update**

Elevator replacement work continues at the Watt/I-80 light rail station. The new elevators should be operational by April 15, 2022.

During construction, passengers can access bus stops on Watt Avenue by boarding a special shuttle bus that operates every 30 minutes between the Watt/I-80 Station and Watt Avenue bus stops. Look for the buses that display “shuttle” on the head sign before boarding.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this important upgrade to the Watt/I-80 Station.

**Ride Free on SacRT to The MACC for Family Art Day**

SacRT partnered with the Mills Station Arts & Culture Center (The MACC) to offer FREE Rides on bus and light rail on Saturday, March 12, 2022, to attend a family friendly day of art at the Mills Station Building. The MACC is hosting the 56th National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) exhibit and is hosting three exhibits from around the nation. The MACC is open to the public, observing current COVID-19 safety precautions. The gallery requires masks while inside the building.

To ride free, simply print or screenshot the flyer and present it to the bus driver when boarding the bus or to a fare inspector on light rail. The free ride flyer is available to use on bus or light rail between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Get the free ride flyer at sacrt.com/freerideflyer.