

Rider Alert

RydeFreeRT is Available for Students TK - 12



Students in transitional Kindergarten through 12th grade can take advantage of SacRT's RydeFreeRT program for youth. With RydeFreeRT, youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT buses, light rail, and SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit services 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.

For more information, visit rydefreert.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

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SacRT's New Route 137 – Service Between Elk Grove and UC Davis Health

BUS ROUTE 137

SacRT partnered with UC Davis Health to launch a new bus service called the Elk Grove/UC Davis Medical Center Express (bus route 137), which will operate between 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.

Funding for the new bus service was provided by UC Davis Health as a way to offer a convenient transportation solution to employees and students who commute from Elk Grove. Learn more at sacrt.com/UCDHElkGrove.

Rider Reminder: SacRT 2023 September Service Adjustments Now in Effect

On August 27, SacRT made minor service adjustments to two bus routes: Route 19 and Route 61. The new timetables are available at sacrt.com/schedules.

On August 28, SacRT made changes to three SmaRT Ride zones:

Florin-Gerber Zone:

- SmaRT Ride zone expanded north from Fruitridge Road to include underserved areas bound by 14th Avenue, Power Inn Road and Stockton Boulevard

Citrus Heights-Antelope-Orangevale Zone:

- Discontinued 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:

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

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

Join the Mobility Advisory Council!

Are you interested in helping improve the lives of seniors and persons with disabilities? Join SacRT's Mobility Advisory Council (MAC). SacRT's Board of Directors and staff greatly value the ability to consult with the MAC on service issues affecting the disability and elderly community. The MAC provides SacRT with the consumer's perspective on many of SacRT's system improvements. The MAC meets once per month in the SacRT Auditorium at 1400 29th Street, Sacramento.

Volunteers don't need to have a disability to serve on the MAC, but they need to have some knowledge about mobility issues faced by the senior and disabled community. Applications are available online at sacrt.com/MAC. If you have questions, or recommendations for potential members, please contact Priscilla Vargas, SacRT's ADA Compliance Officer, at 279-234-8391 or by email at pvargas@sacrt.com.

Systemwide Free Ride Day September 7, 2023



SacRT is offering systemwide free rides on Thursday, September 7, 2023, in recognition of the International Day of

Clean Air for Blue Skies. Free rides will be available on all bus, light rail, SmaRT Ride and SacRT GO paratransit services. No flyer is needed, simply get on board and ride free to help keep our air clean!

Learn more at sacrt.com/freerides.

Free Rides on SacRT for Fall Events

The Sacramento region has many fun events lined up for this fall. Save yourself the hassle of driving and parking and let SacRT take you there! We are offering free rides on fixed-route bus and light rail to the following events with a free ride flyer:

- Chalk It Up Festival: Saturday, September 2 – Monday, September 4, 2023
- Our Street Night Market: Saturday, September 9, 2023
- Farm to Fork Festival: Friday, September 22, 2023 and Saturday September 23, 2023

To ride free, print or screenshot the free ride flyer for the event at sacrt.com/freerideflyer and present it to the bus operator while boarding the bus, or light rail fare inspection staff upon request. Only one flyer is needed per group traveling together.

Apply to SacRT's Transit Academy by September 4!

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 who 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, community-minded 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. Learn more and apply now at sacrt.com/transitacademy.

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 transit 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.

SacRT Station Platform Construction Continues in September

SacRT is currently working on completing station platform modifications along the Gold Line to meet the height requirements of the new low-floor light rail trains. To date, SacRT has completed platform modifications at 14 Gold Line stations.

Starting the weekend of September 16, 2023, SacRT will continue work to complete the modifications to Gold Line station platforms.

Light Rail Service Disruptions Planned for September 2023:

- Weekend of September 16 and 17, 2023 (Power Inn Station Construction)
Gold Line: Bus bridge between 29th Street and Watt/Manlove stations.
- Weekend of September 23 and 24, 2023 (College Greens Station Construction)
Gold Line: Bus bridge between Power Inn and Watt/Manlove stations.
- Weekend of September 30 and October 1, 2023 (Watt/Manlove Station Construction)
Gold Line: Bus bridge between Power Inn and Butterfield stations.

Bus bridges will be in place most weekends between mid-September 2023 and March 2024 while construction takes place at different stations. Learn more at sacrt.com/stationclosure.

SacRT Hiring Events in September

Interested in working for an organization that improves people's lives? SacRT is a vital part of the community, connecting people to opportunities, experiences and each other.

SacRT is dedicated to providing safe, reliable and accessible transit services that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Do we have your attention? If so, SacRT is hosting two in-person hiring events on Tuesday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 20, 2023. There are a variety of career opportunities available. However, you don't have to wait for the hiring event, apply online today at sacrt.com/careers!

Hiring Event Information:

- Tuesday, September 12, 2023
2 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: SacRT Auditorium
1400 29th Street, Sacramento CA
(Accessible by bus routes 30, 38, 67, 68 and light rail to the 29th Street Station)

Ride SacRT fixed-route bus and light for FREE to and from the hiring event with the free ride flyer! Just print or screenshot the free ride flyer available at sacrt.com/hiringevents and present it to the bus operator or light rail fare inspection staff upon request.

Cosumnes River College Station New Parking Information

SacRT is informing riders that parking fees have resumed at the Cosumnes River College (CRC) Station parking lot effective the start of this school semester. If you plan to park in the CRC lot, please make sure to pay for parking at the kiosks in the lot. SacRT is working with CRC on an option for riders to purchase parking passes at our Customer Service and Sales Center. The next closest free SacRT park and ride lot is at the Franklin Station.