

# Sacramento Regional Transit District

## Fact Sheet

### **System Profile**

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) operates approximately 69 fixed routes and one general public dial-a-ride service, and 42.9 miles of light rail that covers a 418 square-mile service area. Buses and light rail operate 365 days a year using 76 light rail vehicles and 205 buses powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) and 23 shuttle vans. Buses operate daily from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. every 12 to 60 minutes, depending on the route. Light rail trains begin operation at 4 a.m. with service every 15 minutes during the day, and every 30 minutes in the evening and on weekends. Blue Line and Gold Line trains operate until approximately 12:30 a.m. and the Gold Line to Folsom operates until 7 p.m. Green Line trains operate every 30 minutes Monday through Friday from approximately 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (no weekend or holiday service).

Passenger amenities include 53 light rail stations, 32 bus and light rail transfer centers and 22 park-and-ride lots. RT also serves over 3,100 bus stops throughout Sacramento County.

Annual ridership has steadily increased on both the bus and light rail systems from 14 million passengers in 1987 to over 26.4 million passengers in FY 2015. Weekday light rail ridership averages approximately 47,000 passengers per day. Bus weekday ridership has reached an average of approximately 50,000 passengers per day.

RT's entire bus and light rail system is accessible to the disabled community. RT also provides a door-to-door transportation service (in accordance with its responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act) for Sacramento area residents who are unable to use fixed-route service. RT provides this service through a contract with Paratransit, Inc.

RT's Community Bus program provides smaller circulator "Neighborhood Ride" buses to seven neighborhoods in Sacramento County.

### **History and Organization**

RT began operations on April 1, 1973, with the acquisition of the Sacramento Transit Authority. Later that year, RT completed a new maintenance facility and purchased 103 new buses.

RT continued to expand bus service to the growing Sacramento region while a cooperative effort emerged among city, county and state government officials to develop a light rail system. In 1987 the 18.3-mile light rail system opened, linking the northeastern (Interstate 80) and eastern (Highway 50) corridors with downtown Sacramento.

RT completed its first light rail extension in September 1998 with the opening of the Mather Field/Mills Station. In September 2003, RT opened the first phase of the Blue Line to south

Sacramento, a 6.3-mile extension with seven new stations. In June 2004, light rail was extended from the Mather Field/Mills Station to Sunrise Boulevard with three new stations. In October 2005, light rail was extended 7.4 miles east from the Sunrise Station to the city of Folsom, which included four new stations. In December 2006, RT completed the final segment of the Gold Line when it opened the .5-mile light rail extension to the Sacramento Valley Station (Amtrak) with the addition of two new stations.

In June 2012, RT opened the Green Line to the River District, which is the first phase of the Green Line to the Airport light rail extension project. The Green Line to the River District extends light rail 1.1 miles north connecting downtown Sacramento to the River District.

In August 2015, RT opened the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College (CRC) - ahead of schedule and under budget - which is the second phase of the Blue Line project. The Blue Line to CRC extends light rail 4.3 miles south from Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College and includes four new stations.

RT is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors comprised of members of the Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom and Rancho Cordova city councils as well as the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. The Fiscal Year 2015 operating budget is \$147.5 million, with a capital budget of \$51 million.

RT employs a work force of approximately 941 people, 77 percent of whom are dedicated to operations and maintenance of the bus and light rail systems. RT operates three maintenance and operations facilities – one for buses at 29th and N Streets, one for the Community Bus Service at McClellan Park, and one for the light rail system at 2700 Academy Way in north Sacramento.

### **Light Rail Expansion**

As light rail ridership increases, RT continues to extend the rail system. The Green Line to the Airport project will extend light rail 11.7 miles from the 7th & Richards/Township 9 development to the Sacramento International Airport.

The Green Line is a major project with many components, including double track; bridges over the American River and Highway 99; 13 light rail stations; a light duty maintenance facility; and seven park-and-ride lots.



# Regional Transit Facts & Figures

## System Quick Facts

Metropolitan Population	1.4 million
Service Area	418 sq. miles
Employees	941
Passenger Miles	127 million
Ridership (Boarding Passengers/Year)	26.4 million
Bus Annual Passenger Trips	13.6 million
Light Rail Annual Passenger Trips	12.8 million
Operating Budget	\$147.5 million
Percentage of Operating Expenses Funded by:	
Federal Assistance	21%
State & Local Sales Taxes	52%
Fare Receipts	21%
Other sources	6%
RT Board Members	11
Sacramento City Council	
Director Steve Hansen	
Director Jeff Harris	
Director Rick Jennings	
Chair Jay Schenirer	
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors	
Director Roberta MacGlashan	
Director Don Nottoli	
Director Phil Serna	
Citrus Heights City Council	
Director Steve Miller	
Elk Grove City Council	
Director Pat Hume	
Folsom City Council	
Vice Chair Andy Morin	
Rancho Cordova City Council	
Director Linda Budge	

## Significant Dates

1971	RT was created by the California State Legislature.
1973	RT took over Sacramento Transit Authority.
1987	Light rail began operation.
1993	RT began operating CNG fueled buses.
1998	First light rail extension to Mather Field/Mills Station began operation.
2003	6.3-mile Blue Line extension began operation.
2004	Extension of the Gold Line to Sunrise began operation.
2005	Gold Line 10.7-mile extension to Historic Folsom began operation.
2006	Gold Line 0.5-mile extension to Sacramento Valley / Amtrak Station began operation.
2012	Green Line 1.1-mile extension to the River District began operation.
2015	Blue Line to Cosumnes River College 4.3-mile extension began operation.

## Customer Service Center

Annual Calls Answered	233,317
Average Calls Per Month	19,443
Annual Photo ID Cards Prepared	22,111

## ADA Paratransit Service

Service for individuals with disabilities who cannot use RT buses and light rail service

Annual Passenger Trips Provided	352,908
Average Weekday Passenger Trips Scheduled	1,417
Annual Revenue Miles Provided	3,171,315
Annual Vehicle Revenue Hours	212,938
Vehicles	131

## Light Rail Operations

Vehicles	76
Light Rail Track	42.9 miles
Stations	53
Transfer Centers	32
Park-and-Ride Lots	22
Parking Spaces	10,113
Average Weekday Passenger Trips	47,500
Annual Train Car Miles Operated	4,053,336
Sacramento Valley Station to Folsom Run Time	55 minutes
Watt/I-80 to Cosumnes River College Run Time	63 minutes
13th St. to 7th & Richards/Township 9 Run Time	11 minutes

Busiest Stations	Average Weekday
16th Street	7,100
Meadowview	5,400
St. Rose of Lima Park	3,900

## Bus Operations

### Vehicle Fleet

40 foot CNG	205
Shuttle Buses	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>

### Routes

All-Day	38
Peak Period	5
Supplemental Services	15
Community Bus Service	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

Bus Stops	3,100
Average Weekday Passenger Trips	50,000
Annual Miles Operated	6,008,165

### Busiest Routes

	Av. Weekday Boardings
#51 Broadway/Stockton	4,700
#81 Florin/65th	3,700
#1 Greenback	3,200

## Telephone Information

Main Office.....	321-2800
24-hour Information Line ...	321-2877 (recorded information)
Customer Service Center ...	321-2877 (weekdays 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
TDD.....	483-HEAR

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