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Ride RT on Earth Day

Go green and attend Earth Day events throughout Sacramento. All are free and fun for all ages, and make for a great outdoor excursion. Don't forget to ride RT to the festivities!

Join the City of Sacramento to celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday, April 19 at Cesar Chavez Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will include live entertainment and educational demonstrations. RT offers convenient service near Cesar Chavez Park on Route 30 and light rail to the 8th & K Station, St. Rose of Lima Park (9th & K) Station or the Cathedral Square (10th & K) Station.

American River College will host its Earth Day event on Wednesday, April 20. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Center Quad. Activities will include informative presentations, music and games. Routes 1 and 82 operate to the American River College Transit Center.

The Environmental Council of Sacramento will celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Sacramento at Southside Park. The celebration will be filled with food, entertainment, activities and information booths. Routes 38 and 51 operate near Southside Park. Attendees can also take light rail to the 13th Street Station and walk to the event.

For route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Clean Air Awards to Honor Best of Sacramento

Each year in May, Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails celebrates and thanks Clean Air Champions for their outstanding efforts to help improve air quality in the Sacramento region. The Clean Air Awards unite leaders of today and tomorrow, and ignite momentum toward a healthy future. This year, the 40th annual Clean Air Awards

luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium located at 1515 J Street. Tickets are \$40 per person.

The keynote speakers are Sonny Mayugba, co-founder of The Red Rabbit Kitchen and Bar restaurant, and the start-up mobile app called Requested; Lisa Riley, Vice President of Brand Strategy and Community Outreach of Fleet Feet Sports Sacramento; and Roshawn and Maritza Davis, founders of Unseen Heroes marketing agency. To purchase tickets or learn more about the Clean Air Awards, visit sacbreathe.org.

RT provides convenient service to the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium via light rail (Blue Line) to the 12th & I and Cathedral Square stations, or Routes 30 and 62. For route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Rider Alert

April 2016 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, April 3, 2016, RT will implement the following service changes:

Route 28: Fair Oaks – Butterfield
(Weekday Schedule Changes)

To improve connections with light rail (Gold Line) at the Butterfield light rail station, all weekday trips (except the 7 p.m. trip) departing from the Butterfield light rail station traveling to the Sunrise Mall Transit Center will be adjusted to depart three minutes later. All weekday trips departing from the Sunrise Mall Transit Center traveling to the Butterfield light rail station will be adjusted to depart two minutes later. See new timetable for details.

Route 175: Rancho CordoVan - Sunridge
(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The morning trips departing Zinfandel Plaza at 6:34 a.m., 7:34 a.m. and 8:34 a.m. will be adjusted to depart 25 minutes earlier at 6:09 a.m., 7:09 a.m. and 8:09 a.m. All times will shift accordingly.

Route 176: Rancho CordoVan - Kavala
(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The morning trips departing Zinfandel Plaza at 6:04 a.m., 7:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m. will be adjusted to depart 25 minutes earlier at 5:39 a.m., 6:39 a.m. and 7:39 a.m. All times will shift accordingly.

RT Board of Directors Approves Fare Increase – Fare Increase Effective on July 1, 2016

In response to a \$2.7 million budget deficit projected for Fiscal Year 2016, the RT board of directors recently approved a staff recommendation to increase fares effective July 1, 2016.

RT staff presented an initial fare change proposal at the January 25, 2016, board meeting. Following a 30-day public comment period, five open houses at different locations throughout the RT service area, and extensive customer feedback, RT staff presented a two-phase fare change proposal at the RT board meeting on March 14, 2016. The revised fare proposal was in response to public comments indicating that two smaller fare increases over an extended period of time was preferred. After public testimony and further discussion, the RT board of directors approved a modified fare proposal.

The RT board of directors voted to approve a fare increase effective July 1, 2016, but did not approve a second phase. RT staff was directed to return to the RT board of directors with additional research and options for consideration.

Effective July 1, 2016, the Basic single fare will increase to \$2.75 (from \$2.50); the Basic daily pass will increase to \$7 (from \$6); the Basic monthly pass will increase to \$110 (from \$100); the Discount single fare will increase to \$1.35 (from \$1.25); the Discount daily pass will increase to \$3.50 (from \$3); and the Senior/Disabled monthly pass/sticker will increase to \$55 (from \$50).

The Student semi-monthly pass/sticker will increase to \$27.50 (from \$25). The Student semi-monthly pass/sticker purchased at schools by students who are income eligible for a free or reduced lunch program will increase to \$15 (from \$12.50).

The Paratransit single ride will increase to \$5.50 (from \$5). The Paratransit monthly pass will increase to \$137.50 (from \$125). Paratransit monthly pass holders will have the option to receive a maximum of 60 rides per month, or to receive a maximum of 44 rides per month and a fixed-route Discount monthly pass.

To review the staff report, visit sacrt.com.

Pre-Paid Tickets and Passes Expire on June 30, 2016

As a reminder, RT pre-paid tickets and passes will expire on Thursday, June 30, 2016. Effective Friday, July 1, 2016, RT buses and light rail fare vending machines will not accept pre-paid tickets and passes with a June 30, 2016, expiration date. RT will not conduct an exchange or refund for new fare media.

Customers who have pre-paid tickets and passes are encouraged to use them prior to June 30, 2016.

New fare media with a June 30, 2017 expiration date will be available for purchase (at the new fare rate) in late May.