**April 2024 Next Stop News**

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**Light Rail Service Disruptions Scheduled in April**
Several planned light rail service disruptions are scheduled during April for station platform construction on the Gold Line and planned SMUD construction on the Blue Line. The schedule may change due to various reasons, including weather. Please check sacrt.com/stationclosure for details or download the free SacRT Alert app before you ride.

**Tuesday, April 2 – Friday, April 5, 2024**(Mather Field/Mills Station Inbound Side Closed – No Light Rail Service)\*
The inbound platform (trains headed toward downtown Sacramento) at Mather Field/Mills Station will be closed. Light rail trains will travel through Mather Field/Mills Station; however, customers will not be able to board or deboard on the inbound side of the station platform. The outbound platform (trains headed toward Folsom) at Mather Field/Mills Station will be open and operate normally.

Customers needing to exit the train on the inbound side will instead need to travel one more station to Butterfield Station, exit the train, and board the next train heading outbound back toward Mather Field/Mills Station.

**Saturday, April 6 – Sunday, April 7, 2024** (Mather Field/Mills Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)
Gold Line: Bus bridge (shuttle buses operate between stations) between Butterfield and Sunrise stations.

**Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19, 2024**(7th & Capitol Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)\*

7th & Capitol Station will be closed for customers boarding and deboarding. Light rail trains will travel through 7th & Capitol Station; however, customers will not be able to board or deboard at the station.

* Blue Line customers (trains headed toward Consumnes River College) will instead need to board the train at the 10th & K Station or 8th & O Station.
* Gold Line customers (trains headed toward Sunrise/Folsom) will instead need to board the train at 7th & I/County Center Station or 8th & O Station.
* Green Line customers (trains headed toward 13th Street) will instead need to board the train at 7th & I/County Center Station or 8th & O Station.

**Saturday, April 20 – Sunday, April 21, 2024** (7th & Capitol Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

* Gold Line: Bus bridge (shuttle buses operate between stations) between 13th Street and Sacramento Valley stations.
* Blue Line: Bus bridge (shuttle buses operate between stations) between Globe and 13th Street stations**.**

**Saturday, April 27 – Sunday, April 28, 2024** (Blue Line Bus Bridge)
Blue Line: Bus bridge (shuttle buses operate between stations) between Cosumnes River College and Meadowview stations between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. both days due to planned SMUD construction.

**Monday, April 29 – Friday, May 3**, **2024** (13th Street Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)\*

The 13th Street Station will be closed for customers boarding and deboarding. Light rail trains will travel through 13th Street Station; however, passengers will not be able to board or deboard at the station. The nearest station on the Gold Line and Blue Line is 16th Street Station. The nearest station on the Green Line is Archives Plaza Station. All Green Line passengers traveling to the 13th Street Station will instead need to exit the train at Archives Plaza.

*\*No bus bridge service available during the closure.*

**SacRT Increases New Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicle Order**

SacRT added an additional nine S700 low-floor light rail vehicles with Siemens Mobility. This order builds on the previous order of 36, bringing the total number of trains ordered to 45. SacRT’s contract with Siemens is for the purchase of up to 76 new low-floor trains. As new low-floor trains are delivered to SacRT’s light rail facility, they go through rigorous testing to prepare them for passenger service. Learn more about the testing process at sacrt.com/newtrains.

**Preparing to Reshape the Future of SacRT**

SacRT is getting ready to roll out a brand-new logo and brand strategy as we enter our 51st year of service. This initiative has special significance as we prepare to roll out our new fleet of low-floor light rail trains this summer.

Riders will start to notice the evolved branding on electronic and digital items that have no cost to update such as the website and social media first. To reduce any cost associated with the refreshed branding, SacRT will only update items such as signage, vehicle paint designs, employee uniforms and other supplies on an as needed basis. Learn more at sacrt.com/rebranding.

[Rider Alert]

**April Service Changes**

Effective Sunday, April 7, 2024, SacRT will implement minor service adjustments on bus routes 19, 86, 88 and 137.

**Route 19: Inbound to Watt & Elverta (Monday – Friday):**
To improve connections to Rio Linda, the trip time shifts back to 7:44 a.m. from 7:53 a.m.

**Route 86: Outbound to Marconi Arcade (All days):**
To accommodate the route extension from 12th Street to 15th Street, two additional minutes will be added to the schedule between J and 11th streets and San Juan & Truxel for all trips from downtown Sacramento.

**Route 88: Outbound to Arden/Del Paso (All days):**
To accommodate the route extension from 12th Street to 15th Street, two additional minutes will be added to the schedule between J and 11th streets and Gateway & El Camino for all trips from downtown Sacramento.

**Route 137: Inbound to Elk Grove (Monday – Friday):**
Adding two additional afternoon trips from UC Davis Medical Center at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Ride SacRT for Free to Local Events in April**

SacRT has partnered with several organizations in the region to offer free rides to various events this month. To ride free, visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer then print or screenshot the flyer for the event you wish to attend. The flyer must be presented to the bus operator or fare inspection staff on light rail upon request.

American River Parkway Foundation Spring Clean-Up
On Saturday, April 13, 2024, join the American River Parkway Foundation for its second-largest event of the year, the Spring Clean-up! The event will take place from 9 a.m. - noon. at various parks in the area. SacRT has partnered with the foundation to offer free rides to and from the event with a free ride flyer.

ECOS Sacramento Earth Day Event
On Sunday, April 21, 2024, SacRT will offer free rides to the Earth Day at Southside Park event, hosted by the Environmental Council of Sacramento. The event starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m., use the free ride flyer and let SacRT get you there!

Run Because You Can 5K
On Sunday, April 28, 2024, the 13th annual Run Because You Can 5K will be held in William Land Park. The event is the culmination of a six week after-school fitness program and 3,000 young athletes from the Sacramento area will participate. The race will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Use the free ride flyer to ride fixed-route bus and light rail for free!

**Systemwide Free Rides for Earth Day**

To celebrate Earth Day, SacRT is offering systemwide free rides on Monday, April 22, 2024. Enjoy free rides on light rail, fixed-route bus and SmaRT Ride. SacRT GO paratransit services are also available for free for qualifying individuals with an advance reservation. No flyer is needed, just board and enjoy the ride!

You can also enjoy free rides from SacRT to get you to Earth Day events during the weekend. Visit sacrt.com/earthday for more information.

**A Look Back on SacRT's 50th Anniversary Celebration**

As we bid farewell to SacRT's remarkable 50th anniversary celebration, we reflect on a half-century of dedication, innovation, and service to our community. We're filled with gratitude for the journey we've shared together.

Throughout the past year, we've celebrated our milestones, cherished memories, and the countless individuals who have contributed to our success. From our dedicated employees to our loyal riders, partners, and stakeholders, each one of you has played an integral role in shaping SacRT into the thriving transit system it is today.

As we look toward the future, we remain committed to enhancing mobility, fostering sustainability, and embracing innovation to better serve our community's evolving needs. We're excited to continue investing in modernization efforts, expanding our services, and implementing new technologies to ensure that SacRT remains a vital lifeline for Sacramento area residents and visitors.

Thank you for being a part of SacRT's legacy, and cheers to the next 50 years of service and beyond.

**May is Bike Month**

Pump up your tires and grab your helmets because May is Bike Month! Take advantage of the spring weather by cycling to your destination. Riding your bike is not only good for your mental and physical health, but also great for the environment. May is Bike Month is your opportunity to participate in a variety of community events, win prizes and connect with other bike advocates and enthusiasts in the region. Whether you’re riding to work, school or for fun, visit lovetoride.net to join the fun on two wheels!

Bikes and transit make the perfect duo. All SacRT buses are equipped with bike racks on the front that can hold two or three bikes. Bikes are allowed inside light rail trains. SacRT requires passengers with bikes to leave space available at the front of the first train car for riders with disabilities. Persons boarding light rail trains with a bicycle should not board using the mini-high ramps, as they are reserved for use by persons with disabilities. Learn more about how to bike-and-ride on transit at sacrt.com/bikeandride.

**SacPAC Government Contracting Webinar**

The Sacramento Public Agency Consortium (SacPac) is hosting a free webinar on government contracting. It’s a perfect opportunity for small businesses and entrepreneurs to network with industry professionals and gain insight via the panel and breakout rooms. The event will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Registration is available at sacrt.com/business.