

Next Stop News August 2016

Ride RT to Local Farmers' Markets

Ride RT to weekly local farmers' markets featuring a wide variety of locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, cheeses and fresh flowers, which are easily accessible by light rail on the Gold Line.

Power Inn Station

The Power Inn Alliance and Unseen Heroes have partnered together this year to open "Market at Power Inn," a weekly farmers market conveniently located next to the Power Inn light rail station (Power Inn Road and Folsom Boulevard). Eat and shop from local farmers, food purveyors, artisans and food trucks. The Market at Power Inn takes place every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 2016. Show your valid RT ticket or pass at the Power Inn Alliance table and receive a free tote bag. For more information, visit powerinn.org.

Sunrise Station

Celebrate the seasons and enjoy a bounty of locally grown fruits, vegetables and other products at the year-round Certified Farmers Market every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in the Sunrise Station park-and-ride lot (Sunrise Boulevard and Folsom Boulevard). For more information, visit california-grown.com.

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

Take RT to the Banana Festival

Celebrate one of America's favorite fruits by attending the 7th annual Banana Festival on Saturday, August 20 or Sunday, August 21 at Shasta Community Park in Elk Grove. The two-day festival will be held across the street from the new Cosumnes River College (CRC) light rail station and transit center, making it easy to attend without the hassles of driving and parking.

Showcasing the beautiful countries of the world where bananas are grown, the Banana Festival is a great family-friendly, multi-cultural event. Festival highlights include music, dancing, exhibits, "Best Banana" costume contest, cooking demonstrations and more ... all featuring bananas, of course!

The Banana Festival is hosted by the National Academic Youth Corps, a non-profit youth services agency, which provides art and educational programs for over 15,000 people every year. General admission is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the gate and free for children age 5 and under.

For more information, visit sacbananafestival.com. Take RT routes 54, 55, 56 or the Blue Line to CRC light rail station.

Rider Alert

September 2016 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, September 4, 2016, RT will implement the following service changes:

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

The morning trip that departs the Sunrise Mall Transit Center at 5:47 a.m. and the morning trip that departs the Butterfield light rail station at 6:57 a.m. will be discontinued. No other trip times will be affected.

Route 51: Broadway - Stockton
(Weekday Schedule Changes)

Service frequency on trips operating during non-peak commute times will be modified to operate every 15 minutes. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 72: Rosemont - Lincoln Village
(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs Branch Center Road and Kiefer Boulevard at 2:59 p.m. will depart 14 minutes later at 3:13 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly. The afternoon trip that departs Branch Center Road and Kiefer Boulevard at 2:43 p.m. will be discontinued.

Route 81: Florin - 65th St.
(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs 65th Street and 14th Avenue at 3:17 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 3:29 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 205: Fruitridge Rd. - Freeport
Route 206: 12th Ave. - Sutterville Rd.
(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs Land Park Drive and Vallejo Way at 2:07 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 2:19 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 210: La Riviera Drive

(Weekday Schedule Changes) The afternoon trip that departs Alhambra Boulevard and J Street at 2:28 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 2:40 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 211: College Greens

(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs Alhambra Boulevard and J Street at 2:28 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 2:40 p.m. The afternoon trip that departs N Street and Rodeo Drive at 3:04 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 3:16 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 212: 14th Ave. - 21st Ave.

Route 213: Fruitridge Rd. - Stockton Blvd.

Route 214: Broadway - Stockton Blvd.

(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs N Street and Rodeo Drive at 3:04 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 3:16 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 226: Pocket Rd. - Riverside Blvd.

Route 227: So. Land Park - Greenhaven

Route 228: Gloria Dr. - Rush River Dr.

(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs Alhambra Boulevard and J Street at 2:28 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 2:40 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 246: Meadowview - Greenhaven

Route 248: Meadowview - Rush River

(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs Gloria Drive and Florin Road at 3:14 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 3:26 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 252: Freeport - Fruitridge - MLK

(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs Freeport Boulevard and Weller Way at 3:16 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 3:28 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

Route 255: La Riviera - College Greens

(Weekday Schedule Changes)

The afternoon trip that departs Kiefer Boulevard and Mayhew Road at 3:01 p.m. will depart 12 minutes later at 3:13 p.m. All trip times will shift accordingly.

New timetables are now available at sacrt.com.

Join the Connect Card “Soft” Launch

The Sacramento region will soon join the ranks of many communities around the country with a state-of-the-art transit smart card fare payment system, the Connect Card, and needs volunteers help to test it. The soft launch will include a small group of participants. As an RT rider, you have the exclusive opportunity to use the Connect Card prior to its full launch early next year.

Once fully implemented, the Connect Card will provide access to nine transit systems across the region with just one card.

Take these four easy steps to participate in the soft launch:

1. Sign Up: Visit ConnectTransitCard.com or the RT Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station) to take a short survey.
2. Receive Your Connect Card: After you take the survey, you will receive an email with step-by-step instructions on how to load cash value, passes or Discount fare on the Connect Card.
3. Tap and Go: Add cash value, passes or Discount fare on the Connect Card in the method that you would regularly purchase fare.
4. Provide Feedback: If you encounter system issues or if something doesn't work quite right, let the Connect Card team know. Your feedback is essential to a successful launch.

Visit ConnectTransitCard.com for details.

Last Month for Discounted RT Student Photo ID Cards

Be sure to get your RT Student photo ID card now and ride at a discounted rate before school starts.

RT Student photo ID cards are available for only \$2 during August (regularly \$3). Students (age 5 to 18) must show proof of school enrollment or be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive the RT Student photo ID card. To purchase your RT Student photo ID card, stop by the Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Extended Weekday Hours:

- August 22 through August 31 – 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special Saturday Hours:

- Saturday, August 27 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

With a Student photo ID card, passengers may purchase monthly and semi-monthly Student stickers (fare). Valid sticker must be affixed to a valid RT Student photo ID card.