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Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ADA

July 26, 2015, will mark the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Celebrations of the signing of the ADA by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990, are taking place across the nation.

The ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) give civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. The ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, tele-communications, state and local government programs and services, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if the public remains committed to continuing efforts to fully implement the ADA.

To recognize this 25th milestone, the ADA National Network is hoping to receive 25,000 pledges from the public to support the principles of equality and inclusion to achieve full compliance. To participate, visit adaanniversary.org/pledge or call 1-800-949-4232.

Ride RT to the State Fair

Enjoy family fun and great entertainment during the 2015 California State Fair from Friday, July 10 through Sunday, July 26 at Cal Expo.

This year's theme, the "Best," will hold true to its namesake and feature a wide variety of the best attractions, best deep-fried delicacies and best entertainment that the whole family can enjoy.

Take advantage of the best discount. Coupons valid for \$2 off general admission to the 2015 California State Fair are available with purchase at RT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station), while supplies last.

RT offers convenient service to the Cal Expo main gate on Routes 67 and 68. The last trip (Route 68) from the Arden Fair Mall Transit Center will depart Cal Expo's main gate bus stop at approximately 9:53 p.m. on weekdays and approximately 8:55 p.m. on weekends.

For more information about the California State Fair, visit castatefair.org or call 916-263-FAIR (3247).

Visit the Cal Expo Guest Services office to pick up Route 67, 68 and light rail pocket timetables (Blue Line, Gold Line and Green Line) or visit sacrt.com for route and schedule information.

Rider Alert

September 2015 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, September 6, 2015, RT will implement service changes that will restructure bus routes and improve bus connections with light rail (Blue Line and Gold Line) associated with the opening of the new Blue Line to Cosumnes River College light rail extension.

Schedule Changes

Weekdays: Light Rail (Blue Line and Gold Line), 1, 5, 6, 13, 15, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 54, 55, 56, 61, 65, 72, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 88, 93, 103, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 255, Granite Park Shuttle, McClellan Park Shuttle and the Rancho CordoVan

Saturdays: Light Rail (Blue Line and Gold Line), 1, 15, 21, 23, 25, 80, 81, 84, 86

Sundays: Light Rail (Blue Line and Gold Line), 1, 15, 21, 23, 81, 86, 87, 88

Route Changes

Light Rail (Blue Line), 25, 61, 65 and 84

A detailed summary of the September 2015 service changes and new timetables can be found online at sacrt.com beginning on Monday, July 13.

New pocket timetables will be available beginning Monday, August 31.

Test Trains Operating on the Blue Line to CRC

RT is operating test trains on the Blue Line to Cosumnes River College (CRC) light rail extension currently under construction. Test trains will operate between the Meadowview light rail station and Cosumnes River College from approximately 5 p.m. to 4 a.m. nightly through Friday, July 17. Testing will then occur at any time during the day or night until the opening of the Blue Line to CRC light rail service in September 2015.

Test trains will travel through the intersections of Franklin Boulevard and Cosumnes River Boulevard, and Center Parkway and Cosumnes River Boulevard. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are advised to use caution and be aware of grade crossing gates and signals. Delays may occur at the grade crossings.

The overhead catenary system (OCS), located above the light rail tracks, provides high voltage electricity to the light rail vehicles and has been activated. The OCS carries 950 volts of electricity and is dangerous. The public is advised to stay clear of the light rail tracks and equipment, and more than 10 feet from wires and poles.

The public is reminded to adhere to the following safety rules:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings when near tracks or in stations.
- Look and listen for trains. Light rail trains can travel at any time from either direction and

are relatively quiet. After a train has passed, a second train might be traveling from the opposite direction.

- Whether on foot, bike or in a vehicle, it is illegal to go around moving or lowered crossing gates.

Back to School with RT

Beat the rush and get your RT Student photo ID card before the school year begins!

RT Student photo ID cards can be obtained at the RT Customer Service and Sales Center for only \$2 during the months of July and August. Students (age 5 to 18) must show proof of current school enrollment, or be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive an RT Student photo ID card.

The Customer Service and Sales Center is located at 1225 R Street at the 13th Street light rail station.

By purchasing your Student photo ID card in advance, you can ride RT at the Discount rate all summer long. Monthly and semi-monthly Student stickers (fare) can be purchased at retail outlets throughout the Sacramento region (stickers must be affixed to a valid RT Student photo ID card).