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State of RT Breakfast

Join the Sacramento Metro Chamber and RT for the 7th annual State of RT Breakfast and TransitAction Awards.

Thursday, March 26

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Hyatt Regency Sacramento

1209 L Street

Tickets are \$45 (\$50 after March 6)

The State of RT Breakfast provides an annual forum to discuss the Sacramento region's transit priorities.

We invite you to be part of the conversation and explore why investment in public transit is critical to the success of the Sacramento region. This year, Mike Wiley, RT General Manager/CEO, will highlight the new transit enhancements that are on the horizon for RT.

For more information or to register for the event, visit metrochamber.org/stateofrt or call 916-319-4277.

RT's No Smoking Policy Expanded

Last year, RT implemented a new policy that expanded the limited restrictions that banned smoking from covered areas of RT bus and light rail shelters to include the entire bus stop and light rail station. The installation of "No Smoking" signage is now complete and enforcement of RT's No Smoking policy has started.

Under the policy, RT has authority to prohibit smoking under Penal Code Section 640(b)(3) and to issue citations to individuals smoking in prohibited areas (an infraction punishable by a fine of \$250).

These changes to RT's policy are a key strategy in reducing community exposure to second-hand smoke and tobacco-related health problems. Tobacco use also creates litter and sanitation problems in the form of cigarette butts and waste from chewing tobacco.

For more information about RT's No Smoking policy, visit sacrt.com. For links and free resources to help quit smoking, visit thesolproject.com or call 1-800-NO-BUTTS (1-800-662-8887)

April 2015 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, April 5, 2015, RT will implement the following service changes:

Route 2: Riverside (Weekday Route Change)

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 2 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

Route 3: Riverside Express (Weekday Route Change)

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 3 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

Route 6: Land Park (Weekday Route Change)

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 6 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

Route 7: Pocket Express (Weekday Route Change)

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 7 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. Arrival and departure times at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop, and the 7th and O streets stop will be adjusted to be consistent with other routes operating along 7th Street. Arrival and departure times at the F and 7th streets stop will not be affected. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

Route 15: Rio Linda Blvd. – O St. (Weekday/Weekend Route Change)

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 15 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

Route 28: Fair Oaks – Mather Field/Mills (Weekday Route Change)

Route 28 will be extended west from the Mather Field/Mills light rail station along Folsom Boulevard to serve the Rancho Cordova Library and Butterfield light rail

station. See new timetable for details.

**Route 29: Arden – California Ave.
(Weekday Route Change)**

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 29 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

**Route 34: McKinley
(Weekday Route Change)**

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 34 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

**Route 51: Broadway - Stockton
(Weekday/Weekend Route Change)**

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 51 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

**Route 85: McClellan Park
(Weekday Schedule Change)**

Departure times starting at 6:42 a.m. from the Roseville Road light rail station will be adjusted to depart three minutes later to improve connections with light rail (Blue Line). A new bus stop will be placed on Lang Avenue at Optisolar Lane. See new timetable for details.

**Route 95: Citrus Heights – Antelope Rd.
(Weekday Route Change)**

Route 95 will be restructured to operate on Stock Ranch Road and Fountain Square Drive to serve the Citrus Heights Community Center and Citrus Heights City Hall. Service on Sylvan Road between Stock Ranch Road and Greenback Lane will be discontinued. See new timetable for details.

**Route 109: Hazel Express
(Weekday Schedule Change)**

Due to construction of the future downtown Entertainment and Sports Center, bus service to the 7th and K streets stop will be discontinued. Route 109 riders will need to board and exit buses at the 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop. The 7th Street and Capitol Mall stop will be added to the timetable.

Three-Position Bike Racks Now in Service

In response to customer feedback, RT has installed new three-position bike racks on RT buses. The new equipment replaced the two-position bike racks.

The additional capacity will help RT be more bike-friendly and accommodate the increasing popularity of cycling in our region.

In order to accommodate the three-position bike racks, RT sponsored a bill (AB 206) in the State Legislature to increase the length a bike rack could extend from the front of a bus. The bill was approved by Governor Brown in August 2013 and a similar bill (AB 2707) allowing transit agencies across California the same exemptions was passed in September 2014.

For more information about biking with RT, visit sacrt.com/biking.

Help RT Design a New Light Rail Station

RT and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) are in the early stages of planning a new light rail station on North 12th Street between Sproule Avenue and Richards Boulevard in the Dos Rios neighborhood. RT and SHRA will present design concepts and need your input. Attend a session to share your comments about the future station:

Thursday, April 16

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Smythe Academy Middle School
700 Dos Rios Street, Sacramento

RSVP your attendance to cpair@sacrt.com or call 916-556-0514.

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