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#### **8th annual State of RT Breakfast and TransitAction Awards**

Join the Sacramento Metro Chamber and RT for the 8th annual State of RT Breakfast and TransitAction Awards.

Wednesday, March 9

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

Hyatt Regency Sacramento

1209 L Street

Tickets are \$50 (\$60 after February 24)

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

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

The TransitAction awards program recognizes models of excellence that have made a significant and positive impact to public transit. This year's awards recipients are:

- Business of the Year – Passport
- Organization/Agency of the Year – City of Citrus Heights
- Transit Oriented Development of the Year – Folsom Lake College - Rancho Cordova Center
- Elected Official of the Year – Congresswoman Doris Matsui
- Individual/Transit Advocate of the Year – Mike McKeever

For event information and to purchase tickets, visit [metrochamber.org](http://metrochamber.org).

## **“See Tracks? Think Train!”**

“See Tracks? Think Train!” is a simple message, but one that can save lives. RT and Operation Lifesaver (OL) want to remind the public of the proper behavior to stay safe near light rail tracks and trains. Specifically, people should be aware of the dangers distractions pose near light rail tracks and in stations, and the importance of respecting warning signs and signals.

Important safety tips include:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings when near tracks or in stations.
- Avoid the danger of distraction caused by cell phones, headphones or other electronic devices.
- 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.

RT, in partnership with OL, offers free rail safety presentations to the community. Schools, neighborhood associations, businesses and more are encouraged to schedule a presentation. For more information, visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) or call 916-556-0119.

## **Rider Alert**

### **April 2016 Service Changes**

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

#### **Route 28: Fair Oaks – Mather Field/Mills (Weekday Schedule Changes)**

To improve connections with light rail (Gold Line) at the Butterfield light rail station, all weekday trips departing from the Butterfield light rail station, except for the 7 p.m. trip, 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 Launches New Mobile Fare App**

To improve the convenience of buying tickets and passes, RT has launched a new "RideSacRT" mobile fare app. The mobile fare app allows customers to purchase, save and use fare for RT bus and light rail trips directly from a smartphone.

The free mobile app is a six-month pilot program that will initially offer Basic and Discount single ride and daily passes. An added benefit to using the mobile app is that single ride fare is valid for up to 90 minutes once activated, which means that an RT mobile ticket can be used to ride both bus and light rail. However, the ticket must be valid for the duration of a light rail trip. Mobile RT tickets and passes are not accepted by other transit agencies. In addition, up to 10 RT tickets or passes can be purchased and stored on the mobile app for later use until June 30, 2016.

After the conclusion of the pilot program, RT will transition RideSacRT to a permanent mobile app with additional features.

The mobile app is now available for download at the App Store (iOS) and Google Play (Android). For more information, visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

### **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 in late May.

