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### **Breathe California Celebrates Clean Air Awards**

Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails and its community sponsors will recognize “Clean Air Champions” for their outstanding efforts to clean our air on Wednesday, May 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the 39th annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon.

Congratulations to the following Clean Air Award Champions:

#### **Sustainability**

- City of Rocklin, Public Services Department
- Sacramento County, Department of Waste Management and Recycling

#### **Leadership**

- Judy Robinson, Sacramento County Sustainability Manager
- The Selland Family of Restaurants

#### **Innovative Strategy**

- The GEO Environmental Science and Design Academy
- Tim Saville and General Truss Co., Inc.

Tickets to attend the luncheon are still available. For more information or to register, visit [sacbreathe.org](http://sacbreathe.org).

### **RT Launches “See Tracks? Think Train!” Campaign**

RT and Operation Lifesaver (OL) have partnered to promote a light rail safety campaign that emphasizes pedestrian and motorist safety around tracks.

“See Tracks? Think Train!” is a simple message, but one that can save lives. RT wants to remind the public of the proper behavior to stay safe. Campaign messages focus on the danger of distractions near 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.

The campaign includes the distribution of print materials, presentations to community and neighborhood groups, social media, and special enforcement conducted by RT Police Services at grade crossings and stations throughout the RT system.

For more information, visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com).

## **Celebrate May is Bike Month with RT**

On Thursday, May 14, the Sacramento region will hold the 11th annual Capitol BikeFest, the signature event of “May is Bike Month.” Ride to the west steps of the State Capitol and enjoy an afternoon of bike festivities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will feature over 40 exhibitor booths, refreshments and music. Don’t forget to stop by the RT booth.

During May is Bike Month, residents of the Sacramento region are encouraged to trade driving for bicycling when traveling to work, running errands or enjoying leisure time. To commute over longer distances, combine bicycling with RT. All light rail trains and buses are equipped with bike racks.

For more information about May is Bike Month activities, visit [mayisbikemonth.com](http://mayisbikemonth.com).

RT offers convenient service to the State Capitol on most downtown buses and light rail. For route and schedule information, visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877). For information about how to bike-and-ride on RT, visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com).

## **RT Debuts New Buses**

Last month, RT rolled out the first 30 of 96 new buses on routes across the Sacramento region as part of an initiative to enhance the transit system.

The new custom 40-foot GILLIG BRT-Plus buses operate using

Compressed Natural Gas, and have a sleek, aerodynamic look. Designed with the passenger in mind, buses feature flip-up seats in the front section to accommodate folded carts and packages; increased leg room; and a clear rooftop emergency hatch that allows in natural light. To enhance safety, each new bus has nine state-of-the-art day/night color interior and exterior surveillance cameras.

The buses also have new fareboxes with a few updated features. Passengers who purchase a daily pass upon boarding will receive the pass printed directly from the farebox.

Another 66 buses will be added to RT's fleet over the next two years.

If you've had a chance to ride the new buses, let RT know what you think via Twitter (@RideSacRT) or Facebook (SacramentoRT)

### **Sign Up for RT Rider Alerts**

Stay connected with RT! Riders who want to be in the know about planned RT news and events can sign up to be added to the RT Rider Alert email list. Visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) and click the "RT Rider Alert Registration" link to sign up.

### **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](http://sacrt.com/biking).