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SmaRT Ride Changes Coming in January 2020

SacRT is excited to share some exciting news about our SmaRT Ride service. Starting on Monday, January 6, 2020, SacRT will launch six new SmaRT Ride service areas, and transition to a new and improved SmaRT Ride app.

The new SmaRT Ride service areas will launch on Monday, January 6, 2020:

- Arden
- Carmichael
- Downtown-Midtown-East Sacramento
- Folsom
- Gerber-Calvine
- North Sacramento

Current SmaRT Ride customers that will to download the new app, include the following service areas:

- Citrus Heights-Orangevale-Antelope
- Franklin-South Sacramento
- Rancho Cordova

The new "SacRT SmaRT Ride" app (by Via), formally known as the "Microtransit" app will be available to download starting the first week of January 2020 at the App Store and Google Play. All SmaRT Ride customers will need to download the new app in order to request service on your smartphone. The current "Microtransit" app will expire effective Friday, January 3, 2020. SmaRT Ride customers who don't have access to a smartphone will continue to be able to request rides by calling 916-556-0100.

For more information on the new app, fares and SmaRT Ride service areas, visit smartride.sacrt.com.

SacRT's AirpoRT Express Shuttle Takes Flight January 5, 2020

Get ready, SacRT will begin offering express bus service from several downtown Sacramento locations directly to the Sacramento International Airport starting on Sunday, January 5, 2020. The new service will be available seven days a week.

SacRT's service will be an easy and cost-effective way to get to the airport. With a flat fare per person of only \$2.50 for a single ride, or \$1.25 for discount eligible riders, you can leave your car and the stress at home and flyaway with SacRT. The new schedule and bus stops will be available soon at sacrt.com.

SacRT Offers Free Rides on Light Rail to JUMP Bike Users

In an effort to encourage more people to try going car-free, SacRT and JUMP have teamed up to offer free rides on light rail for anyone that uses a JUMP bike as a first-mile/last-mile mobility solution to get to a SacRT light rail station. The offer is available from Monday, December 9 through Saturday, December 14.

How the free ride works:

1. Complete a JUMP bike trip within the service area between December 9 and 14, 2019.
2. Board a SacRT light rail train the same day and have your valid JUMP bike receipt ready to show a fare inspector to ride for free.

The offer is non-transferable and only the individual completing the JUMP ride is eligible for the free ride on light rail. JUMP riders are eligible to redeem the offer each day during the campaign they take a JUMP bike.

There are nine bike charging hubs at SacRT light rail stations; the newest was installed at the Broadway Station in October. JUMP bike users can earn financial rewards by docking a low-battery bike at a charging hub. Riders can double their rewards by downloading the free Miles app from the App Store or Google Play to earn points for every mile traveled.

JUMP's electric assist bikes can be rented through the Uber app or the JUMP app. Plan your next trip on SacRT by visiting the online trip planner at sacrt.com.

Transit Oriented Development Coming to the University/65th Station

SacRT closed on the purchase sale agreement of its first transit oriented development (TOD) property at the University/65th Street transit center. The sale of this property represents another historic endeavor for SacRT, progressing investment in joint development that has been 30 years in the making.

The future "65th East" project, which includes 223 college student-focused housing apartments with ground floor retail, will be located at one of SacRT's busiest transit centers and light rail stations that is utilized by more than 40,000 light rail riders and 30,000 bus riders per month.

The deal includes the reconstruction and modernization of bus stops on 67th and Q streets. The new bus stops will be closer to the station and have all new ADA compliant crosswalks, making it easier and safer to connect to transit.

The contractor plans to break ground in December 2019 and is expected to be completed in August 2022. SacRT plans to use the proceeds from the \$2 million property sale to purchase new low-floor light rail vehicles as part of the Light Rail Modernization Project.

Head Downtown for the Holidays!

Going downtown for the holidays is only getting better with more captivating events than ever before at the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink presented by Dignity Health. Open now through Monday, January 20 at 7th & K streets in downtown Sacramento; make sure you, your family and friends make a visit to this winter wonderland. Enjoy one or all of these upcoming Downtown Ice Rink events:

- Tuesday, Dec. 3: Skate It Forward (2 p.m. – 9 p.m.)
- Thursday, Dec. 5: DOCO Disco (7 p.m. – 9 p.m.)
- Saturday, Dec. 14: Xfinity Free Skate - Grinch Day (noon – 3 p.m.)
- Saturday, Dec. 15: Kids Day with Sacramento Kings (noon – 2 p.m.)

For hours and additional information, visit GoDowntownSac.com/IceRink and follow [@DowntownIceRink](https://twitter.com/DowntownIceRink). Ride light rail or any downtown bus route to the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink to receive \$2 off the skate admission when you show your valid SacRT ticket or pass. For route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Experience the Theatre of Lights at the Old Sacramento Waterfront

If it's holiday memories you're after, come find it at the Old Sacramento Waterfront! The Macy's Theatre of Lights is a free and family-friendly holiday tradition. Discover the sounds of the fires, floods and revelry that befell the historic district in the 1850s as 150-year-old building facades light up with color on K Street between Front and 2nd Streets. Visit godowntownsac.com/theatreoflights for details. Don't forget, SacRT offers convenient bus and light rail service. For route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

More Skating Fun in Folsom

Lace up your skates and double your ice skating fun by taking light rail to the Historic Folsom District's ice rink. Folsom's beloved ice rink encircles the historic railroad turntable where people of all ages can enjoy the holiday tree while skating to festive music. The Historic Folsom ice rink is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., including Christmas Day. Learn more at folsomicerink.com. For SacRT route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Ride Free on the SacRT Holiday Bus

SacRT wishes everyone a happy holiday season and invites you to take a free ride on its annual holiday bus. The colorful 40-foot SacRT Holiday Bus will be easy to spot as it travels on different routes throughout the Sacramento region spreading goodwill the entire month of December through Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

In keeping with the “season of giving,” passengers will have the opportunity to deposit a cash donation in the farebox. This year, all donations will benefit the Sacramento Children’s Home. Since 1867, the Sacramento Children’s Home has been dedicated to caring for Sacramento’s most vulnerable children and families. Text donations are also welcome and encouraged. To make a secure text donation, text *GIVETOSCH* to 44321. For more information about the Sacramento Children’s Home, visit kidshome.org.

View the schedule to find out when the Holiday Bus will be traveling to a neighborhood near you!

DATE	DAY	ROUTE(S)
1-Dec	Sunday	51
2-Dec	Monday	Special event
3-Dec	Tuesday	1
4-Dec	Wednesday	11
5-Dec	Thursday	67,68
6-Dec	Friday	86
7-Dec	Saturday	13
8-Dec	Sunday	19
9-Dec	Monday	15, 88
10-Dec	Tuesday	81
11-Dec	Wednesday	26, 84
12-Dec	Thursday	75
13-Dec	Friday	56, 62, 102, 107
14-Dec	Saturday	Santa Parade
15-Dec	Sunday	25,93
16-Dec	Monday	72
17-Dec	Tuesday	87
18-Dec	Wednesday	82
19-Dec	Thursday	1

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20-Dec	Friday	30, 38
21-Dec	Saturday	61
22-Dec	Sunday	67, 68
23-Dec	Monday	21
24-Dec	Tuesday	23
25-Dec	Wednesday	51
26-Dec	Thursday	23
27-Dec	Friday	56, 62, 193
28-Dec	Saturday	11
29-Dec	Sunday	86
30-Dec	Monday	26, 84
31-Dec	Tuesday	30, 38
1-Jan	Wednesday	15, 23, 88

Ride Light Rail For Free to the New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular

SacRT encourages New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular revelers to take light rail from one of SacRT's 22 park-and-ride stations to downtown on Tuesday, December 31.

Sacramento's best New Year's Eve tradition lights up the skies above Old Sacramento Waterfront with bright colors and flashes during the New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular.

This free celebration will feature activities for the whole family to enjoy. Including children's programming, live music, dinner specials, hot food and drink vendors and a variety of colorful street entertainment. To ride SacRT for free, download the Free Ride Flyer at sacrt.com or nyesacramento.com.

SacRT will operate regular light rail service on the Blue Line and Gold Line. Below is a list of light rail departure stations and times on the Blue Line and Gold Line after the 9 p.m. fireworks show in Old Sacramento Waterfront:

- Service to Cosumnes River College (Blue Line)
SacRT will operate four light rail trips on the Blue Line toward the Cosumnes River

College Station after the 9 p.m. fireworks show. They will depart the **7th & Capitol Station** at 9:46 p.m., 10:16 p.m., 10:46 p.m. and 11:16 p.m.

- Service to Watt/I-80 (Blue Line)
SacRT will operate six light rail trips on the Blue Line toward the Watt/I-80 Station after the 9 p.m. fireworks show. They will depart the **9th & K Station** at 10:02 p.m., 10:32 p.m., 11:02 p.m., 11:32 p.m., 12:02 a.m. and 12:32 a.m.
- Service to Sunrise/Folsom (Gold Line)
SacRT will operate three light rail trips on the Gold Line toward the Historic Folsom Station after the 9 p.m. fireworks show ends. They will depart the **7th & Capitol Station** at 9:54 p.m., 10:24 p.m. and 10:54 p.m.

RydeFreeRT Isn't Just for Trips to School

Youth in grades TK through 12 can take advantage of their valid student ID with RydeFreeRT sticker or RydeFreeRT card during the holiday break. Use it to ride SacRT buses and light rail trains to the movies, malls, museums, concerts, parks, ice skating, a visit with family or friends, or just about anywhere you want to go!

At the start of the school year, students automatically received a RydeFreeRT sticker with their valid student ID. If a school did not supply a student ID, students in grades TK through 6 can visit a local library to get a SacRT RydeFreeRT card with sticker. Stickers are also available for youth in grades 7 through 12 with a SacRT student ID card at local libraries and at SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street Station).

Learn more about the program at rydefreert.com.

RIDER ALERT (gray box)

Sunday/Holiday Schedule

SacRT will operate on a Sunday/holiday schedule on the following dates:

- Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2019
- New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2020

January 5, 2020 Services Changes on Routes 15, 51, 88 and 161 + Airport Shuttle

Effective Sunday, January 5, 2020, services changes will go into effect to streamline bus service on routes 15, 51, 88, and 161. This day also marks the start of the Airport shuttle, route 142.

For questions or help with trip planning, please call customer service at 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Route 15

(Weekday Service Change)

To provide better connections at Arden/Del Paso Light Rail minor adjustments were made to the inbound and outbound trips on route 15. See new timetable for details.

Route 51

(Weekday Service Change)

To provide a smoother, the outbound trip that leaves 8th & F at 5:14 p.m. will now leave four (4) minutes later at 5:18 p.m. All times shift accordingly. See new timetable for details.

Route 88

(Weekday Service Change)

To provide better connections at the Arden/Del Paso light rail station minor adjustments were made to inbound route 88 trips. See new timetable for details.

Route 161

(Weekday Service Change)

The afternoon trip that departs Belvedere and Florin Perkins will leave 45 minutes earlier than originally scheduled. The trip now leaves at 3:30 p.m. and arrives at College Greens at 3:35 p.m. See new timetable for details.

Route 142

(7 Days a Week)

This is a new route between downtown Sacramento and the Sacramento International Airport. The route is scheduled to start operation on January 5, 2020.