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SmaRT Ride is Expanding July 1

To better serve residents in south Sacramento and Elk Grove, SacRT's SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service is expanding on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

Gerber-Calvine

The Gerber-Calvine zone is expanding to serve more of southeast Sacramento, as far north as Fruitridge Road. The new zone will now operate as far east as Elk Grove-Florin Road, from Florin Road to Calvine Road, including the Safeway on Calvine Road and the Walmart on Geber Road, as well as the Florin Road Post Office. It will also serve the Lemon Hill and Glen Elder areas from 65th Street to Florin Perkins Road, between Fruitridge Road and Florin Road. It will also share a border with the new Elk Grove zone.

Elk Grove

The new Elk Grove zone coincides with Elk Grove's bus and e-van service joining the SacRT district on July 1. The Elk Grove zone will operate primarily between Waterman Road and Grant Line Road, with additional coverage in the Vineyard area, north of Calvine Road, as far north as Florin Road, from Elk Grove-Florin Road to Bradshaw Road, and as far north as Gerber Road, between Bradshaw Road and Excelsior Road.

SmaRT Ride is similar to other ride-share services where customers can use a smartphone app to request a ride that will pick up and drop off passengers within the service boundaries.

Learn more about the new service zones at sacrt.com/smartride.



Elk Grove Transit Services Joins SacRT on July 1

The City of Elk Grove's transit services officially becomes part of the SacRT district on Thursday, July 1, 2021. SacRT has been operating e-tran and e-van services under a service contract since July 2019. Under the annexation agreement, SacRT will provide fixed-route local, commuter and paratransit services, and maintenance operations for Elk Grove.

As part of the agreement, SacRT is committed to a seamless transition with no impact to current riders. Service levels will be maintained or improved, and there are no short-term plans to make changes to the existing bus service, or fares. The only change riders will notice is the contact information. Elk Grove riders will need to call SacRT at 916-321-BUSS (2877) and visit the SacRT website at sacrt.com/elkgrovetransit.

SacRT is holding two virtual open houses for e-van paratransit riders on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Learn more at sacrt.com/elkgrovetransit.

SacRT Offers Free Rides on Light Rail During FixSac99 Closure

SacRT teamed up with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to offer alternative transportation options during the FixSac99 project, which includes a complete closure of a section of Highway 99 in south Sacramento.

Caltrans is replacing the bridge deck along Highway 99 at 21st Avenue. Highway 99 will be closed between Fruitridge and US 50 from 8 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021 to 4 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

SacRT is offering FREE rides on light rail from Saturday, June 12 through Tuesday, June 15, 2021, with a free ride flyer. Visit sacrt.com/fixsac99 to learn more.

Customer Service and Sales Center Hours Expanding

On Monday, June 7, 2021, the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center will expand their hours from the current 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Customer Service and Sales Center is located at 1225 R Street adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station and is open Monday through Friday.

For trip planning assistance and general SacRT Customer Service information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877). The call center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed most holidays.

SacRT is Hiring!

Looking for a career in transit? In addition to bus operators, SacRT has a variety of positions available such as payroll analyst, attorney, mechanic, senior programmer and more. Check out all current SacRT job opportunities at sacrt.com/careers. All applications must be submitted via the online job portal.

When applying, be sure you provide good, detailed information and upload any required documents. If you don't see the perfect job for you, don't worry. You can sign up for job notifications and receive emails when new job opportunities become available. For additional information, contact Human Resources at 916-556-0298.

SacRT is Offering FREE Rides to Central City Hiring Opportunities

Every Wednesday through June 16, 2021, SacRT is offering free rides on bus, light rail, and SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit to help job seekers connect with job opportunities at businesses in the Central City (Downtown, Midtown, R Street and Broadway districts).

Simply print or screenshot the free ride flyer to use as fare on the day of an interview to ride free. Show to the operator when boarding buses and SmaRT Ride or have flyer ready to show fare inspectors while riding light rail trains. Learn more about who's hiring and what to know at GoDowntownSac.com/now-hiring.

FREE Rides to COVID-19 Vaccine Sites Extended to July 31

SacRT has extended free transit rides for everyone who needs to get to a scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointment location through Saturday, July 31, 2021. This includes all vaccination sites in Sacramento County within SacRT's service area, including hospitals, pharmacies, and other immunization locations.

To ride free, customers only need to show a COVID-19 vaccine appointment confirmation in the form of an email, text, or vaccine card, which will serve as valid fare only on the date noted on the appointment confirmation to ride SacRT's fixed-route bus, light rail, Folsom Stage Line, SmaRT Ride, Causeway Connection or SacRT GO paratransit services. When boarding a bus, show the operator either a printout or screenshot on a smartphone, or have ready to show a fare inspector when riding light rail.

For trip planning assistance visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877). To request a ride on SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service, download the free SacRT SmaRT Ride app (App Store or Google Play) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for assistance. SmaRT Ride service is available in eight different zones throughout Sacramento County. Learn more about SmaRT Ride at sacrt.com/smartride.

SacRT GO Paratransit Services subscription customers can book a ride up to two days prior to their scheduled vaccination date. Call 916-321-BUSS (2877), select option 2 to discuss with a SacRT GO reservation specialist. Learn more about paratransit services at sacrtgo.com.

For more information on vaccinations, eligibility, and appointments, visit Sacramento County's Coronavirus vaccine website at saccounty.net/COVID-19.



RydeFreeRT This Summer

Youth in grades TK through 12th can enjoy more freedom this summer to get to summer jobs, shopping centers, restaurants and more by taking advantage of SacRT's RydeFreeRT, the fare-free transit program for students/youth. With RydeFreeRT, students/youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT buses, light rail, and SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service for FREE! RydeFreeRT is available all day, any day of the week during regular SacRT service hours.

Due to distribution limitations resulting from COVID-19, all a student needs to ride for free is a student ID card or a RydeFreeRT card. No sticker is required to ride. Youth who are experiencing homelessness or taking part in foster programs are also allowed to participate in the program, regardless of current residence or school address.

Students and youth do not have a student ID or RydeFreeRT card can visit SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street Station). For more information, visit rydrefreert.com.

Rider Alert

Route 30 and 38 Service Disruption at Sacramento Valley Station

Effective Wednesday, May 26, 2021, due to ongoing construction, bus service to the Sacramento Valley Station on routes 30 and 38 is temporarily discontinued. During the disruption, passengers taking the bus to the Sacramento Valley Station will need to exit the bus at the 5th & I Street bus stop, walk one block north on 5th Street and turn left on H Street to access the Sacramento Valley Station. Passengers leaving the Sacramento Valley Station will need to walk to the 5th and I Street bus stop to catch bus routes 30 and 38.

Blue Line Service Disruption Scheduled for June 12-13 Cancelled

The Blue Line light rail service disruption scheduled for Saturday, June 12 through 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, 2021, between the 13th Street and City College light rail stations has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Gold Line Service Disruption July 10-11 and July 17-18

On the weekends of July 10 through July 11, 2021 and July 17 through July 18, 2021, Gold Line light rail trains will not operate between the 29th Street and Watt/Manlove light rail stations from start of service on Saturday morning to 7 p.m. on Sunday evening due to construction on the Brighton Bridge. Riders will need to transfer to special shuttle buses that will serve each station during the closure. More information about the special shuttles on the Gold Line will be posted at sacrt.com/alerts soon.

No other light rail lines will be affected. Visit sacrt.com/alerts for details.

SacRT is Hiring Operators for Elk Grove Transit Services

SacRT is bringing the City of Elk Grove's transit services into the district on Thursday, July 1, 2021, and SacRT is looking to hire more bus operators for the Elk Grove service area.

The Elk Grove service area employees full-time and part-time employees for this position and SacRT is offering an operator incentive program. Applicants will receive \$500 upon completion of the probationary period and an additional \$500 after nine months on the job. Employees also receive no cost life insurance and free transit passes for themselves and their dependents.

Apply online today at sacrt.com/careers or call 916-556-0298.

SacRT Expanding Service for Summer School

To help meet the demand of students attending summer school, SacRT has extended a number of 200 series bus routes beginning Monday, June 21, 2021.

Students in TK-12th grades can ride SacRT for FREE with the RydeFreeRT program.

Learn more at sacrt.com.



SacRT is Ready – Get on Board!

As restrictions begin to loosen and more people get back to work and other activities, SacRT is reminding customers and the public that its ready to safely welcome riders back to transit when they are ready, with the launch of its "SacRT is Ready – Get on Board" campaign.

SacRT has been vital to supporting the Sacramento region's recovery and provided over 10 million passenger trips since the pandemic began, underscoring the essential lifeline services that SacRT provides to the Sacramento community.

As vaccines become more readily available, and the economy reopens, SacRT anticipates ridership to continue to grow. Ridership is trending up approximately 5% in April compared to March 2021, and up approximately 30% from April 2020.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, SacRT has further enhanced an already robust cleaning regimen of its stations and vehicles. Each vehicle is cleaned before going into service and throughout the day, in addition to routine deep cleanings. Numerous adjustments also have been made to bus and light rail service, including providing as much service as possible to offer ample room for riders.

Although state and local restrictions are expected to loosen on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, the federal mandate to wear a mask onboard public transportation will still be in place. SacRT is providing free masks at the Customer Service and Sales Center, and onboard most buses and trains. In addition, SacRT has distributed more than 600,000 free masks since July 2020.

For more information about customer-focused initiatives that SacRT has taken to provide the cleanest, safest, and most convenient travel experience possible, please visit sacrt.com/getonboard.

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