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**JANUARY 2021**

## SacRT installs new smart fare vending machines on the Gold Line

SacRT is currently installing new smart fare vending machines on the Gold Line. The new smart machines offer a user-friendly touch-screen interface and provide the following additional features:

- Pay with cash or debit/credit card
- Pay with Google Pay or Apple Pay
- Print single ride tickets and daily, semi-monthly and monthly passes
- Option to add tickets or passes directly to the ZipPass mobile fare app
- QR code reader
- Audio voice option and screen prompts available in English and Spanish

The new fare vending machines have already been installed on the Blue and Green lines.

As with all SacRT equipment, the fare vending machines will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis. To learn more about the smart features and more, visit [sacrt.com/fvm](http://sacrt.com/fvm).

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## Rider Alert

### Sunday/Holiday Schedule

SacRT bus and light rail will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule in observance of New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2021 and Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 18, 2021. Folsom Stage Line buses, Smart Ride and Causeway Connection do not operate on these holidays.

### January 2021 Service Changes Effective Sunday, January 3, 2021, SacRT will implement the following service changes:

#### Route 23 – El Camino

(Sunday Service Change)

To provide better on time performance, additional time has been added to the schedule. See new timetable for details.

#### Route 67 – Franklin

(Weekday and Saturday Service Change)

To provide better on time performance, additional time has been added to the schedule. See new timetable for details.

#### Route 68 – Oak Park

(Weekday and Saturday Service Change)

To provide better on time performance, additional time has been added to the schedule. See new timetable for details.

#### Route 88 – West El Camino

(Sunday Service Change)

To provide better on time performance, additional time has been added to the schedule. See new timetable for details.

#### Route 138 – Causeway Connection

(Weekday Service Change)

The 5:10 p.m. trip leaving the UCD Med Center will depart 10 minutes later at 5:20 p.m. Subsequent timepoint departures will also be 10 minutes later.

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For questions or help with trip planning, call the Customer Service Center at 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com).

## Jibe Community Bus Service Temporarily Suspended

Due to low ridership, Jibe Express is suspending all service as of the final route on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2020. Service may restart in mid-2021 based on positive environmental factors and the needs of riders. SacRT will continue to operate bus routes 11, 13 and 113, which serve the North Natomas area. Jibe staff will continue to monitor rider demand. Visit [jibe.org](http://jibe.org) for updates.



## Take a Seat Before the Train Departs

For your safety, SacRT asks riders to quickly find their seat or secure a standing position before a light rail train departs. If riders need additional time to board and get to their seat, they can make the operator aware by using the boarding ramp at the front of the light rail train. For questions or concerns, contact SacRT's Customer Advocacy at 916-557-4545 or [customeradvocacy@sacrt.com](mailto:customeradvocacy@sacrt.com).

## Ride Free on the SacRT Holiday Bus

SacRT wishes everyone a Happy New Year and reminds you that Friday, January 1, 2021, is the last day to ride for free on the SacRT holiday bus. The holiday-themed 40-foot bus will travel on routes 15, 23 and 88 on New Year's Day. While the ride is free, passengers can deposit a cash donation in the farebox benefiting Food Literacy Center.

Food Literacy Center's mission is to inspire kids to eat their vegetables. Healthy eating is the most effective way to prevent diet-related disease. During the pandemic, Food Literacy Center is distributing Veggie Recipe Kits to kids so they can cook a healthy meal at home with their families. Help give kids a healthier future and donate at [foodliteracycenter.org](http://foodliteracycenter.org).

## Mask or Face Covering Required to Ride

With December's announcement of the Regional Stay Home Order for the Greater Sacramento region, SacRT is requiring anyone waiting at a station or transit center, riding transit (bus, light rail, Smart Ride, SacRT GO Paratransit Services, Folsom Stage Line, Causeway Connection, or Rancho CordoVan), or visiting the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street, to wear a mask or face covering. Free masks are available at the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center.

SacRT takes the health and safety of our riders and employees very seriously. With the increase in cases of COVID-19, SacRT is taking stricter measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. The "no mask, no ride, no exception" policy has been extended through Sunday, January 17, 2021. The policy will be assessed week by week based on recommendations by the Governor's office and the Sacramento County Department of Public Health. For more information about COVID-19, visit [covid19.ca.gov](http://covid19.ca.gov). For more information about the "no mask, no ride, no exception" policy visit [sacrt.com/covid19](http://sacrt.com/covid19).



## Dine Downtown and Ride Downtown Smart Ride for Free on Tuesdays

Dine Downtown is back! Your favorite culinary experience has been extended this January 8 – 24, 2021. Twenty-six Central City restaurants (and counting!) will serve Dine Downtown's infamous three-course, prix fixe menus for dinner, lunch and/or brunch at one of three convenient price points – \$25, \$35 or \$45.

Local foodies and families will be able to support Sacramento's top restaurants from the comfort of home this year with take out, curbside pick-up and delivery options. To make pick up even easier, SacRT is offering free rides in the Downtown-Midtown-East Sacramento Smart Ride zone on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 and Tuesday, January 19, 2021. To ride Smart Ride for free, simply print or screenshot the Dine Downtown Tuesday flier located at [sacrt.com/dinedowntown](http://sacrt.com/dinedowntown). To learn more about Smart Ride and see a map of the Downtown-Midtown-East Sacramento zone, visit [sacrt.com/smartride](http://sacrt.com/smartride).

To plan your #DineDowntownSac experience, visit [GoDowntownSac.com/](http://GoDowntownSac.com/) DineDowntown today! Don't forget to tag @DowntownSac. Our mouths are already watering!



## Prepared for an Earthquake? Yes, Really

Earthquakes and subsequent aftershocks can happen anywhere at any time. To help keep individuals and families safe in an earthquake, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) recently launched a public education campaign to help increase awareness of the Earthquake Warning California. This education effort includes outreach to the general public to help educate them about technology that can help them stay safe and mitigate risk in an earthquake. Earthquake Warning California resources include:

- Information about constructing an emergency plan
- Android Earthquake Alerts
- The MyShake App — a smartphone app (available at the Apple Store and on Google Play) that can provide users with a few seconds of notification that shaking is about to occur
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) — free notifications delivered to cell phones in emergency situations

Sign up for the MyShake App, Android Earthquake Alerts, or WEAs, and get familiar with their visuals, sounds, and vibrations. Learn more about earthquakepreparation resources at [earthquake.ca.gov](http://earthquake.ca.gov).



## Helping the Sacramento Region Stay on Track

SacRT's number one priority is the health, safety and well-being of riders and the community. SacRT's public role is about more than just getting people from place to place, there is also a social responsibility to the communities served. This year, more than any other, is defining a new normal for all.

As these unprecedented times continue with the impacts of COVID-19, wildfires and other stressful events, the mental and emotional toll can be overwhelming, especially around the holiday season. The first step is recognizing the signs — If you or someone you know is struggling or feeling a sense of hopelessness, please know help is available 24/7/365 days a year.

SacRT encourages you to contact the Crisis Respite Center for immediate and confidential assistance at 916-RESPITE (916-737-7483), Hope Cooperative at 855-502-3224, Well Space Health at 916-368-3111 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255). To learn how to recognize the signs, visit [suicideispreventable.org](http://suicideispreventable.org).