

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

This month, we're teaming up with Soroptimist International of Elk Grove to spread awareness and educate the public about these crimes and how to spot them. Everyone can play a role in ending human trafficking.

To report a tip about possible human trafficking or to connect to anti-trafficking services, contact the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center**:

- **Call** 1-888-373-7888
- **Text** "BeFree" to 233733
- **Visit** humantraffickinghotline.org

Ride Free on the SacRT Holiday Bus

There's still time to enjoy SacRT's annual FREE Holiday Bus. The holiday themed 40-foot bus will travel on various routes throughout the region through Thursday, January 2, 2025, so catch it while you can!

View the schedule at sacrt.com/holidaybus.

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Bus Service Adjustments - Effective Sunday, January 5, 2025

SacRT is kicking off 2025 with several bus route changes to improve connections and the overall rider experience. Several bus routes will have schedule and route changes, including adjustments to improve safety, connections, and access to new destinations:

Route 19 (Rio Linda): The terminus of bus route 19 will be relocated to the southbound stop on Watt Avenue at Elverta Road. In addition, two minutes have been added to the outbound direction and two minutes have been removed from the inbound schedule.

Route 23 (El Camino): Departure times from Arden/Del Paso Station will shift one minute later to improve connections.

Route 61 (Fruitridge): To provide a better connection with students at West Campus High School, the 3:12 p.m. trip from Florin Town Centre will depart five minutes later at 3:17 p.m.

Route 88 (West El Camino): Adjusted departure times for improved station connections.

Routes 103, 106, and 129: Extended service to the new State of California office building at 7th Street & Richards Boulevard.

Visit sacrt.com/servicechanges for detailed timetables.

Rider Alert: SacRT Holiday Service
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(Monday, January 20, 2025)

Sunday/Holiday Schedule: SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail and SacRT GO paratransit services

No Service: Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Stage Line, Rancho CordoVan, SacRT e-van and SacRT Flex

Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project Update

Due to construction at the Watt/I-80 Transit Center, a bus bridge (shuttle bus between stations) will be in place on the Blue Line on the following Thursday evenings in January:

Thursday, January 2 and Thursday, January 9, 2025:

No light rail service at Watt/I-80 Station. Instead, there will be a bus bridge between Watt/I-80 and Roseville Road stations from 8 p.m. to end of service. **Note:** during the Watt/I-80 Station closure, riders needing to board light rail traveling toward downtown need to catch the special shuttle bus to Roseville Road on the northbound side of Watt Avenue (upper level). The southbound stairway and elevator at Watt/I-80 Transit Center is closed through May 2025. Riders can use the northbound stairway or elevator to access Watt Avenue.

The bus stop located on the southbound side of Watt Avenue (upper level) is temporarily closed due to construction activity on Watt Avenue. Riders can catch the bus at an existing bus stop in front of Sacramento Inn & Suites (formally Red Roof Inn) located at Watt Avenue near Longview Drive. Learn more about the project and bus bridge information at sacrt.com/WattI80.

Get \$2 Off Admission at the Downtown Ice Rink

A Sacramento tradition, the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink presented by Dignity Health is open through Monday, January 20, 2025, in Ali Youssefi Square (7th and K streets). The Downtown Ice Rink is the perfect place to make lasting holiday memories in the heart of our city. Adults skate for \$15 and children ages 6 and under skate for \$8. Show your same-day SacRT ticket or pass and receive \$2 off! Learn more at downtownsac.org.

Blue Line Platform Station Construction Continues in January 2025

SacRT is continuing Blue Line station platform construction at Globe Station this month.

During construction, the station will be closed from Saturday, January 18 to Sunday, March 2, 2025. During weekends, when power is shutdown there will be bus bridges (shuttle bus between stations) in place between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade stations.

Blue Line Station Service Disruptions:

Saturday, January 18 - Monday, January 20, 2025:

(Globe Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

Blue Line: Bus bridge between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade Stations

Tuesday, January 21 - Friday, January 24, 2025:

(Globe Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

During weekdays, light rail trains will travel through Globe Station; however, customers will not be able to board or deboard. No shuttle bus available. Riders should use Arden/Del Paso Station.

Saturday, January 25 - Monday, January 26, 2025

(Globe Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

Blue Line: Bus bridge between Alkali Flat/La Valentina and Marconi/Arcade Stations

Monday, January 27 - Friday, January 31, 2025

(Globe Station Closed – No Light Rail Service)

During weekdays, light rail trains will travel through Globe Station; however, customers will not be able to board or deboard. No shuttle bus available. Riders should use Arden/Del Paso Station.

There will be a service disruption every Saturday and Sunday through March 2, 2025. A bus bridge will be in place between Alkali Flat/La Valentina

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and Marconi/Arcade stations on the following dates: February 1-2, February 8-9, February 15-16, February 22-23, and March 1-2.

The timeline may shift due to weather or other factors. Visit sacrt.com/stationclosures or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for more information. Download the free Alert SacRT app to get timely notifications on light rail service.



SacRT Flex Now Available for Eligible Riders

SacRT Flex, a new program operated by Via, officially begins service on Thursday, January 2, 2025. In December a soft launch phase began for eligible riders to test the new service. SacRT Flex is a limited subsidized neighborhood shuttle service restricted to a group of qualified riders, including seniors (age 62+), low-income individuals, and persons with disabilities.

To ride SacRT Flex, eligible riders must register in advance. Learn more about the application process at sacrt.com/flex.

SacRT Launches Bus Stop Enforcement Program

SacRT, in partnership with the City of Sacramento, has launched the Bus Stop Enforcement Program to improve safety and accessibility for all riders.

Unauthorized parking in bus stops can create safety hazards and delays, making it challenging for buses to safely pick up and drop off passengers. This program, which began on December 19, 2024, aims to keep stops clear and transit running smoothly.

Visit sacrt.com/SafeBusStop for details on the program and citation process.

Track Elk Grove Transit Buses in Real-Time with SacRT's BusTracker App

Great news for Elk Grove transit riders! You can now track Elk Grove buses in real time with the SacRT BusTracker app, showing exact arrival times and live bus locations—just like other SacRT fixed-route buses. Soon, Elk Grove riders will also receive notifications for service delays and cancellations, keeping you updated on any schedule changes. Download the free SacRT BusTracker app at sacrt.com/bustracker.

Join the SacRT Team: Two Hiring Events in February!

Are you ready to be part of an agency that connects people to opportunities, experiences, and each other? SacRT is committed to providing safe, clean, and accessible transit services to our community—and we're looking for passionate individuals to join our team!

This February, we're hosting two in-person hiring events at the SacRT Auditorium, located at 1400 29th Street, Sacramento.

Event Dates and Times:

- Tuesday, February 11th | 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 26th | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

How to Get There:

The SacRT Auditorium is conveniently accessible via bus routes 30, 38, 67, and 68, or by light rail to the 29th Street Station. Street parking is also available. Learn more and apply today at sacrt.com/hiringevents.

MLK March for the Dream

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 20, 2025. Show your support by participating in the MLK365 March for the Dream. The march offers two options: from the Oak Park Community Center at 8 a.m., or from Sacramento City College at 9:15 a.m.

SacRT is offering a free ride flyer to get march participants to and from Sacramento City College. View and download the free ride flyer at sacrt.com/freerideflyer. SacRT staff and a SacRT bus will participate in the march. Learn more at mlk365.org.

SacRT's Customer Service Hours are Changing in January

Effective Monday, January 6, 2025, the new hours of operation on weekdays will be as follows:

- Call Center: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sales Center: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Weekend hours of operation in the Call Center will remain the same, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sales Center will remain closed on the weekends. For more information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Heading Back to School? Ride Free with SacRT!

Students, as you get ready to go back to school, remember that you can ride SacRT's bus and light rail – for free. All you need is your valid RydeFreeRT card, which is available for students/youth in TK through 12th grade.

If you don't have a card, you can pick one up from participating local libraries, schools or SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center, located at 1225 R Street, Sacramento. RydeFreeRT cards are valid until June 30, 2025. Learn more at rydefreert.com.