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Rider Alert

Major Bus Service Changes Effective September 8, 2019

The countdown is underway for the implementation of SacRT Forward, SacRT's new bus network that launches Sunday, September 8. As part of the project, new bus stop signs will start appearing at bus stops throughout SacRT's service area. The new signs not only feature a new look, but also include the bus route destination and the bus stop number on the front of the sign. The SacRT Forward outreach team is back riding all the affected routes to talk with riders about the future changes and improvements. In the coming weeks, we will launch the SacRT Forward outreach bus and will be at different community events to share information and offer trip planning assistance on the new bus network.

September Service Changes:

(Changes effective, Sunday, September 8, 2019)

Major Service Improvements

Bus Routes: 1, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 34, 38, 51, 56, 61, 62, 67, 68, 72, 75, 81, 82, 84, 86, 87, 88 and 93

All Day Bus Service to Peak Hour

Bus Routes: 2, 5, 6, 34, 113 (new route) and 161 (new route)

Discontinued Bus Routes (most service will be covered by new routes)

Bus Routes: 22, 24, 28, 47, 54, 55, 65, 74, 80 and 95

New Route Numbers

Bus Routes: 3 (103), 7 (107), 29 (129), and 103 (193)

Minor or No Route Changes

Bus Routes: 30, 33, 109, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177 and 200 series.

For more information on the project, visit sacrt.com/sacrtforward or email sacrtforward@sacrt.com or call 916-557-4545.

Gold Line Temporary Service Disruption

Due to a property purchase, SacRT needs to relocate one of its power substations in the downtown area that will impact weekend Gold Line light rail service in June.

The move will require a temporary shutdown of the power near the Sacramento Valley Station beginning on Friday, June 21 at 9 p.m. through the end of light rail service on Sunday, June 23, and again the weekend of June 28.

During the service disruption, special SacRT buses will transport light rail customers between the 8th & Capitol Station and the Sacramento Valley Station for riders traveling west, and the Sacramento Valley Station and the 7th & Capitol Station for riders traveling east.

Visit sacrt.com for a detailed map and information or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

SacRT Student Summer Pass Sale

Students in grades K through 12 can now take advantage of the Three-Month Student Summer Pass sale. The already discounted \$20 student monthly pass is just \$30 for all three months of June, July and August. That means unlimited rides all summer long! To purchase the summer pass, download

ZipPass, SacRT's mobile fare app, from the App Store or Google Play; or pick up a Connect Card from SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center (adjacent to the 13th Street Station), Raley's/Bel Air Markets or order one online at connecttransitcard.com. Visit sacrt.com for details.

SacRT's Light Rail Modernization Project Open House

On Thursday, June 20, SacRT will host a second open house to share information about the Light Rail Modernization Project. The open house will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive in the American River North Room.

The SacRT Light Rail Modernization Project includes plans to double-track the Gold Line from the Hazel Station to the Historic Folsom Station to improve service frequency in Folsom. Installing a second track, or a "passing track," provides SacRT with the opportunity to modernize its light rail system and increase service and reliability to Folsom – the second track will enable light rail trains to operate eastbound and westbound between the Sunrise and Historic Folsom stations with little or no delay. This effort will increase light rail service from 30 minutes to every 15 minutes between the light rail stations. In addition, the Glenn/Robert G Holderness and Hazel stations will be re-constructed with low-floor platforms to accommodate SacRT's new low-floor vehicle fleet.

SacRT was awarded \$150 million in funding to modernize the light rail system, including the purchase of 20 new low-floor light rail trains, supporting infrastructure (stations and signaling), and double-tracking to Folsom that will provide better accessibility for passengers with disabilities, bicycles and strollers, and help reduce traffic congestion on the busy Highway 50 corridor.

SacRT to Operate Elk Grove's e-tran Bus Service July 1

SacRT is excited to announce a new partnership with the City of Elk Grove to operate their e-tran bus service beginning Monday, July 1. On March 13, the Elk Grove City Council unanimously approved a service contract, which includes operating e-tran bus service and e-van paratransit service. The addition of Elk Grove service into the larger SacRT network allows for seamless connectivity for customers and better transit service for Elk Grove residents.

The e-tran commuter bus service, that connects Elk Grove residents to their jobs downtown, and other fixed-route service will not change under the new service contract. Over time, and as Elk Grove's public transit service needs grow, City residents will benefit from the variety of service options and improvements available through SacRT. All qualified e-tran employees have been offered similar positions within SacRT. In addition, the e-tran branding and contact information will not change.

Participate in SacRT's First Citizens Transit Academy

SacRT's Citizens Transit Academy is a four-class course designed to educate and engage residents, business and community leaders about SacRT's planning process and how transit shapes our communities. Classes will be held once a week over a four-week period and are designed to include discussion, presentations, interactive group exercises and field trips.

The first Academy will be held this summer. Applications will be accepted starting Monday, June 10 through Tuesday, June 18. SacRT will be looking for participants that live and work in communities throughout our service area. Academy participants will represent Sacramento's diverse population, which may include a mix of students, business professionals, seniors, individuals with disabilities, appointed and elected officials, key stakeholders and community-minded individuals. Graduates will be recognized as knowledgeable ambassadors for public transit and be encouraged to engage the community in conversations about the region's mobility needs. Look for more information, dates and guidelines at sacrt.com/transitacademy.

Concerts in the Park Continues to Rock Friday Nights

Press play to summer at Sacramento's favorite free weekly music festival in downtown Sacramento – Concerts in the Park! Always free and always fun for all ages, Concerts in the Park presented by Dignity Health in Cesar Chavez Plaza is more than just great music, it's a free festival with live art, theme nights, special appearances, a rotating lineup of local food trucks, boutique vendors and cold drinks. With several SacRT bus routes serving downtown and light rail stations just a short walk to the plaza, it's easy to take SacRT to the show.

Free Friday night concerts run through Friday, July 26 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Plaza, 901 J Street. For more information, visit GoDowntownSac.com/CIP. For SacRT route, schedule and fare information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS.