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## Rider Alert

### Sunday/Holiday Schedule

Just a reminder that SacRT buses and light rail trains will operate on a Sunday/holiday schedule, in observance of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 26 and Christmas Day on Friday, December 25. Folsom Stage Line buses will not operate on these holidays.

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## Drive the Vote

SacRT has teamed up with Sacramento County and the Sacramento Kings to drive community members to Vote Center and Ballot Drop Box locations across the Sacramento region, including Golden 1 Center to help Drive the Vote.

SacRT is offering free rides system-wide on all bus, light rail, SmarT Ride and SacRT GO services in celebration of Election Day on Tuesday, November 3. No flyer or exemption code necessary to ride free.

The Sacramento Kings-led “Rally the Vote” is a nonpartisan coalition of over 50 professional sports teams across the country committed to encouraging fans to register to vote and participate in elections. To help increase accessibility, Golden 1 Center in Downtown Commons is the largest Vote Center in Sacramento County and is open through Tuesday, November 3. For more information, visit [rallythevote.org](http://rallythevote.org).

Sacramento County is providing 84 Vote Centers for the Presidential General Election. Visit [elections.sacounty.net](http://elections.sacounty.net) to learn more about voter registration and locations.



## SmarT Ride Offers Free Rides Through November 2

SacRT is offering free rides on SmarT Ride microtransit shuttles in all nine service zones through Monday, November 2 with the exception of the weekend (no Saturday or Sunday SmarT Ride service). Learn more about SmarT Ride at [sacrt.com/smartride](http://sacrt.com/smartride).

To ride SmarT Ride free, simply print or take a screenshot of the side of the SmarT Ride free ride flyer with the QR code. You only need one flyer per group of riders traveling together. Have it ready to show the bus operator when boarding the shuttle. As a reminder, riders and SacRT employees are required to wear a mask or face covering.

To find Vote Center and Ballot Box locations in each SmarT Ride zone and to print or screenshot the free ride flyer, visit [sacrt.com/drivethevote](http://sacrt.com/drivethevote).

## Ride Free on the SacRT Holiday Bus



SacRT will once again wish everyone a happy holiday season by offering free rides on its annual holiday bus. The holiday-themed 40-foot bus will be easy to spot as it travels on different routes throughout the Sacramento region spreading goodwill from Tuesday, December 1, 2020 through Friday, January 1, 2021.

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 Food Literacy Center.

Food Literacy Center's mission is to inspire kids to eat their vegetables. They teach children in low-income elementary schools cooking, nutrition, gardening, and active play to improve their health, environment, and economy. Did you know that only 4% of kids eat enough veggies and 1 in 3 have type 2 diabetes? 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).

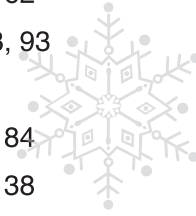
View the schedule to find out when the Holiday Bus will be traveling to a neighborhood near you!

DATE	DAY	ROUTE(S)
1-Dec	Tuesday	51
2-Dec	Wednesday	82
3-Dec	Thursday	1
4-Dec	Friday	11
5-Dec	Saturday	67
6-Dec	Sunday	86, 87
7-Dec	Monday	13
8-Dec	Tuesday	19
9-Dec	Wednesday	15, 88, 1
10-Dec	Thursday	81
11-Dec	Friday	26, 84
12-Dec	Saturday	21
13-Dec	Sunday	56, 62
14-Dec	Monday	75, 78
15-Dec	Tuesday	25
16-Dec	Wednesday	72
17-Dec	Thursday	Farmer's Market
18-Dec	Friday	87, 93
19-Dec	Saturday	1
20-Dec	Sunday	30, 38
21-Dec	Monday	61
22-Dec	Tuesday	67, 68
23-Dec	Wednesday	21
24-Dec	Thursday	23



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25-Dec	Friday	(Merry Christmas!) 51
26-Dec	Saturday	23
27-Dec	Sunday	56, 62
28-Dec	Monday	193, 93
29-Dec	Tuesday	81
30-Dec	Wednesday	26, 84
31-Dec	Thursday	30, 38
1-Jan	Friday	(Happy New Year!) 15, 23, 88



## AmeriCorps Volunteers to Hand Out Masks at SacRT Light Rail Stations

SacRT has partnered with AmeriCorps Sacramento volunteers to make sure everyone who needs a mask gets one. Volunteers will be located at various light rail stations and transit centers for the next eight weeks handing out masks and information about upcoming SacRT events.

AmeriCorps is a federal agency for community service and volunteerism committed to the betterment of communities across America. They provide resources and people power to organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities.

For information about AmeriCorps or to become a volunteer for AmeriCorps visit [americorps.gov](http://americorps.gov).



## RydeFreeRT Isn't Just for Trips to School

Even if your student isn't attending school in person, they can still take advantage of the SacRT RydeFreeRT program, which has been extended through September 30, 2021.

Students and youth in grades TK through 12th can ride SacRT fare-free with a student ID or RydeFreeRT card. It's not just for school. Ride SacRT buses and light rail trains any time, anywhere during regular 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. As schools re-open, stickers and cards will also be available at most school locations.

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. For students and youth who need a replacement card, don't have a student ID, or that do not have a student ID or RydeFreeRT card, they can visit 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](http://rydefreert.com).