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RT is celebrating its 8th annual Season of Civil Rights with a series of events during the months of December, January and February to build awareness about the significant role that transit played in the American Civil Rights Movement.

In preparation, RT invites students in grades 3 through 12, who attend a school within RT’s service area, to participate in the “I Am the Dream and the Dream Is Now” art and poetry contest.

The contest allows students to creatively express their ideas about the relationship between transit and civil rights either through art or writing. Original drawings must be submitted in landscape orientation on 8.5” high x 11” wide paper. Entries should not be created in pencil or include the use of unlicensed images taken from the Internet or print materials. Poems must be 10 lines or less, be original work and typewritten. All entries are required to relate to both the theme of transit and civil rights.

Twelve entries will be selected, four from each grade category: 3rd through 6th, 7th through 9th, and 10th through 12th. Winners will receive a \$25 bookstore gift card and a “The Rosa Parks Story” DVD.

RT will display the winning works of art and essays on RT interior bus cards in January and February 2016, to commemorate RT’s Season of Civil Rights. Winning entries will also be on display at special events during the three-month campaign.

Submissions must be received by Friday, December 11, 2015. To submit original artwork, mail or deliver to:

Sacramento Regional Transit District
Attn: Season of Civil Rights Art and Poetry Contest
1225 R Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

To submit poems, visit sacrt.com and click on the Season of Civil Rights link or mail it to the above address.

All entries must be original work, and include student's name, grade, school, teacher and contact information. All contest entries received become the property of RT, which reserves the exclusive, unrestricted right for the use, reproduction and publication of the content of such entries.

For more information, contact Jo Noble, RT Senior Community and Government Affairs Officer, at 916-556-0118 or jnoble@sacrt.com.

Ride Free on the RT Holiday Bus

As a thank you to riders and wishes for a happy holiday season, RT invites you to take a free ride on the RT Holiday Bus. Hand-painted by employees and their families, the colorful 40-foot Holiday Bus will be easy to spot as it travels on different routes throughout the Sacramento region spreading cheer from Tuesday, December 1, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

In keeping with the "season of giving," passengers will once again have the opportunity to deposit a cash donation in the farebox (cash or check accepted), and/or place non-perishable food items (such as canned goods, peanut butter, etc.) in RT's special donation box. All donations will directly benefit River City Food Bank, a non-profit organization that provides emergency food and housing assistance to approximately 40,000 clients in Sacramento County annually.

For more information about River City Food Bank, call 916-446-2627 or visit rivercityfoodbank.org.

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

2015 Holiday Bus Schedule

Date	Day	Route
Dec. 1	Tue	93
Dec. 2	Wed	13, 88
Dec. 3	Thu	87
Dec. 4	Fri	86
Dec. 5	Sat	1
Dec. 6	Sun	15, 26
Dec. 7	Mon	82
Dec. 8	Tue	81
Dec. 9	Wed	80, 84
Dec. 10	Thu	74, 75
Dec. 11	Fri	72
Dec. 12	Sat	11, 62
Dec. 13	Sun	19
Dec. 14	Mon	67, 68
Dec. 15	Tue	65
Dec. 16	Wed	61
Dec. 17	Thu	6, 56
Dec. 18	Fri	55
Dec. 19	Sat	21, 93
Dec. 20	Sun	23
Dec. 21	Mon	54
Dec. 22	Tue	34
Dec. 23	Wed	28
Dec. 24	Thu	25
Dec. 25	Fri	30
Dec. 26	Sat	15, 26
Dec. 27	Sun	38, 86, 87
Dec. 28	Mon	24
Dec. 29	Tue	22
Dec. 30	Wed	5
Dec. 31	Thu	2
Jan. 1	Fri	51

Jan. 2	Sat	25
Jan. 3	Sun	55, 56

TransitAction Awards Open for Nominations

RT TransitAction Awards for transit excellence will be presented during the Sacramento Metro Chamber's 2016 State of RT Breakfast on Thursday, March 9 at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. These annual awards recognize efforts in support of transit and honor selected nominees that have made a significant and positive impact to public transit in the Sacramento region.

The TransitAction Awards offer an opportunity to highlight incredible contributions, and recipients will be recognized among elected officials, business leaders, community members and transit advocates in the Sacramento region.

RT is now calling for nominations. Nominations for the TransitAction Awards can be submitted for the following categories:

- Business of the Year
- Organization/Agency of the Year
- Transit Oriented Development of the Year
- Elected Official of the Year
- Individual/Transit Advocate of the Year

All nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, January 8, 2016. For more information about the TransitAction Awards, visit sacrt.com/transitactionawards.

RT Seeking Comment on Title VI Fare Equity Analysis

RT is seeking public comment on a fare equity analysis prepared in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The purpose of the fare equity analysis is to examine effects from a proposed change to RT's Los Rios Community College District transit pass program that would take effect on Friday, January 1, 2016. RT will hold a public hearing:

Monday, December 14, 2015 – 6 p.m.

RT Auditorium

1400 29th Street (at N Street)

Accessible by light rail to the 29th Street Station, and Routes 30, 38, 67 and 68

The public is encouraged to comment at the public hearing, or by:

Email:

servicechanges@sacrt.com

Mail:

James Drake

RT Planning Department

P.O. Box 2110

Sacramento, CA 95812-2110

Phone:

Comments: 916-556-0505

Language Assistance: 916-556-0518

Comments received before Monday, November 30, 2015, will be included in the public record and presented to the RT Board of Directors. To request language interpretation services, call 916-556-0518 no later than three business days in advance of the public hearing.

Take RT to the Downtown Holiday Ice Rink

Take RT into the heart of downtown for some holiday magic at the 24th annual Downtown Holiday Ice Rink. Located at 7th and K streets, the open air rink is the perfect place to celebrate the holidays and create lasting memories with family, friends and loved ones. The season kicks off on Friday, November 6, 2015, at 2 p.m. with free admission the entire day. The season continues daily through Monday, January 18, 2016.

There are several special events planned for the ice rink, including the Introduction to Skating classes held on weekends from Saturday, November 21 through Sunday, January 17 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Meet Santa on Friday, December 11 and Friday, December 18, and so much more. Or, create your own special event by hosting the “coolest” birthday or corporate holiday party at the ice rink – the Downtown Holiday Ice Rink offers a unique and fun alternative. Ice rink staff will handle everything from start to finish!

For more information about the Downtown Holiday Ice Rink, visit GoDowntownSac.com/icerink. For route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Changes Considered for St. Rose of Lima Park (7th & K) Station

Significant changes are underway in downtown Sacramento. The changes are a great opportunity for RT and the community as a whole, but the increase in foot traffic presents significant operational challenges for the St. Rose of Lima Park (7th & K) light rail station in its current configuration.

The light rail track at this location curves from K Street to 7th Street. During peak commute hours, the rear cars on the four-car Blue Line trains curve around the corner from 7th Street onto K Street, potentially blocking pedestrian flows and sight lines. Despite fairly heavy passenger usage at the St. Rose of Lima Park (7th & K) Station, it may become the most likely candidate to close or remove because of the operational issues. In order to ensure ample public input and dialogue surrounding the issue, RT staff will conduct outreach at the St. Rose of Lima Park (7th & K) Station on:

Wednesday, November 4

2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

7th Street at K Street

Tuesday, November 10

2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

7th Street at K Street

An open house is also scheduled on:

Tuesday, November 17

Noon to 6 p.m.

Tsakopoulos Library Galleria

828 I Street, Sacramento

For more information, visit sacrt.com.

New RT Bus and Light Rail Timetable Book and System Map

RT's new Bus & Light Rail Timetable Book and System Map, effective September 6, 2015, is available for purchase at the RT Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station).

The Timetable book costs \$2 and the System Map costs 25¢.