

## **October 2015 Next-Stop-News**

### **Ride Transit October**

During RT's annual "Ride Transit October" promotion, RT will conduct month-long outreach activities and promotions to show appreciation for current riders and to encourage new riders to discover the benefits of taking transit.

RT activities will feature "Fun Fridays" at the Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street, where customers can take a spin on the prize wheel with purchase; a "Ride with the GM" promotion, when Mike Wiley, RT General Manager/CEO, will ride buses and light rail trains to interact personally with passengers; social media #TransitTrivia contest with chances to win prizes; an Elk Grove Free Ride Day, when residents of Elk Grove just show their valid photo ID with address to take a free ride on the newly-opened Blue Line to Cosumnes River College light rail extension; and Customer Appreciation Days when RT staff will greet customers with giveaways at stops and stations throughout the system.

Check RT's website at [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) throughout October for a complete calendar of events, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter for updates.

### **Antelope Crossing's Spooktacular**

On Saturday, October 17, Antelope Crossing will host its 7th annual Spooktacular event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lichen Drive and Antelope Road in Citrus Heights. This annual event promises an extravaganza of spooktacular fun for the entire family.

Don't forget to stop by RT's booth to learn about the Route 95 Neighborhood Ride shuttle and the Citrus Heights City Ride.

For more information about the Spooktacular event, visit [antelopecrossing.net](http://antelopecrossing.net). For route and schedule information, visit [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com) or call 321-BUSS (2877).

### **RT Begins Operating Newly-Refurbished Light Rail Vehicles**

RT recently began operating the first set of newly-refurbished Urban Transportation Development Corp. (UTDC) light rail vehicles on the new Blue Line to Cosumnes River College light rail extension.

The additional light rail vehicles have increased capacity on the Blue Line and throughout RT's light rail system. A total of 21 refurbished light rail vehicles will eventually be in operation systemwide.

The refurbishment included overhauling the bogie, the structure located underneath the train where the wheels and axles are attached; modernizing the vehicle's communications, event recorders and auxiliary power systems; and updating the vehicle's heating and air units and exterior body.

RT acquired the UTDC vehicles from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority in 2003. The refurbishment process will add approximately 15 years of additional useful life to the vehicles and allows RT to add to its light rail fleet at a fraction of the cost of purchasing new vehicles.

### **7th Street Bus Stops**

Effective Sunday, October 11, 2015, the bus stops located on 7th Street at H Street, and 7th Street between I and J streets will reopen to serve Routes 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 15, 29, 34, 51 and 109. Service to the temporary bus stop located on H Street between 7th and 8th streets will be discontinued.

Passengers will need to board and exit at the 7th Street bus stops instead of the bus stops located on H Street between 7th and 8th streets, 9th and I streets, 9th and K streets, 9th and L streets, and Capitol Mall between 7th and 8th streets, which will no longer be served by Routes 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 15, 29, 34, 51 and 109.

## **Proposed Rancho CordoVan Service Changes**

RT is seeking public comment on proposed service changes to the Rancho CordoVan (Route 176 – Anatolia). New trip times and expanded service are proposed for the Sunridge Park and Kavala Ranch communities. This new service would be funded by the City of Rancho Cordova.

The proposed changes and a draft Title VI Equity Analysis are available for review at [sacrt.com](http://sacrt.com). RT will hold a public hearing:

Monday, October 26, 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:

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Language Assistance: 916-556-0518

Comments received before Friday, October 16, 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.

## **Route 75**

Due to traffic and road closures during the California Capital Airshow at Mather Airport, RT will not operate Route 75 on Saturday, October 3 or Sunday, October 4.