

Next Stop News
April 2017

RT Introduces Daily Best Fare for Connect Card

Connect Card users on RT will no longer have to purchase daily passes upfront (unless they are boarding multiple transit agencies within one day). Now riders can simply “tap” the bus and train validators for each ride, and the appropriate single ride fare will be deducted from the Connect Card's cash value, up to a maximum equal to the cost of a daily pass. For example:

<u>Current Service Day</u>	<u>Basic Fare</u>	<u>Discount Fare</u>
First Ride	\$2.75	\$1.35
Second Ride	\$2.75	\$1.35
Third Ride	\$1.50	\$0.80
Additional Rides	Free	Free

For riders using a Connect Card to board multiple transit systems within one calendar day, they must continue to purchase an RT daily pass on their Connect Card.

In addition, RT will no longer require that riders “tap off” upon completion of their trip. Instead, RT is asking riders to simply “tap on” when boarding buses or prior to boarding light rail trains. System configuration changes will honor RT's 90 minute single ride light rail ticket. Riders who are boarding multiple trains within 90 minutes still need to “tap on” prior to each boarding; however, they will only be charged once (the first tap) during the 90 minute time frame.

RT Charting a New Direction

In the past 18 months, RT has made significant progress in enhancing our services and providing greater value to Sacramento area residents. We’ve improved our financial stability, increased ridership, and strengthened our commitment to clean, safe and convenient transit service.

RT is excited to build upon this progress in a newly proposed Strategic Vision that places an emphasis on developing community partnerships, optimizing routes and services for riders across the region, focusing on “Customers-First,” and addressing “State of Good Repair” challenges to ensure a sustainable future.

As RT looks forward, it’s important to engage with all community stakeholders to ensure we continue to develop a transit service that provides the greatest value to a growing Sacramento region. As such, RT has launched a Community Survey to gather and analyze feedback.

We encourage you to take the survey, provide your ideas for the future of RT, and share the link with your family and friends. Let's make sure everyone has a voice in the future of Sacramento's Regional Transit.

For more information, visit sacrt.com/communities.

Rider Alert

April 2017 Service Changes

Effective Sunday, April 2, 2017, RT will implement the following weekday service changes:

Route 55: Scottsdale (Weekday Schedule Changes)

The 6:40 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. trips departing the Cosumnes River College Transit Center to Florin Towne Centre will depart five minutes earlier at 6:35 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. All outbound trip times to Cosumnes River College will depart the Florin Towne Centre Transit Center approximately 15 minutes earlier. All trip times will shift accordingly.

To view the new timetable, visit sacrt.com.

RT April 2017 Golden 1 Center Service Calendar

Regular light rail service to Folsom stations ends at approximately 7 p.m. on most nights. However, to serve riders traveling to and from Golden 1 Center, RT operates extended Folsom service on major event nights and Kings games. RT will operate special service trains from downtown to Folsom (Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn and Historic Folsom) for up to 45 minutes post-event (end of game or last encore). For example, if a Kings game ends at 10 p.m., two special trips to Folsom will operate between 10 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.

For more frequent service and extended security hours, Folsom, Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills customers should park and ride from the Sunrise Station. All other light rail lines and stations have late night service.

RT will operate additional trains and extended light rail service for the following April 2017 events. For all other events, RT will operate on a regular schedule (no extra Folsom service).

- Tuesday, April 4 – Kings
- Friday, April 7 – Night of Hope with Joel + Victoria
- Sunday, April 9 – Kings

- Tuesday, April 11 – Kings
- Thursday, April 27 – Chance the Rapper

Pre-Paid Ticket and Pass Exchange

Effective June 30, 2017, RT buses and light rail fare vending machines will not accept pre-paid tickets and passes with a June 30, 2017 expiration date.

From June 1 through August 31, 2017, customers may exchange current, unvalidated Basic and Discount single fare tickets or daily passes (June 30, 2017 expiration date) for new fare media (June 30, 2019 expiration date) at the RT Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street light rail station) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Important Dates:

- Thursday, June 1 – Pre-paid ticket and pass exchange begins
- Friday, June 30 – Current pre-paid tickets and passes expire
- Thursday, August 31 – Pre-paid ticket and pass exchange ends

Extended Weekday Hours:

- June 1 through June 9 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- June 26 through July 27 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- August 28 through August 31 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Special Saturday Hours:

- Saturday, June 24 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, August 26 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit sacrt.com for details.

RT's Title VI Program Update

RT is seeking public input on its Title VI civil rights program pursuant to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This program includes RT policies regarding public participation, language assistance and legal protections for minority and low-income persons.

To obtain a copy of RT's draft Title VI Program Update and/or to submit comments, visit sacrt.com/titleVI or contact James Drake, RT Principal Planner, at jdrake@sacrt.com or 916-556-0505. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2017.

The final report will be presented to the RT Board of Directors for approval on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the RT Auditorium at 1400 29th Street (accessible by light rail to the 29th Street Station, and bus routes 38, 67 and 68).

To request language interpretation services for the RT Board of Directors meeting, call 916-556-0515 no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

Get Pedaling for Bike Month

May is the Sacramento region's annual May is Bike Month campaign. This is the 13th year that volunteers, businesses, public agencies and enthusiasts will partner to promote bicycling for all types of trips.

Bicycling offers many benefits to personal health and promotes healthy communities as a whole. In addition to the health benefits of bicycling, you can also pedal to avoid traffic congestion, save money on gas and help reduce air pollution. To commute over longer distances, combine bicycling with RT. All light rail trains and buses are equipped with bike racks.

Participate by pledging trips and miles at mayisbikemonth.com. Ride your bike for any reason and then log those trips and miles on the website to earn virtual badges and a chance to win prizes. Challenge yourself to leave the car behind and ride your bicycle to all your destinations. To find out about events, post photos and receive bike-related updates, "Like" May is Bike Month on Facebook at facebook.com/mayisbikemonth.

For more information, visit mayisbikemonth.com or call 916-321-9000. For RT route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com or call 916-321-2877 (BUSS).