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**All Aboard the New Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles**

SacRT is thrilled to officially launch our new low-floor S700 trains for service on the Gold and Green lines. To celebrate, we’re hosting a special community event marking the debut of our state-of-the-art light rail vehicles and want you to come and be a part of this exciting milestone!

Join us for a celebration including tours and a ride on the new trains, live entertainment, refreshments, and more! Don't miss this opportunity to experience the future of public transit in Sacramento. Learn more at sacrt.com/s700events.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location: 7th & Richards/Township 9 Station (Richards Boulevard at 7th Street)

Getting There:

An express shuttle bus will be available every 15 minutes from 13th Street Station to 7th & Richards/Township 9 Station between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (there will not be Green Line light rail service during the special event hours). Riders can also use bus route 11 at 8th & Capitol Station to reach 7th & Richards/Township 9 Station. Limited parking is available, and a Bike Valet will be provided by SABA.

While SacRT plans to exclusively operate the new low-floor trains on the Gold and Green lines, there is a possibility that both low-floor and high-floor (legacy fleet) trains may run on these lines during the initial weeks of service as we complete the onboarding of the remaining new trains into the system. In addition, SacRT may also operate one-car trains as ridership is not at full capacity.

\*Note: Construction to add a passing track for 15-minute service frequency to Folsom area stations will continue through October 2024. Once complete, the new trains will operate on the Gold Line between Sacramento Valley Station and Historic Folsom Station.

**SacRT Labor Day Service**
SacRT fixed-route bus, light rail and SacRT GO paratransit services will operate on a Sunday/holiday schedule in observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, 2024. All other transit services will not operate. The Customer Service phone lines will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; however, the Sales Center will be closed.

**Blue Line Station Construction Begins in September**
Starting September 23, 2024, SacRT will modify the platform height at Swanston Station to accommodate the new low-floor light rail vehicles. This project is a critical step in preparing the Blue Line for the future, enhancing accessibility and rider experience.

During construction, Swanston Station will be closed, and trains will pass through the station without stopping. For two weekends (October 5 and 6 and October 26 and 27) a bus bridge will operate between Marconi/Arcade and Alkali Flat/La Valentina stations due to a power shutdown during the construction efforts.

The schedule may shift depending on weather and other factors, so we encourage riders to check SacRT’s website or download the free Alert SacRT app for the latest service updates.

Visit sacrt.com/stationclosure for more information.

**Construction Update: Folsom 15-Minute Light Rail Service Project**

SacRT continues construction efforts in the Folsom area to add a passing track at the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station, which is needed to provide 15-minute service frequency.

The construction period will continue through October 2024. Light rail service between Iron Point and Historic Folsom stations will remain suspended during this time, with a bus bridge in place to accommodate riders.

Once construction is completed, SacRT will launch 15-minute service frequency at all Folsom area stations, including Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn/Robert G. Holderness, and Historic Folsom. The new service will feature SacRT's new low-floor light rail trains, enhancing accessibility and reducing wait times.

We appreciate your patience as we work to bring more frequent and reliable service to the Folsom area. Visit sacrt.com/folsom15 to learn more about the project.

**Select Bus Stops Impacted by Elk Grove Construction**

Since late August, service to four Elk Grove bus stops have been impacted due to a street closure on Franklin Boulevard in Elk Grove.

All northbound bus stops on Franklin Boulevard between Laguna Boulevard and Laguna Park are closed. The impacted routes include 12, 14, 112 and 114. The southbound stops are not impacted during the street closure.

The closures are expected to last through the end of 2024. For more information, visit sacrt.com/franklinclosure.

**Folsom Has Weekend Bus Service**

Exciting news for our Folsom passengers, SacRT is now offering weekend bus service on bus route F10 to better serve our community. For more information and to view the new schedule, visit sacrt.com/servicechanges.

**New SacRT Board Meeting Location**

The SacRT Board of Directors meetings recently relocated to a new permanent location in the Q Street Auditorium at 1102 Q Street, 4th Floor, Suite 4600, in Sacramento.

The new meeting space has improved seating, technology, and other accommodations to better serve attendees. For more information about SacRT’s Board of Directors, visit sacrt.com/board.

The Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) will also be meeting in the Q Street Auditorium beginning with this month’s meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024. For more information, visit sacrt.com/mac.

### **See Tracks? Think Train Week: Promoting Rail Safety Awareness**As part of our ongoing commitment to safety, SacRT is proud to participate in the See Tracks? Think Train Weekfrom September 23-29, 2024. This important week-long observance is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical importance of rail safety.

First launched in the U.S. in 2017, this initiative is a collaborative effort led by Operation Lifesaver, Inc., in partnership with State Operation Lifesaver programs and rail safety advocates across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Formerly known as Rail Safety Week, the event has been rebranded to better represent its core mission: educating the public about the dangers of railroad crossings and the importance of making safe choices when near train tracks.

Every year, preventable incidents involving pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists occur at railroad crossings and along train tracks. By reminding everyone to "See Tracks? Think Train," we can help reduce accidents and save lives. Learn more at sacrt.com/railsafety.

**Students Ride Free with RydeFreeRT!**

School is back in session; students can take advantage of SacRT’s RydeFreeRT program for youth in grades TK through 12th. With RydeFreeRT, youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail, and SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service for FREE during regular service hours.

Students should have received the new RydeFreeRT cards, which are valid through Monday, June 30, 2025, from their school prior to the summer break. Students and youth who do not have a RydeFreeRT card, can visit SacRT’s Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street (adjacent to the 13th Street Station) or Sacramento public libraries.

Youth who are experiencing homelessness or taking part in foster programs can also participate in the program regardless of current residence or school address. The RydeFreeRT program does not apply to those over 18 years old that are pursuing their GED. For more information visit rydefreert.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

**Ride SacRT for Free to Celebrate Clean Air Day**

In celebration of California Clean Air Day, SacRT is offering free rides on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. The free rides include fixed-route bus and light rail. To plan your free ride on SacRT, visit sacrt.com/planyourtrip or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

SacRT is working every day to get people to their destinations while reducing pollution in the region. Join SacRT and take the Clean Air pledge to spare the air on October 2nd! Sign up to take the California Clean Air Day pledge at sacrt.com/cleanairday.

**Ride SacRT for FREE to the Chalk It Up Festival on Labor Day Weekend**SacRT is offering free rides on fixed-route bus and light rail, to the 34th annual Chalk It Up Festival being held from Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2, 2024, at Fremont Park (16th and 17th streets / P and Q streets) in Sacramento.

The festival features three days of live music, local vendors, food trucks, kids’ activities and hundreds of volunteer artists creating stunning works of art on the sidewalks around Fremont Park. To ride for free, simply present the Free Ride flyer available at sacrt.com/chalkitup.