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Rider Alert

Causeway Connection and Elk Grove transit services will not operate on the Presidents' Day holiday, Monday, February 21, 2022. All other SacRT service will operate a regular weekday schedule.

Know Before You Go

The safety of our employees and customers is a top priority for SacRT. However, we want to remind riders that SacRT may experience driver shortages from time to time due to healthcare, childcare, and other COVID-19 related circumstances.

We encourage customers to check for bus and light rail service delays or cancellations. To do so, visit:

- Bus: sacrt.com/alerts
- Elk Grove Service: elkgrovetransit.com
- Light Rail: Alert SacRT app or sacrt.com/alerts

For additional assistance, please call SacRT Customer Service at 916-321-BUSS (2877).

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Mask Up for a Safer Ride – Federal Mask Mandate Extended

The Federal Government extended the mask requirement on all forms of public transportation through Friday, March 18, 2022, regardless if a person is fully vaccinated or not.

SacRT requires anyone waiting at a station or transit center, riding transit (bus, light rail, SmaRT Ride, SacRT GO Paratransit Services, Folsom Stage Line, Causeway Connection, or Rancho CordoVan), or visiting the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center located at 1225 R Street to wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth.

Individuals with qualifying disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act may contact Accessible Services at 916-321-BUSS (2877), select option 2 to request a reasonable modification to wear a mask to comply with this mandate.

Free masks are available at the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center at 1225 R Street (13th Street Station). For more information about COVID-19, visit covid19.ca.gov.



Watt/I-80 Light Rail Station Elevator Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, work to replace the elevators at the Watt/I-80 light rail station was delayed last month. Construction crews are back to work on the project, and pending any weather related or other issues, estimate that the elevators will be operational by the end of March 2022.

During construction, passengers can access bus stops on Watt Avenue by boarding a special shuttle bus that operates every 30 minutes between the Watt/I-80 light rail station and Watt Avenue bus stops. Look for the buses that display “shuttle” on the head-sign before boarding.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this important upgrade to the Watt/I-80 Station.



Ride SacRT Free to Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine

SacRT has extended free transit rides to scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointments, including booster doses through Friday, March 31, 2022. SacRT began offering free rides in March 2021.

The free rides include all vaccination/booster sites in Sacramento County within SacRT's service area, including hospitals, pharmacies, and other immunization locations.

To ride free, you only need to show a COVID-19 vaccine appointment confirmation in the form of an email, text or vaccine card, which will serve as valid fare only on the date noted in your appointment confirmation to ride SacRT's fixed-route bus, light rail, Elk Grove Transit, Folsom Stage Line, SmarT Ride or SacRT GO Paratransit Services. Please note: free rides are not available for SacRT's contracted services (Rancho CordoVan).

When boarding a bus, show the operator either a printout or screenshot on a smartphone, or have ready to show a fare inspector when riding light rail. Visit sacrt.com/vaccine for details.

It All Started on a Bus – SacRT Celebrates Rosa Parks

For more than two decades, SacRT has been celebrating the life and legacy of Rosa Parks to raise awareness of the significant role that transit has played in the American Civil Rights Movement. To continue this momentum, SacRT will reserve a seat on each bus and offer a free ride on all SacRT fixed-route buses in honor of Rosa Parks on Friday, February 4, 2022, her birthday.

Ms. Parks played a critical role in the American Civil Rights Movement as her action of defiance ignited the Montgomery Bus Boycott. She went on to organize and collaborate with civil rights leaders, including boycott leader Martin Luther King Jr. and eventually became an international icon of resistance to racial segregation. For bus route and schedule information, visit sacrt.com/schedules or call 916-321-BUSS (2877). To download the free ride flyer, visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer.

RydeFreeRT For Youth

With RydeFreeRT, youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT buses, light rail, and SmarT Ride on-demand microtransit service for FREE during regular service hours. Students need to show a RydeFreeRT card. Schools issued new RydeFreeRT cards at the beginning of the 2021 fall session.

For youth/students that need a new RydeFreeRT card, they can visit SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center at 1225 R Street or a local public library. Learn more at rydefreert.com.

SacRT on the Move, Short-Range Transit Plan



SacRT continues to move forward with the update of the Short-Range Transit Plan, which includes SacRT's five-year service plan.

After two successful virtual events in November 2021, and additional partnership meetings with local jurisdictions, the list of planned service improvements is ready to be shared with the community. The concepts for the service improvements are a combination of items resulting from the SacRT Forward project, as well as inquiries brought forth through unmet transit needs and customer feedback.

The five-year service plan will be posted online and displayed on vehicles later this month. SacRT will also host a virtual event on Thursday, February 10, 2022, to share the plan and provide an opportunity for additional feedback. Meeting details will be posted on sacrt.com/SRTP.

The Short-Range Transit Plan is scheduled to be presented to the SacRT Board of Directors on Monday, February 14, 2022, at which time a 30-day public review and comment period will begin. Additional outreach meetings will be scheduled during the comment period in the month of March. For questions about the SRTP, please contact Sarah Poe, SacRT Planner at spoe@sacrt.com or visit sacrt.com/SRTP for more information.



Help Us Plan for the Future with the Upcoming Online Rider Survey

Later this month, SacRT will release our new online rider survey to help us plan for future system priorities. We will be seeking your feedback about rider experience and willingness to take public transit.

The survey will be available at sacrt.com/survey, and those who complete the survey will be entered to win a free monthly transit pass.

