

Ride SacRT for Free to Local Events in April

SacRT has partnered with several organizations in the region to offer free rides to several events this month. To ride for free, visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer and print or screenshot the flyer for the event you plan to attend. You must present the flyer to the bus operator upon boarding or have ready to show the fare inspector when riding light rail.

American River Parkway Foundation Spring Clean-Up

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the American River Parkway Foundation is inviting the community to take part in the 2025 Spring Clean-up. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at various locations.

ECOS Sacramento Earth Day

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) is celebrating Sacramento Earth Day on Sunday, April 27, 2025. The family-friendly event will be from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Southside Park.

Next Stop News is produced monthly by the Sacramento Regional Transit District to keep passengers informed about current SacRT news and community events.

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Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project Continues

Work continues on the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project. This project will create a safer, more accessible environment at one of the region's largest transit hubs.

The SacRT bus stop located on the southbound side of Watt Avenue (upper level) is temporarily closed due to construction activity on Watt Avenue. The bus routes affected include 1, 26, 84 and 93. Riders can catch the bus at an existing bus stop in front of Sacramento Inn & Suites (formerly Red Roof Inn) located further down Watt Avenue toward Longview Drive.

For the latest project updates, visit sacrt.com/WattI80

SacRT Station Platform Modification Update

SacRT is preparing to enter the next stage of station platform construction on the Blue Line to accommodate the new low-floor light rail vehicles. Before that work begins, there will be a few more service disruptions at Globe and Alkali Flat Stations in April and May. During this time, the contractor will be installing Mini-High Shelters at Globe and installing detectable warning services at both stations.

Although the timeline for the next phase, which will include modifications to the remaining Blue Line stations and further upgrades to Gold Line stations, is still being developed, it is anticipated that construction will restart in early 2026.

SacRT remains committed to improving accessibility and enhancing the rider experience as we transition to a fully modernized light rail system. For the latest updates visit sacrt.com/stationclosure

Tap2Ride Contactless Fare Payment Launches April 1!

SacRT is making it even easier to pay for your ride! Starting Tuesday, April 1, 2025, you can use "Tap2Ride," a new contactless fare payment option, on SacRT buses and SacRT GO paratransit vehicles. Simply tap your contactless debit or credit card or mobile wallet on the Tap2Ride device when you board. For discounted fare, you must pre-register at www.benefits.calitp.org.

How Tap2Ride Works

- **On Buses and SacRT GO:** Tap your contactless card or mobile wallet as you board.
- **On Light Rail:** Contactless payment is available at fare vending machines at all light rail stations. However, full transfer benefits between bus and light rail won't be available until Phase 2 of the program later this year.

Key Benefits

- **Fast and Convenient:** No more fumbling for cash—just tap and go!
- **Seamless Bus Transfers:** Use the same card or mobile device to transfer between buses (transfer between bus and light rail will be activated later this year).
- **Discounted Fares Available:** Seniors (65+), veterans, and persons with disabilities can apply for fare discounts linked directly to their contactless payment method through the California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP) web tool.

For more details and to apply for discounted fares, visit sacrt.com/Tap2Ride.



Apply Now for SacRT’s 2025 Transit Academy!

Ever wondered how public transit works behind the scenes? Want to be a voice for transit in your community? Now’s your chance!

SacRT’s FREE Transit Academy is a six-class course designed to educate and engage residents, business professionals, students, and community leaders about how public transit shapes the Sacramento region. Participants will meet SacRT leaders, explore transit operations, and learn about key transportation issues.

Topics include:

- How SacRT funds, operates and plans transit services
- The benefits of public transit for the community
- Behind-the-scenes access to SacRT operations
- Ways to get involved in shaping transit decisions

Space is limited! Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis while ensuring a diverse cross-section of the community is represented. Classes will be held once a week over a six-week period, concluding with a graduation ceremony.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants must be:

- At least 18 years old
- Live or work within SacRT’s service area
- Passionate about public transit and community involvement
- Applications close Monday, April 21, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Don’t miss this opportunity – apply today at sacrt.com/TransitAcademy.



Important Update for SacRT GO Riders

SacRT GO is transitioning to a new and improved scheduling app! The new app is expected to launch in mid-April 2025. However, it’s important to note that the old SacRT GO app expires on Thursday, April 17, 2025, and will no longer be available after that date. The new app will also be extended to Elk Grove e-van riders.

During the transition period, passengers can continue booking trips by calling the SacRT GO reservation line at 916-321-BUSS (2877), Option 2, Option 2. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience during the brief transition period. Stay tuned for more details on the new app at sacrtgo.com.

Help Clean the Air on Earth Day



To celebrate Earth Day, SacRT is offering free rides on fixed-route bus and light rail with a free ride flyer on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. To ride free, visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer, then print or screenshot the Earth Day free ride flyer.

Earth Day is a reminder and opportunity for all of us to do our part to keep the Earth clean. At SacRT, our light rail vehicles minimize air pollution since they are 100% powered by electricity and most of our buses use compressed natural gas (CNG), which produces fewer pollutants than gasoline powered vehicles. On Earth Day, help clear the air by trying an alternative form of transportation. Learn more at sacrt.com/earthday.

Respect the Ride. Respect the Driver.

This month, SacRT is launching “**Respect the Ride – Respect the Driver,**” a new initiative aimed at raising awareness about the essential role our bus operators play and the importance of treating them with dignity and respect.

Our operators do more than drive—they are parents, neighbors, mentors, and friends who work tirelessly to ensure thousands of riders reach their destinations safely each day. A respectful and safe environment benefits everyone on board.

Why This Matters

Bus operators face daily challenges, from navigating traffic to assisting riders with various needs. Unfortunately, conflicts over fare payment or other disruptive behavior can sometimes escalate into assaults on our frontline staff—which impacts not just the driver, but every rider on board.

SacRT’s Commitment to Safety

To help protect our bus operators and passengers, SacRT has implemented several safety measures, including:

- Protective shields installed on many buses
- Enhanced conflict resolution training for operators
- Increased security presence on board and at key locations
- Automated fare announcements to reduce direct enforcement
- Live-feed security cameras for real-time incident monitoring

Together, we can create a safer and more positive transit experience. Learn more at sacrt.com/RespectTheRide.



Bus Service Adjustments Begin April 7th

Effective Monday, April 7, 2025, SacRT is making a service adjustment to improve connectivity and reliability to bus route 210 (La Riviera Drive). The 7:43 a.m. trip will now depart five minutes earlier at 7:38 a.m. For full details, visit sacrt.com/servicechanges or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Help Shape the Future of SacRT’s Transit Service

SacRT, in collaboration with our member agencies, is launching a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) to evaluate and improve transit service across the region. This year-long effort will update SacRT’s Short-Range Transit Plan and Long-Range Transit Plan—the first update to our long-term vision in over 15 years!

The COA will lay the groundwork for future transit service, pending funding availability. Community and stakeholder engagement will be key, with upcoming opportunities to provide input. To join our mailing list, please email coa@sacrt.com. Stay tuned for the outreach schedule which will be available at sacrt.com/COA.