

## Construction Updates for Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project

On Tuesday, December 3, 2024, the next phase of construction begins at the Watt/I-80 Transit Center. The SacRT bus stop located on the southbound side of Watt Avenue (upper level) will be temporarily closed due to construction activity on Watt Avenue. The bus routes affected include 1, 26, 84 and 93. Riders can catch the bus for those routes at an existing bus stop located further down Watt Avenue toward Longview Drive.

To access the temporary bus stop from the light rail station: use the northbound stairs or elevator to Watt Avenue, turn left on Watt Avenue and follow the pedestrian detour signs to cross Watt Avenue at the crosswalk. The temporary bus stop is in front of the Red Roof Inn.

During this stage of construction, the southbound elevator and stairs will also be closed. Riders can use the northbound elevator or stairs to get to the upper level. The northbound bus stop is not impacted at this time. This stage of construction is expected to last into May 2025.

Learn more at [sacrt.com/WattI80](http://sacrt.com/WattI80) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

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# NEXT STOP NEWS

## December 2024

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Students can use their RydeFreeRT card anytime, anywhere over winter break

## Bus Service Adjustments Begin January 5, 2025

Effective Sunday, January 5, 2025, SacRT will implement service changes for bus routes 19, 23, 61, 88, 103, 106 and 129.

**Route 19 (Rio Linda):** The bus layover location will be moved to provide a safer environment. The terminus of bus route 19 will be relocated to the southbound stop on Watt Avenue at Elverta Road. In addition, the bus will travel along the outbound direction (toward Black Saddle Drive) instead of the inbound direction (toward Arden/Del Paso Station). Two minutes have been added to the outbound direction and two minutes have been removed from the inbound schedule.

**Route 23 (El Camino):** Departure times from Arden/Del Paso Station will shift one minute later to improve connections. All trip times will shift accordingly.

**Route 61 (Fruitridge):** To provide a better connection with students at West Campus High School, the 3:12 p.m. trip from Florin Town Centre will depart five minutes later at 3:17 p.m. All times will shift accordingly.

**Route 88 (West El Camino):** Departures from J & 11th streets will shift four minutes earlier to improve connections at Arden/Del Paso Station. All trip times will shift accordingly.

**Route 103 (Riverside Express):** Certain trips will be extended to serve the new State of California office building located at 7th Street & Richards Boulevard.

**Route 106 (Land Park Commuter):** Certain trips will be extended to serve the new State of California office building located at 7th Street & Richards Boulevard

**Route 129 (Arden Commuter):** Certain trips will be extended to serve the new State of California office building located at 7th Street & Richards Boulevard.

Visit [sacrt.com/servicechanges](http://sacrt.com/servicechanges) to view the new schedules or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

## Folsom 15-Minute Service Project Extended Through December 2024

SacRT is nearing completion on the Folsom 15-Minute Service Frequency Project, which will bring more frequent light rail service to Folsom-area stations, including Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn/Robert G. Holderness, and Historic Folsom.

While significant strides have been made—such as the addition of a new passing track at the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station—final project work/testing will continue through December 2024.

To ensure safety and maintain progress, bus bridges (shuttle buses between stations) will continue to be in place between Iron Point and Historic Folsom stations.

Learn more about the project and stay updated at [sacrt.com/Folsom15](http://sacrt.com/Folsom15)

## Heading the Airport for the Holidays? Take the Airport Express Bus



**AIRPORT EXPRESS BUS SERVICE**

Skip the stress of holiday airport traffic and parking fees by riding SacRT's Airport Express Bus! SacRT offers a convenient, direct, and affordable way to reach the Sacramento International

Airport from downtown Sacramento, with departures every hour.

The Airport Express Bus makes getting to the airport easy, plus, it's only \$2.50 per trip (free for youth in grades TK through 12th). Let SacRT do the driving this holiday.



Learn more at [sacrtairportexpress.com](http://sacrtairportexpress.com).

## Ride the SacRT Holiday Bus for Free

Ride for FREE on SacRT's Holiday Bus while supporting our community! This year, we're proud to partner with the Health Education Council, a local organization committed to improving the health and well-being of those in historically under-served neighborhoods.

Look for the festive Holiday Bus on your route, snap a pic, and share it with us using #SacRTHolidayBus!

It's FREE to ride on the SacRT Holiday Bus, which travels on a different route each day between Sunday, December 1, 2024 and Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Sunday, December 1, 2024	<b>Rtes 72, 75, 78</b>
Monday, December 2, 2024	<b>Routes 67, 68</b>
Tuesday, December 3, 2024	<b>Route 81</b>
Wednesday, December 4, 2024	<b>Route 1</b>
Thursday, December 5, 2024	<b>Routes 25, 93</b>
Friday, December 6, 2024	<b>Route F10</b>
Saturday, December 7, 2024	<b>Routes 86, 87</b>
Sunday, December 8, 2024	<b>Routes 19, 25</b>
Monday, December 9, 2024	<b>Rtes 72, 161, 84, 26</b>
Tuesday, December 10, 2024	<b>Route 51</b>
Wednesday, December 11, 2024	<b>Route 19</b>
Thursday, December 12, 2024	<b>Route E110</b>
Friday, December 13, 2024	<b>Route 30</b>
Saturday, December 14, 2024	<b>Santa Parade</b>
Sunday, December 15, 2024	<b>Route 11</b>
Monday, December 16, 2024	<b>Route 13</b>
Tuesday, December 17, 2024	<b>Route 142</b>
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	<b>Route 138</b>
Thursday, December 19, 2024	<b>Route 21</b>
Friday, December 20, 2024	<b>Route 56, 62</b>
Saturday, December 21, 2024	<b>Route 82</b>
Sunday, December 22, 2024	<b>Route 87</b>
Monday, December 23, 2024	<b>Rtes 102, 88, 15</b>

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Tuesday, December 24, 2024	<b>Route 137</b>
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	<b>Routes 30, 38</b>
Thursday, December 26, 2024	<b>Routes 1, 93</b>
Friday, December 27, 2024	<b>Route 81</b>
Saturday, December 28, 2024	<b>Route 23</b>
Sunday, December 29, 2024	<b>Routes 67, 68</b>
Monday, December 30, 2024	<b>Route 11</b>
Tuesday, December 31, 2024	<b>Rtes 26, 87, 25</b>
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	<b>Routes 72, 75, 78</b>
Thursday, January 2, 2025	<b>Routes 103, 51</b>

## Blue Line Station Platform Construction to Continue in January

SacRT is continuing Blue Line station platform construction at Globe Station in January 2025. During construction at Globe Station, the station will be closed between Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, February 2, 2025.

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.

Learn more about this project at [sacrt.com/stationclosure](https://sacrt.com/stationclosure).

## California International Marathon Service Impacts on Sunday, December 8

Due to the California International Marathon, light rail service and several bus routes will be impacted between 8 a.m. and noon on Sunday, December 8, 2024. A bus bridge (shuttle bus between stations) will serve closed light rail stations. Learn more at [sacrt.com/CIM](https://sacrt.com/CIM) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for trip planning assistance.



## SmaRT Ride Transitions to SacRT Flex on January 2, 2025



SacRT will introduce SacRT Flex, a new shared-

use pilot program that will replace SmaRT Ride, on Thursday, January 2, 2025. The last day for SmaRT Ride service will be Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

SacRT Flex service will be limited to riders with the greatest transportation need such as low-income individuals, persons with disabilities, and seniors. Eligible riders must register in advance, with early registration opening in December 2024. Required documentation includes items such as a DHA eligibility card, EBT verification letter, or Medi-Cal card. Learn more about the program and how to pre-register at [sacrt.com/flex](https://sacrt.com/flex).

## Students, Need a Ride During Winter Break? Ride Free with SacRT

Students/youth can enjoy the freedom to explore Sacramento during your winter break with your RydeFreeRT card. You can ride the entire SacRT system, including buses, light rail and more for free during regular service hours. Note that SmaRT Ride will no longer be available after December 31, 2024.

All youth with a valid RydeFreeRT card can ride for free. If you don't have a card, they are available at participating local libraries, school district offices and SacRT's Customer Service and Sales building, located at 1225 R Street, Sacramento (adjacent to the 13th Street Station). RydeFreeRT cards are valid until June 30, 2025.

Learn more at [rydefreert.com](https://rydefreert.com).

## SacRT's Customer Service Hours are Changing in January



Effective Sunday, January 5, 2025, the hours of operation will be as follows:

- Call Center: 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sales Center: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Weekend hours of operation in the Call Center will remain the same, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sales Center will remain closed on the weekends. For more information call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

## Rider Alert: SacRT Holiday Service

### Christmas Day

(Wednesday, December 25, 2024)

**Sunday/Holiday Schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail and SacRT GO paratransit services

**No Service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Stage Line, Rancho CordoVan, SacRT e-van and SmaRT Ride

### New Years Day

(Wednesday, January 1, 2025)

**Sunday/Holiday Schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail and SacRT GO paratransit services

**No Service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Stage Line, Rancho CordoVan, SacRT e-van, and SacRT Flex