

RIDER ALERT

Folsom 15-Minute Light Rail Service Construction Update

SacRT is informing Folsom area riders about ongoing construction for the Folsom 15-Minute Service Frequency project. Significant progress is being made; however, construction work has been extended into November 2024. Folsom area light rail customers can expect light rail service disruptions and bus bridges to continue between Iron Point and Historic Folsom stations.

Extended bus bridges between Cordova Town Center and Historic Folsom stations are scheduled in November due to track testing, see the anticipated schedule below.

- Friday, November 8 - Sunday, November 10, 2024.
- Friday, November 15 - Sunday, November 17, 2024.

Note: The schedule can change depending on weather and other factors. Please check back for service updates.

SacRT is adding a passing track at the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station to be able to provide 15-minute light rail service to all Folsom area stations including Hazel, Iron Point, Glenn/Robert G. Holderness and Historic Folsom.

Learn more at sacrt.com/Folsom15.

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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Blue Line Station Platform Construction in November

SacRT commenced platform construction along the Blue Line to modernize the light rail system in preparation for the new low-floor light rail vehicles. This project is an essential step toward enhancing accessibility and improving the rider experience.

Roseville Road Station is temporarily closed for light rail service through Friday, November 8, 2024, as crews work to adjust the platform height to meet the height requirements of the new low-floor light rail trains. During this time, trains will continue to pass through the station; however, customers will not be able to board or deboard at Roseville Road. Light rail riders are encouraged to use nearby stations, such as Marconi/Arcade or Watt/I-80, during the closure.

Important reminder! Riders are reminded to watch their step when traveling in light rail stations that have a raised platform on the Blue and Gold lines. For safety reasons riders are urged to cross the stations at the ends of each platform and not in the middle of the station to avoid the raised curb. Learn more about the project at sacrt.com/stationclosure.

Ride Free on the SacRT Holiday Bus

SacRT's annual FREE Holiday Bus returns on Sunday, December 1, 2024, operating through Thursday, January 2, 2025! The holiday themed 40-foot bus will travel on various routes throughout the region.

It's FREE to ride on the SacRT Holiday Bus, which will travel on a different route each day.

View the schedule at sacrt.com/holidaybus.



Fly Easy with SacRT's Airport Express: Convenient, Affordable, and Stress-Free!

Heading to the airport? Skip the parking hassle and ride SacRT's Airport Express bus! It's the perfect time to take advantage of our direct service. For just \$2.50 per person (youth in grades TK through 12th ride free), you'll be dropped off right at Terminal A or B — no parking stress! Service operates every 60 minutes, seven days a week, between downtown Sacramento and the airport.

Offering pick-up points from multiple downtown bus stops and easy access from light rail.

Pick-Up Locations (L Street):

- L & 14th
- L & 9th (closest to light rail Blue and Gold lines)
- L & 11th
- L & 6th
- L & 5th

Drop-Off Locations (J Street):

- J & 4th
- J & 6th
- J & 8th (closest to Gold Line)
- J & 10th (closest to Blue Line)
- J & 14th

Our battery powered zero emission buses are environmentally friendly and ready to get you to the airport. For the schedule and route map, visit sacrtairport.com.





SacRT Holiday Service

Veterans Day (Monday, November 11)

- **Regular service:** SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail, Folsom Transit Services, Rancho CordoVan and SmaRT Ride will operate regular service.
- **No service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Fixed Local, Elk Grove Commuter and e-van.

Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28)

- **Sunday/holiday schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail and SacRT GO.
- **No service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Transit Services, Rancho CordoVan, e-van and SmaRT Ride.

Day After Thanksgiving (Friday, Nov 29)

- **Regular service:** SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail, Folsom Transit Services, Elk Grove Local, Rancho CordoVan, e-van and SmaRT Ride.
- **No service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Commuter.

Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25)

- **Sunday/holiday schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail and SacRT GO.
- **No service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Transit Services, Rancho CordoVan, e-van and SmaRT Ride.

New Years Day (Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025)

- **Sunday/holiday schedule:** SacRT fixed-route buses, light rail and SacRT GO.
- **No service:** Causeway Connection, Elk Grove Local, Elk Grove Commuter, Folsom Transit Services, Rancho CordoVan, and e-van.



Students Ride Free During Thanksgiving Break with RydeFreeRT!

Attention students! As you plan for your Thanksgiving break, don't forget that SacRT's RydeFreeRT program lets you ride for free on buses, light rail, and SmaRT Ride shuttles. All students in grades TK-12 can enjoy unlimited free rides during the school break.

Simply use your valid RydeFreeRT card when boarding. It's a great way to visit friends, head to the mall, or explore the Sacramento area for free. For more information visit sacrt.com/rydefreert.

SacRT Offers Free Rides to Drive the Vote



Use your vote to shape the future on this Election Day. SacRT is offering systemwide free rides on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to help Drive the Vote. Free rides are available on all fixed-route bus, including Causeway Connection, Elk Grove, e-van, Folsom Transit Services, Rancho CordoVan, light rail, SmaRT Ride and SacRT GO paratransit services (advance reservation required) on Election Day. No flyer or exemption code is necessary to ride, just ride and go! Let's make every voice count!

Learn more at sacrt.com/drivethevote.

Free Rides on Small Business Saturday

SacRT is offering free rides on Small Business Saturday, Saturday, November 30, 2024. Riders can enjoy free rides on fixed-route bus and light rail with a free ride flyer. Visit sacrt.com/freerideflyer then simply print or screenshot relevant flyer and present it to the bus operator or fare inspector on light rail.

Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink Returns with SacRT Discount

A Sacramento tradition, the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink presented by Dignity Health returns Wednesday, November 6, 2024 through Monday, January 20, 2025, in Ali Youssefi Square (7th and K streets). The Downtown Ice Rink is the perfect place to make lasting holiday memories in the heart of our city. Adults skate for \$15 and children ages 6 and under skate for \$8. Show your same-day SacRT ticket or pass and receive \$2 off! Learn more at downtownsac.org.

SacRT Holding Two Hiring Events in November

Join an agency that connects people to opportunities, experiences and each other. SacRT is dedicated to providing safe, clean and accessible transit services for all residents. We are hosting two in-person Hiring Events this month in the SacRT Auditorium located at 1400 29th Street, Sacramento:

- **Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Accessible by bus routes 30, 38, 67, 68 and light rail to 29th Street Station; street parking is also available. Learn more at sacrt.com/hiringevents.

SmaRT Ride Transition

SacRT Holds Public Workshop on SmaRT Ride Transition

SacRT is moving forward with its plans to transition the SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service to an innovative and cost-effective shared-use mobility service starting in January 2025. The final day of SmaRT Ride service will be Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

The new pilot program will continue to offer a shared-use mobility service that is accessible and easy to use; however, it will prioritize riders with the greatest transportation needs, including low-income, persons with disabilities, and seniors. Riders will be able to schedule trips by app or phone within the same nine SmaRT Ride zones and enjoy the same service hours from Monday through Friday. To ensure accessibility, wheelchair-accessible vehicles will be part of the service fleet.

To gather feedback and share more details about this upcoming transition, we invite you to join us for a virtual workshop on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Your input is important as we shape the future of shared mobility in our community.

For more information, visit sacrt.com/rideshare.