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# - FARE FREE FAIR WEEK IS BACK - LOCAL FIXED ROUTES & DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE FARE FREE JUNE 20th - 25TH

In cooperation with the Yuba-Sutter Fair, no fares will be charged on any of Yuba-Sutter Transit's local fixed route or Dial-A-Ride buses during the entire fair week of Monday, June 20th through Saturday, June 25th. To replace the lost revenue, this event is again being funded through a state grant to promote transit ridership.

No special tickets or passes are needed as all local fixed route and Dial-A-Ride passengers will simply board the bus free of charge all week. Of course, all service eligibility and passenger policies will still apply, and fares will continue to be charged on all rural and Sacramento routes. Call (530) 742-2877 for more information.



## DO YOU HAVE AN EXPIRED CONNECT CARD?

Discount photo-identification Connect Cards are typically issued for five years, and many are now beginning to expire and need to be replaced. Discount card holders (youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities) should regularly check the expiration date on their card (see example above) to see if it is approaching or has already passed. If so, bring your card to our administrative office during normal business hours where we will confirm your current information and issue you a new card (with a new picture) at no cost.

For Connect Card questions, please contact the Administrative Office at (530) 634-6880 or by email at info@yubasuttertransit.com.



## SUMMER STROLL TO CLOSE PLUMAS STREET SATURDAY, JUNE 18th

The Summer Stroll will be held from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18th in downtown Yuba City! Plumas Street from Colusa Avenue to Bridge Street will be closed at 10:00 a.m. to set up for this annual free community event. Due to the early closure, Yuba-Sutter Transit's service will be re-routed from Plumas Street all day on June 18th.

Route 1 buses will operate on Olive Street between Colusa Avenue and Forbes Street and Route 2 will operate on Shasta Street between Colusa Avenue and Bridge Street. The Plumas Street bus stops at both Church and Bridge Streets as well as the Route 1 bus stops at Forbes and Almond will not be in service during this time. Call (530) 742-2877 for transit detour information.

Visit www.yubacitydowntown.com for Summer Stroll information.

### REGULAR TRANSIT BOARD MEETING CANCELED FOR JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

The regular monthly meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors has been canceled for June. Unless posted otherwise, regular Board meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Yuba County Government Center at 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21st. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.



#### INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

In observance of Independence Day, Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation on Monday, July 4, 2022. All service will return to normal operation is scheduled on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.



# SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY REQUIRES DISPLAY OF VALID DOG LICENSE

To address the health and safety concerns of passengers and bus drivers regarding the transportation of suspected unlicensed and unvaccinated dogs, Yuba-Sutter Transit adopted a policy in 2013 that all dogs must be vaccinated, licensed, and wearing proper tags pursuant to State Law and local ordinances. This provision of Yuba-Sutter Transit's Service Animal and Pet Policy applies whether the dog is a service animal or not.

California law and local ordinances require that all dogs by the age of four months be vaccinated for rabies. Local ordinances further require that by the same age they be licensed and at all times wear the proper identification tags as proof of licensing. Depending on the jurisdiction, violation of these provisions is an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per dog, per incident.

Even properly licensed animals are still prohibited from all Yuba-Sutter Transit buses with two exceptions: 1) It is a guide, service, or signal dog that has been specially trained to assist persons with disabilities and is on a leash or under the control of the person transporting it; or, 2) It is in a completely enclosed and secured cage or carrying case and small enough to fit on the person's lap. In either case, it must not misbehave, endanger, or otherwise annoy other passengers.

As a reminder, service animals are specifically trained to work or perform tasks for persons with disabilities including guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items. Federal Department of Transportation regulations do not recognize companion, therapy, or comfort animals as service animals. If unsure that a dog performs a service function, the bus driver may ask the passenger what tasks the animal has been trained to perform. Service animals are not required to have a special certificate or license nor wear any special identifying vest or tag other than what is required while in public.

Service animals must be under the constant supervision and control of its owner. If it misbehaves, the passenger will be asked to remove his or her animal from the bus. If there are multiple occurrences of misbehavior, the animal's boarding privileges may be revoked. Examples of misbehavior include soiling the bus or growling at or harassing passengers, bus drivers, or other service animals.

Yuba-Sutter Transit's service animal policy is included as part of our Passenger Policies & Procedures that are available in both English and Spanish translations from the Customer Services tab on our website at <a href="https://www.yubasuttertransit.com">www.yubasuttertransit.com</a>.

Call (530) 742-2877 for more information.

### STORER TRANSIT SYSTEMS 25 YEAR EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Yuba-Sutter Transit's service contractor, Storer Transit Systems, honors employees at each division who have completed at least 25 years of continuous service. The following 2021-2022 award recipients for the Yuba-Sutter Division were recently recognized with a \$1,000 bonus for having reached or exceeded that milestone.

Arthur Leonard, Safety & Training Manager 37 Years of Service

Patrice Moniz, Bus Driver 36 Years of Service

Brenda Suoja, Bus Driver 35 Years of Service

Please join us in thanking these individuals (and all of our operating personnel) for their faithful service to the Yuba-Sutter community.



#### **CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS**

Connect Cards can be loaded at any of the sales outlets below or on the Connect Card website. New full fare Connect Cards are available from any sales outlet, but new and replacement discount photo ID Connect Cards are only available during normal weekday business hours at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office in Marysville. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

Please check with locations for current business hours as they may change without notice. The Sutter County Library is open, but not yet processing Connect Card purchases.

- Yuba County Library Marysville (530) 749-7380
   Tuesday Friday, 12:00 6:00 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am 1:00 pm [Cash, Credit or Debit Fee Applied for Credit/Debit]
- Yuba College Bookstore Linda (530) 741-6998
   Summer Hours: Monday Thursday, 10:00 am 2:00 pm [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office Marysville Weekdays, 8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 5:00 pm [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Connect Card Website www.ConnectTransitCard.com [Credit or Debit / Auto-Load]

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