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## BOK KAI PARADE SET FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Bok Kai Festival, celebrating the Year of the Tiger, will take place in downtown Marysville on Saturday and Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Bok Kai Parade will be held on Saturday with Bomb Day on Sunday.

As a result, Yuba-Sutter Transit's local fixed route bus service will be detoured in downtown Marysville on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for the Bok Kai Parade. The regular downtown bus stops on B, D and F Streets will not be served as Routes 1 and 4 will be detoured away from downtown Marysville due to numerous street closures.

The nearest alternative downtown stops will be at Third & F Streets for both the eastbound Route 1 and counterclockwise Route 4B buses and at the Adventist Health + Rideout Regional Medical Center stop on Third Street for both the westbound Route 1 and clockwise Route 4A buses.

Please call (530) 742-2877 for bus route and schedule information. For event information, please email bokkaiparade@gmail.com or call (530) 603-1880.



# CESAR CHAVEZ DAY HOLIDAY SERVICE NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not operate any Sacramento service on Cesar Chavez Day, which this year will be observed on Thursday, March 31st. All other services will operate as scheduled and the Administrative Office will be open that day.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.



# DEEPLY DISCOUNTED MONTHLY PASSES AVAILABLE FOR ALL LOCAL & RURAL ROUTE PASSENGERS

Basic general-public monthly bus passes, good for unlimited use on any Yuba-Sutter Transit local or rural route have been discounted since July 2020 from their regular price of \$30 to just \$10 each month. The \$20 subsidy on the cost of each pass is being funded through the State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) under a three-year demonstration program.

As a result, the price of a general-public monthly bus pass is now more comparable to a discount monthly pass for youth (ages 5 through 18), seniors (ages 65 and over) and eligible persons with disabilities which has long been reduced from \$15 to just \$5 each month. The \$10 subsidy for that discount program is funded by the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) whose support will continue at least through March 2023.

At these deeply discounted prices, the best value by far for most passengers is to purchase a full fare or discount monthly pass as applicable. No matter the fare category, a monthly pass will more than pay for itself in just a few days of travel compared to paying in cash.

Monthly passes are available only with a Connect Card electronic fare card. General public Connect Cards are available free of charge from any Connect Card sales outlet or at <a href="https://www.ConnectTransitCard.com">www.ConnectTransitCard.com</a>. Discount photo I.D. Connect Cards for any available discount fares or passes for seniors, youth or persons with disabilities are only available with eligibility verification at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office in Marysville.

Up to three monthly passes can be loaded at any one time on a Connect Card along with up to \$360 in cash value if so desired. You can even set up your Connect Card account to auto-load your monthly pass each month or to add cash value when your balance reaches a certain level.

For more information on the discounted bus pass program or on how to get your discount photo Connect Card identification card, which is required for all discount pass fare categories, please contact the Administrative Office by email at info@yubasuttertransit.com or by phone at (530) 634-6880.



# STROLLERS, GROCERY BAGS, UTILITY CARTS, ETC.

It has been a while since we last reviewed our long-standing policy regarding the transport of the wide assortment of carry-on items that people need or want to bring with them on the bus. Carry-on items are allowed on all services with the following restrictions:

- Passengers must be able to personally lift and carry all items on board the bus in a single trip or boarding;
- Each passenger is entitled to one seat only so please keep your feet, bags, backpacks, etc. on the floor in front of you or in your lap as appropriate;
- Items must remain within the control of the passenger at all times;
- Items cannot block any aisle, doorway or area reserved for persons in wheelchairs or those who use mobility aids;
- Children must be removed from strollers and the stroller must be folded and stored so as not to block any area listed above;
- Personal utility carts must be similarly emptied, folded, and stored (they will not be strapped down in the wheelchair securement area); and,
- Upon the request of the driver, passengers with strollers, personal carts and/or extra personal items are expected to vacate priority seating areas that are reserved for persons in wheelchairs or those who use mobility aids.

Please note that if a passenger is using a wheelchair or other mobility device for something other than its intended purpose (i.e., carrying groceries or personal items), it will be considered a personal utility cart and will **NOT** be treated or secured as a wheelchair. Commercial grocery carts are never permitted on the bus.

This policy is consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and designed to improve the safety and service timeliness for all passengers. A large number of grocery bags may block the aisle or take up seating space; loose items can become tripping hazards or dangerous projectiles in an accident; and large or heavy items require additional time to load and unload causing schedule delays and missed transfers.

If you have any questions regarding these policies, please call (530) 742-2877 before you ride to avoid a possible service denial.

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## TRANSIT DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY IS FRIDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

March is recognized as Transit Driver Appreciation Month and March 18<sup>th</sup> is Transit Driver Appreciation Day to commemorate the first "Five Penny Coaches" bus line that was established in Paris on March 18, 1662. On this day, we celebrate public transit vehicle operators around the world and recognize the essential service they provide.

Those who operate Yuba-Sutter Transit's buses do it all – pre-trip safety inspections, board passengers, collect fares, answer trip planning questions, return lost items, and so much more – all while safely maneuvering a large and heavy vehicle through traffic, around tight corners, and road detours during all sorts of weather.

Our drivers are dedicated to what they do, and they deserve our heartfelt thanks, so we invite you to join us in celebrating these essential workers this month in recognition for their dedicated service to our community throughout the year. Here are several ways to express your gratitude and support:

- Bring a card or a personal note of thanks and hand it to your bus operator.
- Say "Good morning!" or "Good afternoon!" when you get on the bus, and a hearty "Thank you!" when you get off the bus.

Please say thanks to your bus operator on March 18th and every day of the year!



#### **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 locations for current business hours as they may change without notice and the Sutter County Library remains closed to the public for remodeling.

- Yuba County Library Marysville (530) 749-7380
   Open by Appointment Only, Tuesday Friday, 12:00 5:45 pm [Cash, Credit or Debit Fee Applied for Credit/Debit]
- Yuba College Bookstore Linda (530) 741-6998
   Weekdays, 9:00 am 3:00 pm
   [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office Marysville [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Connect Card Website www.ConnectTransitCard.com [Credit or Debit / Auto-Load]