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## REGULAR COMMUTERS SAVE BIG BUCKS WHEN RIDING THE BUS

Are you trying to conserve money to make it through the pandemic or maybe just saving up to treat the family to a special trip when this is all over? One easy way to pile up cash in a hurry is to ride the bus more often! While riding any of our buses will save you money, it really adds up for those who regularly commute to downtown Sacramento.

Using local factors, a typical daily Yuba-Sutter Transit commuter to downtown Sacramento would currently save about \$5,100 a year – and state employees will save another \$1,200 annually with the \$100 per month transit subsidy on each monthly pass. How else can you add that kind of money to your budget – tax free, no less?

This example assumes weekday ridership on our Sacramento service using a monthly pass compared to the cost of operating a mid-size car on a 42-mile one-way trip between Marysville/Yuba City and downtown Sacramento. This also assumes an average fuel price of \$4.50 per gallon; a combined cost of 5.45 cents per mile for vehicle maintenance and tires; vehicle efficiency of 25 MPG; and parking costs of \$150 per month. Of course, your figures will vary so run the numbers to see just how much you can save!

Even if you do not ride every day, you can still save a bundle riding just once or twice a week since just the cost of daily parking in downtown Sacramento probably exceeds the \$9.00 roundtrip cash fare on our luxurious commuter buses. Combine that with the fuel savings; reduced wear and tear on both you and your car; and any transit subsidy that you may get from your employer, and you will quickly see how you can save big – really big – by riding the bus and the more you ride, the more you save!

For route and schedule information, visit www.yubasuttertransit.com or call (530) 742-2877.

#### **DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**

Debit and most major credit cards are accepted by Yuba-Sutter Transit for all financial transactions that occur at the counter in the Administrative Office. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.



# LOCAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Since its inception in 1975, Yuba-Sutter Transit has contracted with private providers for the operation of its services. The current contractor, Storer Transit Systems, is a California based company with operations throughout the central valley and the bay area. **Storer is currently looking to hire three full-time bus drivers.** No experience is required, and paid training will be provided.

For those who may be interested in employment with Storer Transit Systems, a link to their on-line application system is available at <a href="https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/employment-opportunities">www.yubasuttertransit.com/employment-opportunities</a> or under the "About the Agency" tab on our website. From this link, simply click on the "Yuba City" location on the map for more information regarding the local job openings along with a link to begin the application process. In addition to local opportunities, you can check for job openings company wide.

For more information, call the local Storer office at (530) 634-6885.



### **HOLIDAY SERVICE NOTES**

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in service, and the administrative office will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day. However, all service will operate as scheduled on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> when some will be observing Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

And don't forget that **Valentine's Day** is just around the corner as well on **Monday**, **February 14**<sup>th</sup>. Wouldn't it be a great gift for your transit riding friends or loved ones to load a monthly pass or some cash value on their Connect Card? All you need is their card number!

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.



## GOOGLE TRANSIT TRIP PLANNER ON YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT WEBSITE

Did you know that Yuba-Sutter Transit's local, rural and Sacramento route, stop and schedule information is included in the Google Transit trip planning application? In fact, the Google Trip Planner is available directly from our website at the link below for scheduled transit trips anywhere in the Yuba-Sutter area; to and from downtown Sacramento; and even beyond.

#### www.yubasuttertransit.com/trip-planning-tool

The tool can also be accessed from the "I Want To" tab on our home page where the drop-down menu includes "Plan My Route".

Enter your destination and travel time information in the tool by either street address, cross street or major landmarks for that day or weeks in advance – Google Transit does the rest! Several options will be provided with walking directions to and from the nearest bus stops, applicable route numbers, transfer information, fare details and total travel time.

Try planning your next trip with Google Transit and please call us at (530) 634-6880 if you have any questions.



<u>DARK & DREARY WEATHER</u> – Less daylight hours combined with the wet and foggy conditions that are common this time of year make it difficult for commuter and even local buses to remain on schedule at times. If such delays are likely to cause a problem for you, please consider riding an earlier schedule.

NO SMOKING WITHIN 20' OF ANY YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT BUS, STOP, BENCH OR SHELTER – Winter weather also tends to push people closer together so remember that smoking of any kind is expressly prohibited within 20' of any Yuba-Sutter Transit bus, bus stop, bus stop bench or bus stop shelter.

**SEAT ETIQUETTE** – Speaking of winter weather, please do not put your wet belongings (or feet) on vacant seats for any reason. The next person who sits in that seat (and it might be you) does not want a soggy surprise.

<u>LOST & FOUND</u> – We are not responsible for what you leave behind on the bus, but check with us before you give up on your umbrella, cell phone, sunglasses, etc. Found items are removed from buses at the end of each service day. Non-perishable items are kept for at least 30 days after which time they are subject to donation to a non-profit organization of our choice. So, if you think you lost something on the bus, call our Administration Office at (530) 634-6880.

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS</u> – The customer service counter in the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office at 2100 B Street in Marysville is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please note that we are closed for lunch except by appointment.

<u>NEWSLETTER E-MAIL LIST</u> – Never miss an issue of our passenger newsletter by signing up on our website using the "Stay Informed" tab in the "Quick Links" section of the homepage. You will receive all future issues of this newsletter electronically. If you didn't receive this issue by e-mail, you are not on that list.

TRESPASSING & TRASH – Please respect property owners near bus stops. Do not trespass on their property for any reason and please use the trash cans either at the stop or on the bus. We need your help to minimize conflicts, or some stops may be eliminated.



#### 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]

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