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# PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY WITH THE SCHEDULING OF TWO RELATED PUBLIC HEARINGS

WEEKDAY ROUTE 2 FREQUENCY HEARING JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> / SACRAMENTO SERVICE RESET HEARING SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

Following their adoption of the NextGen Transit Plan on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors recently launched the plan implementation process by setting two public hearings and a special evening meeting regarding several early plan recommendations. The first hearing on July 20<sup>th</sup> will consider making permanent the pandemic related reduction in the frequency of weekday Route 2 service. The second hearing to be held during a special evening meeting on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> will consider a reset of the Sacramento service to better reflect current ridership patterns. (Please see the related Sacramento reset story in this newsletter.)

The first public hearing on the weekday frequency of Route 2 will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> in the Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 915 Eighth Street in Marysville. Comments are now being accepted on making permanent the pandemic related 50 percent reduction in the frequency of Route 2 service on weekdays with buses operating every 60 minutes, instead of every 30 minutes in each direction. Saturday Route 2 service has always operated at a 60-minute frequency. Initially implemented as an emergency measure effective May 1, 2020, this reduction was continued indefinitely after a public hearing on August 18, 2022. If approved as proposed, this reduction would be made permanent effective September 1, 2023.

Interested persons may submit testimony regarding the proposed permanent service frequency reduction, either verbally or in writing, before or at the public hearing. Written testimony can be provided by mail to Yuba-Sutter Transit at 2100 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901; by e-mail to info@yubasuttertransit.com; or by FAX at (530) 634-6888. All written communication must be received either at or prior to the hearing to be considered. Verbal testimony can be provided in person at the hearing or by telephone at (530) 634-6880 prior to the hearing.

For more information, contact Adam Hansen, Planning Manager, by email at adam@yubasuttertransit.com or by phone at (530) 634-6880.



# FESTIVAL TO CLOSE D STREET IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MARYSVILLE ON JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

The Marysville Peach Festival in Historic Downtown Marysville returns for the  $23^{\rm rd}$  time on Friday, July  $14^{\rm th}$  and Saturday, July  $15^{\rm th}$ . This free event will be held from  $4{:}00$  to  $10{:}00$  p.m. on Friday and from  $10{:}00$  a.m. to  $10{:}00$  p.m. on Saturday. D Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from  $1^{\rm st}$  through  $7^{\rm th}$  Streets on both days. As a result, Yuba-Sutter Transit will suspend service to the Marysville bus stops at D and  $2^{\rm nd}$  and F &  $2^{\rm nd}$  Streets on both festival days. Due to these stop closures, the nearest available bus stops to the Historic Downtown Marysville district on these two days will be at or near Adventist Health and Rideout Hospital on Third Street in both directions for Routes 1 and 4 and at B & Third Streets for Route 4.

Westbound Route 1 buses coming off the E Street Bridge from Linda will turn left at Third Street. Eastbound Route 1 buses on Third Street will turn right on F Street and use the Highway 70 on-ramp to Linda and ultimately Yuba College. Route 4A buses traveling south on B Street will turn right on First Street before using the Highway 70 on-ramp to Linda and the Peach Tree Clinic. Route 4B buses traveling east on Third Street will turn right on F Street before using the Highway 70 on-ramp to Linda and the Peach Tree Clinic. Route 4A buses traveling north on the E Street Bridge returning to Marysville from Linda will turn left on Third Street and continue west on the existing route to H Street. Route 4B buses traveling in the same direction will turn left on Third Street and left on F Street before rejoining the existing route on First Street.

Enjoy delectable peach foods, desserts and beverages while visiting one of more than 100 vendors. Dance to the distinctive sounds of area bands at one of two entertainment stages. Visit the children's carnival area to keep your little ones entertained. Discover countless hidden treasures at local brick and mortar businesses. Escape the heat at amazing local restaurants and cool down with a cold peach cocktail at a local watering hole.

Call (530) 742-2877 for more detour information. For more festival information, please check www.marysvillepeachfest.com.

### MATTHEW MAUK SELECTED AS THE NEW YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After a national search, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors recently appointed Matthew (Matt) Mauk to be the next Yuba-Sutter Transit Executive Director effective Monday, July 17th. Matt replaces Keith Martin who is retiring after 36 years in this position though he will continue for a while in a reduced capacity to assist in the transition.

Matt comes to us after four years as the Executive Director of the El Dorado County Transit Authority, a smaller sister agency based near Placerville. This is a homecoming for Matt as he served as our Planning Program Manager from 2013 to 2017 until he left to lead the City of Folsom's transit operation before moving to his current position in 2019. All this time, he remained a local resident with his wife and now two grown children, so he is looking forward to dramatically shortening his commute.

Ironically, prior to his previous stint with Yuba-Sutter Transit, Matt served as the Planning and Marketing Manager for El Dorado County Transit which is where he earlier began his transit career as a bus driver after dropping his original plan to become a golf professional. A six-year Army veteran, Matt previously served as head coach of the Yuba-Sutter Lacrosse Club, and he currently serves on the Board of Directors for a statewide transit association.

Please join us in welcoming Matt back to Yuba-Sutter Transit! His email address at matt@yubasuttertransit.com is already active and he can be reached by phone at (530) 634-6880 beginning July 17<sup>th</sup>.



### PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE SACRAMENTO PASSENGERS BEING SURVEYED FOR SERVICE RESET

Past, present, and possible future Sacramento passengers are now being surveyed as planning for the reset of Yuba-Sutter Transit's Sacramento Commuter and Midday services gets underway. This process will result in specific service and schedule recommendations that will be the subject of a public hearing to be held as part of a special evening meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21st.

The survey is designed to gain a better understanding of how our Sacramento services are currently being used and how those services might be tailored to best serve passengers in the future. More than three years since the start of the pandemic, Sacramento ridership is averaging only about 25% of the pre-COVID level. As a result, the emergency May 2020 suspension of six commuter trips (three AM and three PM) are expected to be made permanent, further schedule reductions are being considered, and the remaining schedules will be reset to reimagine the service to better reflect the new post-pandemic "normal".

The survey link below has been emailed to Yuba-Sutter Transit's extensive database of past and present Sacramento passengers, but anyone with an interest in the service is invited to participate.

#### https://www.survevmonkev.com/r/8PXK53J

The link will be open through Sunday, July 16th. The results will be used to develop a draft service plan for public review and comment. The final draft service plan will be the subject of the September public hearing with any resulting service and policy changes expected to be effective in November.

Please contact Adam Hansen, Planning Manager, at (530) 634-6880 or at adam@yubasuttertransit.com if you have any questions.



### **CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS**

Connect Cards may 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.

- Sutter County Library Yuba City (530) 822-7137 Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Friday & Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm [Cash or Check Only]
- 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
   Monday Thursday, 9:00 am 3:00 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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