



GET PEDALING FOR BIKE MONTH

May is here and so is the Sacramento region’s annual **May is Bike Month** campaign. Take advantage of the spring weather and longer days and join your friends, neighbors, and co-workers in bicycling to work, school, errands, or just for recreation this month. This is the 15th year that people throughout the Sacramento region are working together to opt for their bike pedals over the gas pedal, get some fresh air and exercise, and take cars off the road for all kinds of trips.

Biking benefits your personal health while promoting healthy communities as a whole! Pedaling helps riders avoid traffic congestion, saves money on gas and helps reduce air pollution. It is also really good for your heart and soul! Even a few short trips per week add up over time to make a big difference for both you and the environment.

So, whether you’re an avid bicycle commuter, a once-in-a-while bicycle errand runner or you just want to give this whole biking thing a try, go to www.MayisBikeMonth.com today to sign up. You can participate in the fun by pledging trips and miles then ride your bike for any reason and log those trips and miles on the website to earn virtual badges and a chance to win prizes.

Throughout the month, there will be weekly prize drawings; individual, group and employer challenges; rallies; awards; safety clinics and organized rides. Check the website for more information about events, a bicycle trip planner, and safety information for kids and adults. Or you can “Like” May is Bike Month on Facebook to get event notices, post photos and receive bike-related updates.

Of course, Yuba-Sutter Transit makes “May is Bike Month” even easier with bike racks on every bus and bike lockers at four of our local park & ride locations. See the accompanying story for more information.

BIKE PROGRAM POLICIES

All Yuba-Sutter Transit buses are equipped with two or three position bike racks for use on a first-come, first-served basis at no additional cost. No permit is required and there are no time or stop restrictions, but passengers are required to load, secure and unload their own bike. Mopeds, motorized bikes and bikes with non-standard wheel and frame sizes that do not fit securely on the rack are not permitted.

Bikes are not allowed inside local fixed route or commuter buses unless it is the last bus of the day or the bus has available underfloor storage space. This restriction does not apply to the rural route or Dial-A-Ride services where bikes are allowed inside if space permits.

If you prefer to leave your bike behind, space is available in Yuba-Sutter Transit bike lockers at three of our Park & Ride Lots though availability varies by location. Lockers are available with specific use limitations for \$5 per month (three month minimum) or \$50 a year plus a \$25 refundable key/security deposit.

For the occasional rider, an on-demand, two-position bicycle security and storage pod called a “BikeLid” is located at the Yuba County Government Center. It is available free of charge on a first come, first served basis using your own lock. It doesn’t get much easier than that!

For more information, check out our new Bikes and Buses link at www.yubasuttertransit.com/bikes-and-buses or contact Amy White at (530) 634-6880 or at amy@yubasuttertransit.com.



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, May 28th. Enjoy the holiday, but please take time to remember and honor those who gave their all in service to our country. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.



FARE & FARE POLICY CHANGES APPROVED FOR JULY 1ST IMPLEMENTATION

Following a public hearing at their April 18th meeting, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors approved a number of fare increases and fare policy changes. The new fare structure that will become effective on Monday, July 1, 2019 is now posted at www.yubasuttertransit.com and new service brochures reflecting these changes will be available on all buses by mid-June.

The basic cash fare on the local fixed route service will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per trip and the discount cash fare for eligible seniors, youth and persons with disabilities will increase from \$0.50 to \$0.75 per trip. The daily cap, which is available only with a Connect Card, will remain the same at \$3.00 and \$1.50 respectively and the cost of all local fixed route monthly passes will also be unchanged.

Dial-A-Ride fares will increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per trip for all eligible passengers. The basic fare for the weekday evening Dial-A-Ride service will increase from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per trip and the discount fare will increase from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per trip. Monthly passes are not accepted and the daily cap does not apply to the Dial-A-Ride service.

The basic cash fare on all three rural routes will increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per trip and the discount cash fare will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per trip. The basic local fixed route monthly passes will now be accepted on any rural route along with all discount monthly passes, but the daily cap will still not apply.

The cost of a monthly Sacramento Commuter pass will increase from \$128 to \$135 while the basic cash fare will increase from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per trip. The discount cash fare, which is only available on the Sacramento Midday schedules will increase from \$2.00 to \$2.25 per trip. There is no discount monthly pass on the Sacramento services.

With no proposed increase in the local monthly pass or daily cap rates and the ability to use all local monthly passes (both general and discount) on rural routes, most passengers will either see no fare increase or be able to significantly mitigate any increase by changing their fare media from cash to pass or from currency to cash value on a Connect Card. In addition, even with these changes our cash fares will still be among the lowest in the region while monthly pass rates will continue to be the region's best value by far.

Call (530) 634-6880 or email info@yubasuttertransit.com for more information.

JUNE BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

The regular June meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors has been rescheduled from June 20th to June 13th. Unless otherwise noticed, Board meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Yuba County Government Center located at 915 8th Street in Marysville.

The agency is governed by an eight member Board of Directors of two council members or county supervisors from each of the four member jurisdictions – Marysville, Yuba City, Sutter County and Yuba County. Meetings are open to the public and public input is accepted on all agenda items. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.



CONNECT CARD OUTLETS

Connect Cards can be loaded at the following local sales outlets and on the Connect Card website. Cards can hold up to \$360 in cash value and/or passes for up to three months. Check with each location for current business hours as they may change without notice.

- **Bel Air Market – Yuba City – (530) 755-3991**
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- **Sutter County Library – Yuba City – (530) 822-7137**
[Cash or Check Only]
- **Yuba County Library – Marysville – (530) 749-7380**
[Cash, Credit or Debit – Fee Applied for Credit/Debit]
- **Yuba College Bookstore – Linda – (530) 741-6998**
[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]

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 office in Marysville. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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