

# Yuba-Sutter Transit Newsletter

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## TEMPORARY & LONG-TERM SACRAMENTO CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

Nicolaus Road west of East Nicolaus will be closed from Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> for work related to the construction of the new Highway 70 & Nicolaus Road interchange. All morning and afternoon Highway 70 Sacramento schedules will continue unchanged and Palm Street both north and south of Nicolaus Road will remain available for parking, but the following temporary and long-term changes will become effective Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

During the one week closure of Nicolaus Road, the 2nd Midday schedule that departs downtown Sacramento at 12:15 p.m. will not stop in East Nicolaus, but will instead remain on Highway 99 to Yuba City and Marysville. Regular northbound 2nd Midday service to East Nicolaus will resume on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Starting Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in response to current ridership patterns, the two existing afternoon supplemental commuter buses will no longer serve both East Nicolaus and Highway 99. They will instead continue northbound on Highway 70 to Marysville serving East Nicolaus, the McGowan Park & Ride and the Yuba County Government Center. The first afternoon supplemental bus will still begin service downtown at 3:55 p.m. ten minutes ahead of the 1st PM Highway 70 schedule and the second supplemental bus will begin service at 4:25 p.m. ten minutes ahead of the 2nd PM Highway 70 schedule.

Both afternoon supplemental buses are scheduled to operate Monday through Thursday. The morning supplemental bus that currently provides additional capacity for the 3<sup>rd</sup> AM Highway 70 schedule from East Nicolaus will continue to operate unchanged Tuesday through Thursday. Supplemental service is not operated on Fridays or during holiday periods.

The operation of supplemental service depends on the availability of both equipment and personnel and schedules are subject to change without notice in response to changing ridership patterns. For these reasons, if the supplemental bus does not show up before the arrival of the regularly scheduled bus, it is likely that a supplemental bus is not operating that day.

Call 530-742-2877 (511 toll-free) for more information.

## PLUMAS LAKE PARK & RIDE WILL SOON BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The long-awaited direct Plumas Lake connection to Yuba-Sutter Transit's Sacramento Commuter and Midday services is expected to soon be under construction! Like the recently opened McGowan Park & Ride Lot in Olivehurst, this new facility will be owned and operated by Yuba County. Based on the current schedule, construction is set to begin in May and the facility should be open for service by September.

The new facility will be constructed on the east side of Highway 70 where Feather River Boulevard connects with Chalice Creek Drive. The park & ride will be constructed in two phases in coordination with the future Highway 70 and Feather River Boulevard interchange. The first phase will be constructed this summer and the lot will later be expanded when the interchange is complete. The second phase will make use of the space now used by the temporary Feather River Boulevard extension for additional on-site parking and circulation.

Yuba-Sutter Transit's eight weekday Sacramento Commuter and Midday schedules that now use Highway 70 to and from Sacramento will be modified to include the new stop, but that process will not begin until this summer when the project completion date is more certain. The existing East Nicolaus stop will continue to be used after the new park and ride opens, but it is likely to be eliminated when the Highway 70 bypass of East Nicolaus is completed.

Contact Keith Martin ([keith\\_martin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keith_martin@sbcglobal.net)) at 530-634-6880 for more information.

## SACRAMENTO COMMUTER E-MAIL ADDRESS LIST

Now would be a great time to remind you that we maintain a database of well over 400 e-mail addresses for service and program updates on our Sacramento Commuter and Midday Express services. If you have not received an e-mail from us in awhile, you are not on this list!

To be added, send your name and preferred e-mail address(es) to Keith Martin at [keith\\_martin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keith_martin@sbcglobal.net).

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## REPLACEMENT DIAL-A-RIDE BUSES ORDERED

The Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors recently authorized the purchase of ten new 16 passenger buses to replace ten 1999 model 19 passenger buses. Like the buses being replaced, the new buses will be used primarily in Dial-A-Ride service, but they will also be used on rural routes; to back-up the local fixed route system; and, for supplemental Sacramento service as necessary.

The new buses will be similar in appearance to the last small buses that were purchased in 2003 as both are the same model bus manufactured by Starcraft Bus. They will, however, be the first to be constructed on a new Chevrolet chassis with state-of-the-art diesel emission controls and our first small bus to feature electronic front and side destination signs for improved visibility on the street.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

## RIDE THE BUS ON YOUR NEXT TRIP TO SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

One of the most frequently asked questions when we make a presentation to a service club or community organization is, "Does Yuba-Sutter Transit offer service to the airport?" While Yuba-Sutter Transit does not offer service to the airport, you can get there on a transit bus – actually on two transit buses.

Since 1997, the Yolo County Transportation District (known as Yolobus) has offered hourly bus service between downtown Sacramento and both passenger terminals at the Sacramento International Airport. The Yolobus service, combined with Yuba-Sutter Transit's 21 weekday schedules between Marysville/Yuba City and downtown Sacramento, is a low cost and convenient alternative to airport shuttle services.

Yolobus Route 42B departs for the airport from L & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets in downtown Sacramento every hour each weekday from 5:08 a.m. to 10:08 p.m. and the trip takes about 15 minutes. Reverse Yolobus service from the airport to downtown Sacramento is provided by Route 42A during similar hours of operation.

Yuba-Sutter Transit passengers traveling to the airport would get off our bus at either J & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets or J & 8<sup>th</sup> Streets and walk two blocks south to L Street. They could arrive at the airport via downtown Sacramento and Yolobus as early as 7:22 a.m. and leave the airport as late as 4:21 p.m. for a maximum fare of just \$5.50 each way. This combined service option is only available on weekdays since Yuba-Sutter Transit does not offer weekend service to Sacramento.

For more information or a brochure on the Yolobus service, call 800-371-2877 or check on-line at [www.yolobus.com](http://www.yolobus.com). For more information or a brochure on Yuba-Sutter Transit's service to Sacramento, call 530-634-6880 or check on-line at [www.yubasuttertransit.com](http://www.yubasuttertransit.com).

## SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP SET FOR MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

The Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors has set a special meeting for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in Conference Room #2 of the Yuba County Government Center located at 915 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Marysville. The meeting will include a detailed workshop on the draft operating and capital budget for FY 2009-2010.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

## BUS PASSES & TICKET BOOKS

Monthly passes and discount ticket books are sold at the following locations. Please note that some outlets do not carry all media and monthly passes are available only from the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month until the 7<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Passes are also available throughout the month during normal business hours in the Yuba-Sutter Transit office at 2100 B Street in Marysville. All passes and tickets are also available by mail.

1. Bel Air Market Customer Service Center – **Yuba City**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento  
Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
2. Yuba Sutter Mall Service Counter – **Yuba City**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento  
Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
3. Walmart Register 18 Service Counter – **Linda**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento  
Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
4. Yuba College Cashier's Office – **Linda**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes
5. Yuba-Sutter Transit Office – **Marysville**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento  
Commuter Passes & Punch Cards / Single Ride Tickets  
for All Services

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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