

Yuba-Sutter Transit Newsletter

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LOCAL ROUTE & SCHEDULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH

NEW RIDE GUIDES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

A number of local bus route, schedule and stop changes will become effective on Monday, January 5th. New Ride Guides are now available on all fixed route buses so ask your driver for a copy or call 742-2877 to request a copy by mail.

The most significant fixed route service change will be the operation of half hour weekday service on Route 2. The increase in service frequency, doubling of seating capacity and resulting on-time performance improvements are all expected to increase Route 2 ridership still higher as it did when Routes 1 and 3 were converted to half hour service in 2001.

The only route and stop changes will occur on Route 5 which will be modified in south Yuba City to reduce the length of the longest of the six local routes. The mainly two-way existing route south of Lincoln Road will be changed to a large clockwise one-way loop on Lincoln Road, Garden Highway, Bogue Road, Sanborn Road, Pebble Beach Drive and Walton Avenue. These changes will add three new stops on Lincoln Road between Walton and Railroad Avenues and a stop right next to the new Cinemark movie complex on Onstott Road.

Schedule adjustments include a 13 minute change in Route 3 schedules to depart Yuba College at 15 minutes and 45 minutes after each hour. This change will improve transfers between Routes 1 and 3 at the North Beale Transit Center and better space buses on North Beale Road. Because of the Route 3 change, Route 6 schedules are also being adjusted by 12 minutes to depart Yuba College at 50 minutes past the hour to retain timed transfers with Routes 1 and 3 at Yuba College.

To go along with our new fixed route buses, we have significantly upgraded our service brochures as well – for the first time in 16 years! Our new full color service brochures are easier to read than ever and the Ride Guide even includes a lengthy Spanish translation.

Call 742-2877 for more information or check out our website at www.yubasuttertransit.com which will soon be updated with the new route and schedule information.

[See the related article on the back regarding changes to the Live Oak, Wheatland and Yuba County Foothill Routes that will also become effective January 5th.]

SECOND REMINDER: HUNDREDS OF PHOTO I.D. CARDS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31ST

Do you have a discount photo identification (I.D.) card? Does it have an expiration date of December 31, 2008? If so, you need to start thinking about getting it replaced right away. Reminder notices have been sent to the last known address for all holders of expiring cards.

Photo I.D. cards are issued to qualified seniors (age 62 and over) and persons with disabilities as proof of eligibility for Dial-A-Ride service and any applicable discount fares. These \$5 cards are valid for at least three years and new cards are free when exchanged for an expiring card. Hundreds of these cards will expire on December 31st and will not be accepted after a one month grace period, but don't delay – get your new card right away!

Photo I.D. cards are available only at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office at 2100 B Street in Marysville from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each weekday.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All of us at Yuba-Sutter Transit wish you and yours a joyous Christmas and New Year's holiday season. Please pay special attention to the following holiday service and office schedules. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

- No service will be operated and the Administrative Office will be closed on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th and on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st.
- The Administrative Office will also be closed on the day after Christmas, Friday, December 26th so please plan for your purchase of passes and tickets accordingly.
- Depending on ridership levels, supplemental Sacramento service may be reduced or eliminated during the two week holiday period.
- All service will operate as scheduled on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th and on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st.

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RURAL ROUTE SCHEDULE, STOP AND POLICY CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5TH

On Monday, January 5th, Yuba-Sutter Transit's three rural routes will begin to see a number of route, stop and policy changes. New full-color individual route brochures are now available on all Dial-A-Ride and rural route buses. Ask your driver for a new brochure for your service today or call 742-2877 to receive one by mail.

Starting January 5th, the Live Oak Route will be expanded from one to two round trips each service day (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) with all new schedules to allow half-day or full-day trips to and from Yuba City and Marysville. A new stop at the Alturas & Shasta Terminal in Yuba City will provide better connections to the local fixed routes and the new schedules will even allow for same day service all the way to Sacramento.

Starting January 6th, the Foothill Route will be streamlined to speed travel and eliminate the need for advance reservations. The new route will have scheduled stops in Brownsville, Oregon House, Willow Glen and Loma Rica though service at other locations along the route will still be available by appointment. The existing Foothill schedules will be adjusted to provide better connections to other routes including service to Sacramento. Service to Challenge, Dobbins, Browns Valley and District 10 will be eliminated.

Also starting January 6th, the morning and afternoon schedules for the Wheatland Route will be adjusted slightly to regain a connection with the Sacramento service that was lost December 1st when those schedules were changed. As a result, the first Wheatland schedule will start 20 minutes earlier and the third schedule will start 10 minutes later.

Call 742-2877 for more information.

SACRAMENTO NOTES: McGOWAN PARK & RIDE OPEN/ JANUARY RT FARE INCREASE

The McGowan Park & Ride Lot between Highway 70 and Powerline Road in Olivehurst now offers Yuba-Sutter Transit service to downtown Sacramento. With this change, Yuba-Sutter Transit's Sacramento Commuter and Midday Express schedules no longer stop at the North Beale Transit Center.

Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) fares are going up January 1st. As a result, the cost for a combined pass for use on both Yuba-Sutter Transit and RT has increased from \$154.50 to \$162. For those who use RT only occasionally, the RT cash fare will increase as well from \$2.00 to \$2.25.

New full-color Sacramento Commuter & Midday Express brochures with the new pass price are now available on all buses or call 530-634-6880 to receive one by mail.

\$5 MONTHLY YOUTH BUS PASS PROGRAM EXTENDED FOR 2009

The Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) Board of Directors recently extended Yuba-Sutter Transit's enormously popular Discount Monthly Youth Pass Program through December 2009 with a new \$60,000 grant.

The regular \$15 unlimited use monthly local fixed route youth (ages 5 – 18) pass has been offered since September 2005 at a greatly reduced price of just \$5 using FRAQMD grants to offset the lost revenue. The monthly bus pass offers unlimited use of the local fixed route system for one calendar month.

Since the program began, monthly youth pass sales have increased by 463 percent; youth pass ridership has increased by 202 percent; and, total fixed route ridership has increased by 40 percent comparing the last three months to the same period in 2004. In the last year alone, youth pass sales are up over 25 percent and youth pass ridership is up over 30 percent so the program is still growing.

Discount youth passes are available at any of Yuba-Sutter Transit's pass sales outlets from the 24th of each month through the 7th of the following month. Passes are also available by mail or at the Yuba-Sutter Transit office all month long.

BUS PASSES & TICKET BOOKS

Monthly passes and discount ticket books are sold at the following locations. Some outlets do not carry all media and monthly passes are available from the 24th of the month until the 7th 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
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