

Yuba-Sutter Transit Newsletter

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SACRAMENTO FARE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST

After a public hearing during a special night meeting on May 20th, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors approved an increase in the Sacramento Commuter and Midday Express fare structure that will become effective on July 1, 2010.

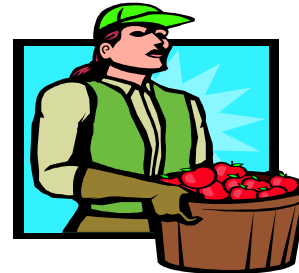
The monthly commuter pass will increase from \$112 to \$128. The combined monthly pass for both Yuba-Sutter Transit and the Sacramento Regional Transit District will increase from \$162 to \$178. The one-way cash fare will increase from \$3.50 to \$4.00 for both the Sacramento Commuter and Midday schedules. The discount cash fare for seniors (62 and over), persons with disabilities and youth (ages 5 – 12), which is available only on the Sacramento Midday service, will increase from \$1.75 to \$2.00.

The cost of the 20-ride punch card will increase from \$70 to \$80 commensurate with this fare increase. New \$80 cards will soon be available for sale only from the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office. By June 24th, they will be stocked in all sales outlets and the \$70 cards will no longer be sold. Beginning July 1st, an additional \$0.50 cash fare will be required with each use of the existing \$70 punch cards.

Just as we have done for past fare increases, new or partially used \$70 punch cards can be exchanged for like-value in new \$80 punch cards, monthly passes or tickets only at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office (by mail or in person). **The \$70 punch cards will not be accepted or exchanged after December 31, 2010.**

Sacramento fares were last increased in July 2007. Since that time, Yuba-Sutter Transit added two new morning and two new afternoon schedules in September 2007; operated as many as four supplemental buses each weekday (Monday – Thursday) for additional seating capacity; added three new tour-style, high capacity commuter buses in May; and, programmed the delivery of another three of the same model buses for delivery in FY 2012.

For information regarding your fare payment options, contact Sandra Anderson by e-mail at anderson.ysta@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (530) 634-6880.



FRIDAY NIGHT MARKET TO SHIFT AFTERNOON SERVICE ON D STREET IN MARYSVILLE

MAY 21st – SEPTEMBER 10th

Marysville's Friday Night Market has begun a second year on D Street in downtown Marysville. The market will now be open every Friday evening through September 10th from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. For each of these weekly events, D Street between 1st and 3rd Streets will be closed to all traffic.

The closure of D Street each Friday afternoon at around 3:00 p.m. to set up for the market will impact the Yuba-Sutter Transit stop at D and Second Streets. During street closures, Routes 1 and 4 will use the former Mervyn's parking lot. Passengers will be picked-up and dropped off on the east side of the now vacant building.

Contact Keith Martin or Dawna Dutra at (530) 634-6880 for more information.



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st, 2010 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, June 1st.

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LIMITED REVERSE COMMUTE SERVICE TO CALTRANS IN MARYSVILLE APPROVED

Minor changes have been approved for Yuba-Sutter Transit's Sacramento Commuter service to enhance commute options from Sacramento for those who work for Caltrans in Marysville. Effective July 1st, direct service will be provided between downtown Sacramento and the Caltrans District 3 headquarters building at 703 B Street in Marysville each weekday morning and afternoon.

Caltrans has for some time been consolidating District 3 employees in their new Marysville building with many of these being transferred from offices in Sacramento. Another 180 are scheduled to be transferred from offices in South Natomas to Marysville in June and July. Since February, Caltrans has been working with Yuba-Sutter Transit to try to improve the limited transit options for these employees through minor schedule changes and the establishment of a North Natomas bus stop to pick-up these reverse commuters.

Despite considerable effort, Yuba-Sutter Transit has not yet been able to secure property owner permission to use any of the suitable sites for a North Natomas park and ride lot. While these efforts continue, passengers using this new option will now have to board the bus in the morning and get off the bus in the afternoon at one of Yuba-Sutter Transit's eight regular stops in downtown Sacramento.

Each weekday morning, the 1st AM Highway 99 bus will stop at the Caltrans building in Marysville around 7:15 – 7:20 a.m. In the afternoon, the 6th PM 99 bus will begin service at the same Caltrans stop at 4:15 p.m. before continuing to the Yuba County Government Center for the regularly scheduled 4:20 p.m. departure to downtown Sacramento. This will allow for a 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. work shift.

Due to the absence of a new stop in Sacramento, no changes to the existing 1st AM 99 and 6th PM 99 schedules are necessary so regular peak-direction passengers on these schedules will not notice any difference in service. In addition, should adequate ridership not materialize for this new service option, such service is subject to change without notice.

For more information, please contact Keith Martin at (530) 634-6880 (keith_martin@sbcglobal.net).

CUSTOMER SERVICE COUNTER OFFICE HOURS

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 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **The office is closed for lunch except by special appointment** so please plan your visit accordingly to avoid any unnecessary inconvenience.

YUBA COLLEGE BUS STOP SHIFTING TO THE FRONT OF CAMPUS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST

To make way for construction in the east parking lot, Yuba-Sutter Transit's Yuba College terminal on the Linda campus will soon be on the move! Over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, the existing shelters and benches will be moved to the front of the campus near Building 100B where they will remain until a new terminal is constructed on Butte Street near the existing terminal site.

Effective Tuesday, June 1st, all Yuba-Sutter Transit buses serving Yuba College (Routes 1, 3 and 6) will shift to the new terminal location. Please make special note that the traffic pattern in front of the administration buildings will be reversed as part of this project. Buses will then enter the campus from the signalized intersection at North Beale Road and Linda Avenue and they will leave the site at the intersection of Sutter Street and North Beale Road as they do now.

Contact Keith Martin at (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 that 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.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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. Yuba College Bookstore – **Linda**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
4. Yuba-Sutter Transit Office – **Marysville**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards / Single Ride Tickets for All Services

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