

Yuba-Sutter Transit Newsletter

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PLUMAS STREETSCAPE PROJECT REQUIRES ROUTE 1 DETOUR AT CHURCH STREET

Just in case you haven't noticed, Plumas Street is undergoing an extreme makeover in downtown Yuba City! As a result, Yuba-Sutter Transit's local fixed route service on Plumas Street between Colusa Highway and Bridge Street has been disrupted.

Since July 2007, Route 2 has been operating on Shasta Street between Colusa Highway and B Street and the regular Route 2 bus stops on Plumas Street at both Bridge Street and Church Street have been combined into one bus stop in each direction on Shasta Street at Teegarden Avenue.

During the second phase of the project, Route 1 will be affected as well. Effective Monday, February 25th, the bus stops that served Route 1 in both directions on Plumas Street were moved due to the closure of Plumas Street south of Church Street. The new stops will be nearby on Church Street between Walnut Street and Plumas Street.

No other Route 1 stops will be affected at this time and Route 2 will continue to operate on Shasta Street during this phase of the project. Further detours and stop changes are expected when the third and final phase begins later this summer.

The Plumas Streetscape Project will result in a dramatic transformation of downtown Yuba City and public transit is being well accommodated in the design. While construction is underway, all Plumas Street businesses are open and your patronage is welcome.

For updates on the Plumas Streetscape Project, check the city website at www.yubacity.net or call Judy Sanchez at the Downtown Business Association at 755-1620.

BOARD MEETING TIME & DATE CHANGES THIS SPRING

Regular public meetings of the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Yuba County Government Center at 915 8th Street in Marysville unless otherwise noticed. The scheduled time of these regular meetings and the actual dates for the April and May meetings were recently changed.

The regular meeting time has been changed from 4:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the April and May meetings have been moved to the fourth Thursday of those months. Special night meetings will continue to be held as necessary when an item of specific interest to out-of-area commuters is to be considered.

For easy reference, the dates and times for the next four regular meetings of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Thursday, March 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

CLEAN DIESEL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM EXPANDS

Yuba-Sutter Transit's project to reduce diesel fleet emissions to meet California standards got a recent boost with the retrofit of three 2001 model local fixed route buses and three 2002 model commuter buses with special emission filters. Look for the special bumper stickers on these clean diesel buses!

Thirteen Yuba-Sutter Transit buses are now equipped with clean diesel technology and twelve new buses will be added to the fleet later this summer to replace older diesel buses. As a result, Yuba-Sutter Transit is on track to reduce fleet emissions of diesel particulate matter by 80 percent and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) by nearly 50 percent by December 31, 2010.

HOLIDAY NOTE

All Yuba-Sutter Transit services will operate as scheduled on the Cesar Chavez Birthday Holiday, Monday, March 31st. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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ALL 2007 PHOTO I.D. CARDS ARE NO LONGER VALID

After a one month grace period that ended on January 31st, discount photo identification (I.D.) cards with an expiration date of **December 31, 2007** or earlier are no longer valid as proof of age or disability on any Yuba-Sutter Transit bus.

Yuba-Sutter Transit photo I.D. cards are issued to qualified seniors (age 62 and over) and persons with disabilities for proof of eligibility for our Dial-A-Ride service and any discount fares that may be available on other services. These \$5 cards are valid for up to three years.

Photo I.D. cards are available at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office at 2100 B Street in Marysville from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. each weekday. Discount photo I.D. card applications are available by mail or on-line at www.yubasuttertransit.com.

Call Rose Menefee at (530) 634-6880 for more information regarding eligibility requirements.

ANNUAL BOARD REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Have you ever wondered about the history of Yuba-Sutter Transit? How is it organized and who is in charge? What are the current issues that the organization is facing? Where does the agency see itself going in the future?

The answers to all of these questions and many more can be found in Yuba-Sutter Transit's Annual Board Report which is presented to the Board of Directors each year at their January meeting. The January 2008 version of that report is now posted on our website (www.yubasuttertransit.com) with a link right from our home page.

Specific sections of the report are dedicated to organizational history; performance indicators for our current services; administration and finance; major projects; and, current issues. Also included is a ten year fact sheet of major operational and financial data along with a list of major agency milestones over our nearly 33 year history.

The annual report provides an opportunity each year for the transit staff and board to reflect back on where the agency has come from; consider where we are now; and, look forward to where we might possibly go in the future. While this report is used primarily to brief new and continuing board members on agency issues prior to the next annual budget process, it also provides our passengers and other interested parties with valuable organizational information and insight as well.

Check it out today!

LOST ANYTHING LATELY?

It is amazing how much stuff passengers leave on the bus! Lunchboxes, umbrellas, backpacks, coats, textbooks, purses, groceries and bikes – you name it and we have probably had it in our “Lost & Found” collection at some time.

If you think you lost something on the bus, call our administrative office right away at (530) 634-6880. Found items are removed from buses at the end of each service day and brought into the office for safe keeping. Due to space constraints, found items are kept for no more than 60 days before being donated to a local thrift store of our choosing.

We are not responsible for what you leave behind when you leave the bus. Some lost items never find their way to us, but a lot does including wallets with cash, bus passes and gift cards. Check with us before you give up on your cell phone, sunglasses, etc. and call us as soon as you discover your loss for the best chance of recovery.

Call (530) 634-6880 for Lost & Found information.

BUS PASSES & TICKET BOOKS

Yuba-Sutter Transit's 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 24th of the month until the 7th of the following month.

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

All passes and tickets are also available by mail. Call Rose Menefee at (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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