

# Yuba-Sutter Transit Newsletter

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## DRAFT YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT PLAN NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT

The draft 2008 Yuba-Sutter Short Range Transit Plan is now available for public review and comment. Copies of the plan are in both county libraries and at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office for review during regular business hours. It is also posted online at [www.yubasuttertransit.com](http://www.yubasuttertransit.com).

The plan includes many operational, capital, management and financial recommendations believed necessary to effectively and efficiently meet current and future local transit service needs in a financially constrained environment over the next five to ten years. While the draft plan includes many other minor service and program initiatives designed to maintain and enhance the existing system, the major initiatives being proposed for consideration through 2013 include:

### Local Fixed Routes (January 2009)

- Half-hour weekday service frequency on Route 2
- Improve transfers between Routes 1 & 3 at the North Beale Transit Center
- Streamline Route 5 to improve on-time performance

### Dial-A-Ride

- Gradual increase in the number of service hours provided

### Sacramento

- Expand the number of schedules in response to demand
- Expand the Bogue Road Park & Ride
- Service to two new Yuba County park & ride lots

### Rural Routes

- Scheduled Foothill Route service
- Expansion of the Live Oak Route
- Expansion of the Wheatland Route
- Establish Plumas Lake Route in 2010

### Facilities

- More than double the design capacity of the existing facility in a two phase project in 2009 & 2010

Several fleet replacement and expansion projects necessary to provide for the service growth are planned. In the first five years, the plan assumes that the fleet would expand from 40 to 55 vehicles beginning this summer with the delivery of twelve new low floor, fixed route buses that are now on order to replace eight old buses. The next expansion is the planned delivery of three tour-style commuter buses in 2010.

In addition to these near term initiatives, other major initiatives being suggested for consideration for implementation after 2013 include half-hour service on Route 4; Sunday service; later evening fixed route service; and, service to Roseville.

The Yuba-Sutter Short Range Transit plan, last updated in 2003, is the local blueprint for transit operations and development. The listing of an alternative in the plan does not guarantee implementation nor does its rejection prevent future implementation. Each alternative must still be individually evaluated as appropriate prior to approval and implementation.

A special public workshop on the draft plan will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> (see story below) and adoption of the final plan is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON DRAFT TRANSIT PLAN

The public is invited to participate in a workshop on the draft 2008 Yuba-Sutter Short Range Transit Plan on Thursday, May 8, 2008. The workshop will be at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room #2 at the Yuba County Government Center at 915 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Marysville.

The draft plan, as it may be modified by direction given at the public workshop, is then scheduled for presentation at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. That meeting will be held in the Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers which is also located in the Yuba County Government Center in Marysville.

Copies of the draft transit plan are now available for review during regular business hours in both county libraries as well as at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office at 2100 B Street, Marysville, CA. It is also posted on-line in its entirety at [www.yubasuttertransit.com](http://www.yubasuttertransit.com).

## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2008 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

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## INTERSTATE 5 (I-5) "BOAT SECTION" PROJECT UPDATE

Caltrans recently released the planned closure schedule for the upcoming Interstate 5 (I-5) reconstruction project in downtown Sacramento. I-5 closures will now occur on just nine weekdays in each direction on an alternating schedule beginning May 30<sup>th</sup> and ending July 15<sup>th</sup>.

During weekday commute hours, northbound I-5 will be closed at Highway 50 from Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and from Friday, June 27, through Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Southbound I-5 will be closed at J Street from Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and from Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> through Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

The southbound I-5 exit to J Street will be open throughout the project allowing access to all regular Yuba-Sutter Transit stops except when the P Street on-ramp to I-5 is closed during northbound closures at which time our stop at P & 5<sup>th</sup> Street will be moved around the corner to 5<sup>th</sup> & P Street. This will be the case during the first closure beginning Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

No one can predict the traffic conditions that will result, but thankfully the first closure is in the northbound direction so we can get an idea of what to expect when the southbound closure impacts us more directly on June 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be monitoring conditions throughout the project to adjust and supplement our service when possible to the extent of our limited equipment and personnel capacity.

Get regular e-mail alerts from Caltrans by registering at the project website [www.fixi5.com](http://www.fixi5.com).

## McGOWAN AND HIGHWAY 70 PARK & RIDE LOT EXPECTED TO OPEN BY SEPTEMBER

The long-planned park and ride lot on the northeast corner of Power Line Road and McGowan Parkway near Highway 70 in Olivehurst is now expected to be open by September. It will be owned and operated by Yuba County using development impact fees.

Yuba-Sutter Transit will soon begin to evaluate route and schedule alternatives to incorporate this stop into the Sacramento Commuter and Midday service. While this 120 plus space facility was originally expected to simply replace the existing Sacramento stop at the North Beale Road Transit Center, passenger input will be solicited and a special night public hearing held before any final decision is made.

A second Yuba County park and ride lot is being planned near the intersection of Highway 70 and Feather River Boulevard in Plumas Lake, but that facility is not expected to be open before 2010 pending the construction of a new interchange at that location.

## TWO NEW PASS & TICKET OUTLETS IN LINDA AT WAL-MART AND J & J LIQUOR

Monthly fixed route and Sacramento passes; Sacramento punch cards; and, discount ticket books are now available at the Customer Service Counter inside the Wal-Mart Super Center at 1131 North Beale Road in Linda. The Customer Service Counter, which is located near the check stands, is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Discount ticket books and local fixed route monthly passes are also available at J & J Liquors, 1545 North Beale Road in Linda. J & J Liquors is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., seven days a week.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more 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 that monthly passes are available only from the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month until the 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Yuba Sutter Mall Service Counter – **Yuba City**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
3. Wal-Mart Customer Service Counter – **Linda**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards
4. J & J Liquor – **1545 North Beale Road, Linda**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes
5. Yuba College Cashier's Office – **Linda**  
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes
6. 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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