

# Yuba-Sutter Transit Newsletter

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## THE FIRST OF TWELVE NEW LOW-FLOOR FIXED ROUTE BUSES HAS ARRIVED

The first of twelve new local fixed route buses has arrived and more are on the way! The new buses will begin to be placed in service by the middle of November with all twelve expected to be in service by the end of December. The new buses will replace the last of eight 1995 model, 28 passenger buses.

The first expansion of the local fixed route fleet since 2001, this purchase will allow for the operation of half-hour weekday service on Route 2 and greatly reduce the use of Dial-A-Ride vehicles on the local fixed route system. Just replacing our worn out buses would be great, but these buses will completely change the look and feel of our local fixed route service!

The key feature of these modern, low-floor buses is the “no-step” entry that offers exceptional accessibility to all passengers using a simple ramp for wheelchair accessibility. The buses also feature padded and upholstered seats; plenty of handrails for standee safety; highly visible electronic destination signs front, side and back; three position bike racks; and, bright new colors and graphics inside and out.

## HUNDREDS OF PHOTO I.D. CARDS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>

Do you have a discount photo identification (I.D.) card? Does it have an expiration date of December 31, 2008? If so, it is time to start thinking about getting it replaced. Reminder notices were sent in October 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## ANNUAL UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS HEARINGS SET

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has scheduled two Unmet Transit Needs Hearings for December including a night meeting. Comments are welcome at both hearings on transit needs that may exist anywhere in the Yuba-Sutter area regardless of the hearing location.

All comments will be evaluated to determine if there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. These hearings are used to make findings for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2009. The dates, times and locations for the hearings are as follows.

### Monday, December 15, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Yuba City Council Chambers  
1201 Civic Center Boulevard  
Yuba City, California

### Tuesday, December 16, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.

Yuba County Government Center, Room 2  
915 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Marysville, California

You do not have to attend to comment, but written or verbal comments must be submitted by December 16<sup>th</sup> to be considered at the hearings. Comments can be submitted to SACOG by mail to 1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814; by phone to (916) 340-6275; by TTY to (916) 321-9550; by FAX to (916) 321-9551; or, by e-mail to [transit\\_needs@sacog.org](mailto:transit_needs@sacog.org).

## NOVEMBER HOLIDAY SERVICE & OFFICE SCHEDULE

- Sacramento Commuter and Midday routes will not be operated on Veteran's Day, **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** or on the day after Thanksgiving, **Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**, but all other services will operate as scheduled on those days.
- No service will be provided on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- The Administrative Office will be closed on **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**, so please plan for your purchase of passes and tickets accordingly.

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## JANUARY LOCAL AND RURAL ROUTE CHANGES APPROVED

The Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors has approved a number of local and rural route service changes for implementation beginning Monday, January 5, 2009. The changes were approved as previously proposed except for a minor adjustment in the Route 5 changes in south Yuba City.

The most significant fixed route service change will be the implementation of half hour weekday service on Route 2. The increase in service frequency, added seating capacity and improved on-time performance is expected to result in a significant increase in ridership as it did when Routes 1 and 3 were converted to half hour service in 2001.

Route 5 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. A Route 5 stop will also be added at the new Movies 12 on Onstott Road.

A 13 minute adjustment of Route 3 schedules to depart Yuba College at 15 minutes and 45 minutes after each hour was also approved to improve transfers between Routes 1 and 3 at the North Beale Transit Center. With this schedule change, Route 6 will also be adjusted by 12 minutes to depart Yuba College at 50 minutes past the hour and retain timed transfers with Routes 1 and 3 at Yuba College.

The Live Oak Route will be expanded from one to two round trips each service day (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and the schedules set to allow for half-day or full-day trips to Yuba City and Marysville. The Foothill Route will also be modified to drop the advance reservation requirement; eliminate direct service to Challenge, Dobbins, Browns Valley and District 10; and, adjust the schedule for better connections to other routes including service to Sacramento.

All new brochures for the local fixed route service as well as for the Live Oak and Foothill Routes will be distributed in mid-December. Watch for details in the next newsletter or call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

## COMBINED COMMUTER PASS PRICE INCREASE IN JANUARY

Anyone who purchases a monthly Yuba-Sutter Transit commuter pass can purchase a monthly Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) pass for half price. The cost of the RT pass will increase in January 2009 from \$85 to \$100 so the cost of a combined pass for both systems will increase from \$154.50 to at least \$162 (\$112 for Yuba-Sutter Transit and \$50 for RT). However, RT has asked that our 1990 transfer agreement be renegotiated so this cost could be much higher still. Stay tuned for more information!

## HIGHWAY 70 SACRAMENTO SCHEDULES TO CHANGE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

The new McGowan Park & Ride Lot between Highway 70 and Powerline Road in Olivehurst is nearing completion and should be open by mid-November for carpool and vanpool use. Yuba-Sutter Transit service from the new facility is now scheduled to begin on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The new lot will replace the existing North Beale Road Transit Center stop in Linda on all Sacramento Commuter and Midday Express schedules that now make use of the North Beale Road stop. Minor time changes are also being made to reflect the change in travel times. The final plan to integrate the McGowan Park & Ride into our Sacramento service is now on-line at [www.yubasuttertransit.com](http://www.yubasuttertransit.com).

New Sacramento service brochures will be circulated when the implementation date is certain so watch for on-board and e-mail notices or call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

## 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 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. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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. 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

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