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PLUMAS STREET NOW REOPENED TO TRAFFIC WITH IMPROVED BUS STOPS

In case you haven't noticed, Plumas Street is once again fully open to traffic between Bridge Street and Colusa Highway after more than a year of undergoing an extreme makeover! As a result, Yuba-Sutter Transit's local fixed route service on Plumas Street between Colusa Highway and Bridge Street has resumed with completely remodeled Plumas Street bus stops at both Church and Bridge Streets.

To mark the completion of the Plumas Streetscape project and Yuba City's 100th anniversary, don't miss the Yuba City Centennial Celebration from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10th. The formal ribbon cutting will be held near Bridge Street at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Beale Air Force Base Color Guard and many others.

There will be entertainment throughout the evening as Plumas Street will be turned into an old fashioned street faire with strolling jugglers, stilt walkers, clowns and musicians with participation by Plumas Street merchants and the Farmer's Market for lots of family-friendly fun!

Bus service on Plumas Street will be disrupted for the event beginning at noon. Alternate stops for Route 1 will be at Olive and Church Streets and at Forbes Avenue and Orange Streets. Alternate stops for Route 2 will be at Shasta Street and Teegarden Avenue.

Happy Birthday, Yuba City!

PUBLIC HEARING SET ON PROPOSED JANUARY LOCAL AND RURAL ROUTE CHANGES

A public hearing on proposed local and rural service changes will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2008 in the Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 915 Eighth Street in Marysville. If approved as proposed, the service changes summarized below would become effective on Monday, January 5, 2009.

The most significant fixed route service change is the proposed 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.

Also proposed are significant changes to Route 5 in south Yuba City to reduce the length of the longest of the six local routes. As proposed, the mainly two-way existing route south of Lincoln Road would be changed to a large clockwise one-way loop on Lincoln Road, Garden Highway, Bogue Road, Germaine Drive, Pebble Beach Drive and Walton Avenue.

The proposals include a 13 minute adjustment of Route 3 schedules to depart Yuba College at 15 minutes and 45 minutes after each hour to improve transfers between Routes 1 and 3 at the North Beale Transit Center. To retain the existing timed transfers with Routes 1 and 3 at Yuba College following the proposed Route 3 schedule change, Route 6 schedules would be adjusted by 12 minutes to depart Yuba College at 50 minutes past the hour.

The Live Oak Route would be expanded from one to two round trips each service day (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and the schedules would be set to allow for half-day or full-day trips to Yuba City and Marysville. The Foothill Route would 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.

The hearing notice and draft service plan are now available for review and comment at www.yubasuttertransit.com or call (530) 634-6880 to receive a copy by mail. Testimony may be submitted verbally or in writing, before or at the hearing. All communication must be received either at or prior to the hearing to be considered.

Call Keith Martin at (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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McGOWAN PARK & RIDE SERVICE SET TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER



COMING SOON TO A STOP NEAR YOU – THE NEW LOOK OF YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT

The long-awaited delivery of the first of twelve new local fixed route buses should begin by early November with all to be delivered and in service by the end of December! These new buses will replace the last of our eight oldest buses and expand the fixed route fleet to allow for the operation of half-hour weekday service on Route 2. This is the first expansion of the local fixed route fleet since 2001.

The shadowy image shown above is a representation of the new buses that will replace the last of eight 1995 model, 28 passenger buses. Simply replacing those well-worn buses would be great, but the new buses will completely change the look and feel of our local fixed route service!

The purchase includes seven 30' and five 35' buses with seating capacities of 27 and 31, but nearly all comparisons with our existing buses end with their similar size as these buses will set a new standard for Yuba-Sutter Transit. The key feature of these modern, low-floor design 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; bright electronic destination signs front, side and back; three position bike racks; and, bright new colors and graphics inside and out. Also, with the completion of this purchase, the use of Dial-A-Ride buses in local fixed route service will be reduced significantly.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will be in full operation on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, 2008. Service will operate as scheduled except for the supplemental Sacramento buses which will not be provided on this date.

The new McGowan Park & Ride Lot between Highway 70 and Powerline Road in Olivehurst is nearing completion and should be open by late October for carpool and vanpool use. Yuba-Sutter Transit service from the new facility is now scheduled to begin on Monday, November 3rd.

The adopted service plan to integrate the McGowan Park & Ride lot is now posted on-line at www.yubasuttertransit.com. 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.

New Sacramento service brochures will be circulated in late October 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 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 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**
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