

# Yuba-Sutter Transit Newsletter

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## **PUBLIC HEARING SET ON PROPOSED JANUARY LOCAL AND RURAL ROUTE CHANGES**

The first service recommendations from the 2008 Yuba-Sutter Short Range Transit Plan are included in a draft service plan that is now available for public review and comment. If approved as proposed, the service changes summarized below would become effective on Monday, January 5, 2009.

### **Half-Hour Weekday Service on Route 2**

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. The pending delivery of twelve new buses to replace the last of the eight oldest buses and expand the local fixed route fleet will make this long anticipated service initiative possible.

### **Route 5 Modifications**

Significant changes to Route 5 in south Yuba City are being proposed to reduce the length of the longest of the six local routes. Due to its length, Route 5 buses regularly operate 10 or more minutes behind schedule resulting in missed transfers with other routes and higher operating costs due to the need for additional buses to keep the route on schedule.

As proposed, the mainly two-way existing route south of Lincoln Road would be changed to a large clockwise one-way loop using Lincoln Road, Garden Highway, Bogue Road, Germaine Drive, Pebble Beach Drive and Walton Avenue. This would eliminate all service west of Germaine Drive (including on Sanborn Road) and on Railroad Avenue.

### **Route 3 Schedule Adjustment**

Existing Route 3 schedules would be adjusted by 13 minutes to depart Yuba College at 15 minutes and 45 minutes after each hour to improve transfer opportunities between Routes 1 and 3 at the North Beale Transit Center. Other benefits of this change include better spacing of buses and distribution of passengers on North Beale Road between Feather River Boulevard and Yuba College; and, reduced bus congestion at the North Beale Transit Center. As proposed, the first Route 3 bus would arrive at Yuba College at 7:05 a.m. and the last bus would depart Yuba College at 6:15 p.m.

### **Minor Route 4B Schedule Adjustment**

The existing Route 4B schedules would be adjusted by just two minutes to better coordinate with the schedules for the routes that serve the North Beale Transit Center.

### **Route 6 Schedule Adjustment**

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. As a result, the first Route 6 bus would arrive at Yuba College at 6:45 a.m. and the last bus would depart Yuba College at 5:50 p.m.

### **Live Oak Route Expansion & Schedule Changes**

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. Live Oak buses would arrive in Marysville at 7:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. and depart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. each service day.

### **Foothill Route Stop, Schedule & Policy Changes**

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. Scheduled bus stops in Brownsville, Oregon House, Willow Glen and Loma Rica would allow passengers to catch the bus without reservation, but the bus would still stop at other locations along the route by reservation. As proposed, Foothill buses would arrive in Marysville at 7:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. and depart Marysville at 11:35 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. each service day (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

A public hearing on the draft plan 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. Testimony regarding the proposed changes may be submitted either verbally or in writing, before or at the public hearing. Written testimony can be provided by mail to Yuba-Sutter Transit at 2100 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901; by telephone at (530) 634-6880; by FAX at (530) 634-6888; or, by e-mail to [keith\\_martin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keith_martin@sbcglobal.net). All communication must be received either at or prior to the hearing to be considered.

The plan will soon be online at [www.yubasuttertransit.com](http://www.yubasuttertransit.com) or call (530) 634-6880 to receive a copy by mail.

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## **NEW MCGOWAN PARK & RIDE TO REPLACE NORTH BEALE STOP ON ALL SACRAMENTO SCHEDULES IN OCTOBER**

During a special night meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors approved a plan to integrate the new McGowan Parkway Park & Ride into the Sacramento Commuter and Midday service. The new service plan is now posted on-line at [www.yubasuttertransit.com](http://www.yubasuttertransit.com).

Now under construction between Highway 70 and Powerline Road in Olivehurst, the new lot will replace the existing North Beale Road Transit Center stop in Linda on those 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 new Sacramento service plan will become effective no earlier than Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> or shortly thereafter depending on the construction schedule. 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.

## **BOGUE ROAD PARK & RIDE EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE**

The much needed expansion of the Bogue Road Park & Ride lot on Highway 99 in south Yuba City got a huge boost with the recent approval of a cooperative agreement between Yuba-Sutter Transit and Caltrans. This agreement was necessary to transfer the federal and local funding that had been secured by Yuba-Sutter Transit for this project to Caltrans who will own and operate both the existing and the expanded facility.

This project will result in the expansion of the existing lot from 88 to approximately 150 parking spaces with enough additional land for an ultimate capacity of approximately 300 spaces in the future. The expanded facility is now expected to be open for service by the end of 2009.

## **SERVICE NOTES**

**SACRAMENTO COMMUTERS** – Some individuals suffer extreme allergic reactions from prolonged exposure to intense or excessive perfume and cologne fragrances. The long travel time and close quarters of a commuter bus can aggravate this condition so please respect the sensitivity of your fellow passengers by refraining from the use of such fragrances before boarding the bus.

**TRESPASSING & TRASH** – Please respect the property owners near our bus stops. Do not trespass for any reason and please use the trash cans either at the bus stop or on the bus for your garbage. We need your help to minimize conflicts with our bus stop neighbors or some stops may be eliminated.

## **PASS & TICKET SALES END AT J & J LIQUORS IN LINDA**

Effective immediately, J & J Liquors in Linda is no longer a Yuba-Sutter Transit sales outlet. All monthly fixed route and Sacramento passes; Sacramento punch cards; and, discount ticket books are still available in Linda at the Customer Service Counter inside the Wal-Mart Super Center on North Beale Road. Located near the check stands, the Customer Service Counter is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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. 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 from the Yuba-Sutter Transit office at 2100 B Street in Marysville.

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

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

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