

BARGAIN PRICED MONTHLY PASSES NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH, SENIORS & DISABLED

Accepted on All Local & Rural Routes

Yuba-Sutter Transit's wildly popular discount monthly bus pass program for area youth, seniors and persons with disabilities has been extended for another year with a new grant from the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD). This grant is sufficient to allow the cost of each discount monthly pass (regularly priced at \$15 a month) to be reduced to just \$5 a month for use as valid fare payment on all six local and three rural routes through December 2017.

This program began in September 2005 when the monthly local fixed route youth pass (for ages 5 – 18) was first offered for just \$5 using a FRAQMD grant to off-set the lost fare revenue. Additional FRAQMD funding over the years has allowed the program to expand to now offer the same deep discounts for monthly senior and disabled passes and all three discount monthly passes are now accepted on the three rural routes as well. Yuba-Sutter Transit expects to sell 14,000 discount monthly passes and provide a projected 350,000 passenger trips to discount monthly pass holders in 2017 which would be similar to the year-end figures for 2016.

Regular and discount passes are available at any Yuba-Sutter Transit pass sales outlet (see next page) from the 24th of each month through the 7th of the following month. Passes are also available by mail or at the Yuba-Sutter Transit office all month long.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

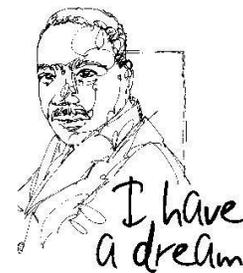
REGULAR COMMUTERS SAVE BIG BUCKS RIDING THE BUS

Did you overspend for Christmas? Not looking forward to opening your mail this month? Maybe you should ride the bus more often this year! According to the latest "Transit Savings Report" from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the average savings for a regular transit user is now \$9,712 a year (more than \$800 a month) even with relatively low fuel prices. How else could you so easily add almost ten grand a year to your household budget – tax free, no less?

This figure is based on commuting by public transportation compared to owning and driving a mid-sized vehicle at the December 21, 2016 national average gas price of \$2.25 per gallon (much higher locally) and the national average rate of \$166 per month for unreserved parking. While this report assumes an individual in a two-person household who takes public transportation and lives with one less car, you don't have to sell your car to still realize significant savings!

For those who commute to downtown Sacramento, parking typically costs more than the \$128 price of a monthly Yuba-Sutter Transit commuter bus pass. Combine that with the fuel savings; reduced wear and tear on both you and your car; and, any transit subsidy that you may get from your employer and you will save big – really big – by riding the bus.

Just how much can you save? Try the fuel savings calculator at www.publictransportation.org to estimate your own savings based on your commute distance; actual parking and fuel prices; the type of vehicle you drive; and, the average miles per gallon figure that you experience. One thing is certain – the more you ride, the more you save so try it today!



HOLIDAY SERVICE NOTE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in service and the Administrative Office will be closed on **Monday, January 16th** in observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**.



STILL LOOKING FOR LOCAL SOFT LAUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Yuba-Sutter Transit volunteers are still needed to test the new Connect Card system when we begin to transition to the new regional electronic fare payment system. This process started with a soft launch phase in mid-November at the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT). The other eight participating transit systems, including Yuba-Sutter Transit, will soon join the soft launch as early as the end of this month in advance of the expected full public system roll-out this spring.

Here's where you come in! We are still looking for volunteer Yuba-Sutter Transit passengers who use any of our services to test the Connect Card system during the soft launch period. We need regular transit riders just like you to use the system and provide feedback.

If you would like to participate, simply visit or click this link (connecttransitcard.com/softlaunch) and then follow the instructions or call the Regional Transit Customer Service Center at (916) 321-2877 to request information by mail. As a thank you, all Connect Card soft launch participants will be entered to win one of many \$20 Amazon gift cards.

Whether you participate in the soft launch or not, watch this newsletter for future Connect Card updates or contact Matt Mauk at matt@yubasuttertransit.com or (530) 634-6880 for more information. The Connect Card is coming!

EXPIRING DISCOUNT PHOTO ID CARDS EXTENDED ONE YEAR TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

If you have a valid discount photo identification (ID) card with an expiration date of December 31, 2016, please note that it will continue to be accepted by Yuba-Sutter Transit through December 2017. A letter with this same information was recently mailed to the last known address of those who were issued these 2016 cards.

This one time extension is prompted by the pending conversion to the new Connect Card electronic fare card system. When fully implemented, all discount ID card holders will be asked to exchange their current cards for a new discount Connect Card photo ID card. To keep 2016 card holders from having to come in twice in just a few months, all 2016 cards will continue to be accepted as usual by Yuba-Sutter Transit through 2017.

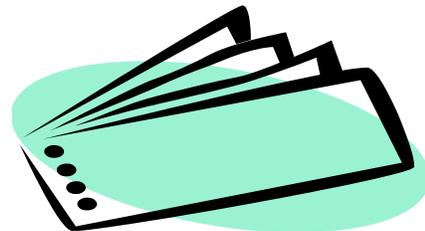
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TRANSIT BOARD MEETINGS

Yuba-Sutter Transit is governed by an eight member Board of Directors comprised of two council members or supervisors from each of the four member jurisdictions – Marysville, Yuba City, Sutter County and Yuba County. Unless otherwise noticed, Board meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Yuba County Government Center located at 915 8th Street in Marysville.

Meetings are open to the public and public input is always welcome whether the issue is on the agenda or not. Special night meetings are held as appropriate when an item of specific interest to out-of-area commuters is to be considered.

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BUS PASSES & TICKET BOOKS

Monthly passes, discount ticket books and Sacramento punch cards are available throughout the month during normal business hours and by mail in the Yuba-Sutter Transit office at 2100 B Street in Marysville.

- **Yuba-Sutter Transit Office – Marysville**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards / Single Ride Tickets for All Services [**Cash, Check, Credit or Debit**]

Fare products are also available in limited quantities at the following locations. Monthly passes are available in these outlets from the 24th of the month until the 7th of the following month. Ticket books and punch cards are available all month while supplies last. Check with each location to confirm store hours as they can change without notice.

- **Bel Air Market Customer Service Center – Yuba City**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards [**Cash or Check Only**]
- **Yuba College Bookstore – Linda**
Ticket Books / Monthly Fixed Route Passes / Sacramento Commuter Passes & Punch Cards [**Cash, Check, Credit or Debit**]

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