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TRANSIT FARES TO INCREASE JULY 1ST

April 22, 2019, Marysville, CA – Following a public hearing at their April 18th meeting, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors adopted a new systemwide fare structure that will become effective on Monday, July 1, 2019. The new structure will include fare increases and fare policy changes for all of Yuba-Sutter Transit’s local, rural and intercity commuter services. While cash fares will increase on all services, most passengers will be able to avoid or substantially lessen the impact of these increases by changing fare media from cash to pass or by taking advantage of the local fixed route daily cap by placing cash value on a Connect Card electronic fare card.

The new fare structure is shown below for each service and fare category. The current fare for each is shown in parenthesis.

<u>Cash Fares</u>	<u>Basic</u>	<u>Discount*</u>	<u>Daily Cap*</u>
Local Fixed Routes	\$1.50 (\$1.00)	\$0.75 (\$0.50)	\$3.00 (\$3.00)
Dial-A-Ride (DAR)	Not Available	\$3.00 (\$2.00)	Not Available
Weekday Evening DAR	\$4.00 (\$3.00)	\$2.00 (\$1.50)	Not Available
Sacramento Commuter	\$4.50 (\$4.00)	Not Available	Not Available
Sacramento Midday	\$4.50 (\$4.00)	\$2.25 (\$2.00)	Not Available
Rural Routes	\$3.00 (\$2.00)	\$1.50 (\$1.00)	Not Available
<u>Monthly Pass Fares*</u>	<u>Basic</u>	<u>Discount*</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Local Fixed Routes	\$30 (\$30)	\$15 (\$15)	Discount Pass \$5 thru 3/2020
Dial-A-Ride (DAR)	Not Available	Not Available	
Weekday Evening DAR	Not Available	Not Available	
Sacramento Commuter	\$135 (\$128)	Not Available	15 Day Break Even Basis
Sacramento Midday	\$135 (\$128)	Not Available	15 Day Break Even Basis
Rural Routes	\$30 (All New)	\$15 (\$15)	New General Pass Eligibility

* Discount fares are available where applicable to eligible seniors (age 65 and over), youth (age 5 – 18) or persons with disabilities. The local fixed route daily cap and all monthly passes are available only with a Connect Card electronic fare card.

The purpose of the increase is to help assure that Yuba-Sutter Transit will continue to meet minimum state requirements for the percentage of operating costs that must be recovered from passenger fares. Local fixed route cash fares have been unchanged since 1993, Dial-A-Ride fares were last increased in 2004 and Sacramento fares were last increased in 2010. Even with the increase, Yuba-Sutter Transit's local cash fares will still be among the lowest in the region while the cost of monthly passes will easily remain the lowest in the region. At the same time, a number of recent and pending fleet, service, and program improvements will further enhance these services including the replacement and upgrade of more than half the fleet from July 2018 through December 2019; the recent addition of free on-board Wi-Fi service for the local fixed route and Sacramento services; the pending introduction of a systemwide passenger friendly automatic vehicle location system; and, a host of bus stop enhancements early this summer.

New service brochures reflecting the new fare structure will be available in June. Contact Yuba-Sutter Transit at info@yubasuttertransit.com or at (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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