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## FINAL DRAFT PLAN NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT

#### Public Presentation at Board Meeting on May 18<sup>TH</sup>

After nearly a year of analysis, study and the gathering of public input, the Final Draft Yuba-Sutter NextGen Transit Plan is now available for public review and comment. An Executive Summary along with the entire document and related support materials have been posted to the project website at <a href="https://www.yubasutternextgen.com">www.yubasutternextgen.com</a> where comments can be submitted.

The Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors is scheduled to consider adoption of the plan at their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at which time a final public input opportunity will be provided. That meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Yuba County Government Center at 915 Eighth Street in Marysville.

The most significant of the plan recommendations is the proposed replacement of Routes 2, 4, 5, and 6 with four Community on-demand zones in Yuba City, Marysville, Linda, and Olivehurst over the next three years. This would also include modifications to the existing Routes 1 and 3 to increase the speed of travel for better connections to regional destinations. In addition to this reimagining of the Yuba-Sutter Transit system, other recommendations include right sizing and re-setting the existing service to downtown Sacramento with some of those resources shifting to a new intercity service to Roseville.

The plan includes numerous other recommendations regarding the vehicles, facilities, finances, staffing, and marketing services that will be necessary to implement and support the key service initiatives. If adopted as proposed, some minor changes would likely be proposed for this fall, but the most significant changes are being planned for initial implementation in the summer of 2024 with full roll-out expected in the summer of 2026.

As noted above, public comment continues to be invited, but additional public outreach and formal public hearings will be conducted prior to each phase of implementation. For more information, please contact Adam Hansen at (530) 634-6880 or at <a href="mailto:adam@yubasuttertransit.com">adam@yubasuttertransit.com</a>.



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR SATURDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

The annual Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way's Community Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sam Brannan Park (810 Gray Avenue) in Yuba City. United Way's partner agencies will be among the more than 65 local non-profit and governmental agencies such as Yuba-Sutter Transit that share the goal of reaching "at-risk" community members.

The event will include information on all kinds of free or low-cost community resources, a free lunch, kids' fun run, prize drawings, and activities for all ages. Please stop by our table to say "Hi!"



### **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, May 30th. Enjoy the holiday, but please take time to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

Call (530) 742-2877 for more information.



Individuals from across the Sacramento Region are signing up and showing their support for bicycling as part of the "May is Bike Month

Challenge". It's a regional campaign to encourage bicycling, foster friendly competition, and demonstrate the benefits of riding more frequently whether for recreation or regular transportation – and thousands of dollars can be won for riding your bike.

May is Bike Month is open to residents of the six-county Sacramento Region, or anyone who works in the area, and it is free to take part. Registration is still open at <a href="https://www.MayisBikeMonth.com">www.MayisBikeMonth.com</a>. It does not matter if you ride every day or if you haven't been on a bike in years. Even a few short trips per week add up over time to make a big difference for both you and the environment.

May is an ideal time to embrace all the benefits that riding a bike can bring, like supercharging your physical and mental health, reducing stress and anxiety, saving money on gas, and making a positive impact on our environment. The "May is Bike Month Challenge" is all about encouraging people to swap cars for handlebars so they can rediscover the joys and benefits of riding first-hand.

Yuba-Sutter Transit makes "May is Bike Month" even easier with bike racks on every bus and bike lockers at three of our local park and ride locations. See the bike program and policies story below for details.



## YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT BIKE PROGRAM & BIKE POLICIES

All Yuba-Sutter Transit buses are equipped with two or three position bike racks for use on a first-come, first-served basis at no additional cost. No permit is required and there is no time or stop restrictions, but passengers are required to load, secure, and unload their own bike. Mopeds, motorized bikes and bikes with non-standard wheel and frame sizes that do not fit securely on the rack are not permitted.

Bikes are not allowed inside local fixed route or commuter buses unless it is the last bus of the day or the bus has available underfloor storage space. This restriction does not apply to the rural route or Dial-A-Ride services where any extra bikes are allowed inside if space permits.

If you prefer to leave your bike behind, space is available in the Yuba-Sutter Transit bike lockers at three of our Park & Ride Lots though availability varies by location. Lockers are available with specific use limitations for \$5 per month (three months minimum) or \$50 a year plus a \$25 refundable key/security deposit.

For the occasional rider, an on-demand, two-position bicycle security and storage pod called a "BikeLid" is located at the Plumas Lake Park & Ride. It is available free of charge on a first come, first served basis using your own lock. It does not get much easier than that!

For more information, check out our Bikes and Buses section on our website at www.yubasuttertransit.com/bikes-and-buses or contact Janet Frye at either (530) 634-6880 or janet@yubasuttertransit.com.



### **CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS**

Connect Cards may be loaded at any of the sales outlets below or on the Connect Card website. New full fare Connect Cards are available from any sales outlet, but new and replacement discount photo ID Connect Cards are only available during normal weekday business hours at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office in Marysville. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

Please check with locations for current business hours as they may change without notice.

- Sutter County Library Yuba City (530) 822-7137
   Monday Thursday, 9:00 am 6:00 pm
   Friday & Saturday, 9:00 am 5:00 pm
   [Cash or Check Only]
- Yuba County Library Marysville (530) 749-7380
   Tuesday Friday, 12:00 6:00 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am 1:00 pm
   [Cash, Credit or Debit Fee Applied for Credit/Debit]
- Yuba College Bookstore Linda (530) 741-6998
   Monday Friday, 9:00 am 3:00 pm
   [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office Marysville Weekdays, 8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 5:00 pm [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Connect Card Website www.ConnectTransitCard.com [Credit or Debit / Auto-Load]

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