



ONLINE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

By now you should have heard that Yuba-Sutter Transit has embarked on an extremely important project known as the NextGen Transit Plan. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we have been reaching out directly to key stakeholders around the community to get input on this project, but we are excited to officially launch the public input phase of the project so everyone can get involved.

A key objective of the NextGen Transit Plan is to collect as much public input as possible on how Yuba-Sutter Transit's existing services work and what, if improved, could better connect our communities. For that purpose, we are now inviting everyone, whether you have ever used any of our services or not, to complete an online survey regarding public transit in (and beyond) Yuba and Sutter Counties.

Completing the survey takes only a few minutes and your input will help shape local mobility improvements for years to come. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPQ6TJ6> or simply use your smartphone camera to scan the following QR code which will direct you right to the survey.



The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Punjabi, and it will be live through the end of October. The survey is also compliant with Section 508 and WCAG2 standards if respondents with accessibility devices (screen readers, etc.) wish to take the survey. If you have any access issues, please contact us at nextgentransitplan@gmail.com for assistance.

The availability of the survey will be promoted widely, but we still need your help to maximize the reach of this effort, so please let anyone and everyone know about the survey and encourage them to participate in making transit better for all Yuba-Sutter residents.

Additional plan information along with a link to the online survey is available on the project website at www.yubasutternextgen.com where you can also register to receive updates including notifications of future input opportunities. In coming weeks, the website is where we will be posting results from the initial plan analysis that began in May and survey results will be available soon after it closes so sign up today.

As always, please feel free to contact Adam Hansen at (530) 634-6880 or at adam@yubasuttertransit.com if you have any questions.



The FREED Center for Independent Living has for many years provided free transportation vouchers for qualified area seniors for use on Yuba-Sutter Transit's Dial-A-Ride service. Valid program vouchers now have an expiration date of December 31, 2022. Vouchers with earlier expiration dates are not valid and will not be accepted.

The FREED program provides Senior Transportation Vouchers that can be redeemed on any Dial-A-Ride bus for up to the \$3.00 face value. The vouchers can be used for trips to health care appointments, shopping, or other essential services. The vouchers are funded through the Area Agency on Aging and are subject to all Dial-A-Ride age limits and service policies.

Please contact FREED at (530) 742-4474 to sign up for the program or for instructions on how to use the vouchers.



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, September 6th.



DEEPLY DISCOUNTED MONTHLY PASSES AVAILABLE FOR ALL LOCAL & RURAL ROUTE PASSENGERS

Basic general-public monthly bus passes, good for unlimited use on any Yuba-Sutter Transit local or rural route have been discounted since July 2020 from their regular price of \$30 to just \$10 each month. The \$20 subsidy on the cost of each pass is being funded through the State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) under a three-year demonstration program.

As a result, the price of a general-public monthly bus pass is now more comparable to a discount monthly pass for youth (ages 5 through 18), seniors (ages 65 and over) and eligible persons with disabilities which has long been reduced from \$15 to just \$5 each month. The \$10 subsidy for that discount program is funded by the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD).

At these deeply discounted prices, the best value by far for most passengers is to purchase a full fare or discount monthly pass as applicable. No matter the fare category, a monthly pass will more than pay for itself in just a few days of travel compared to paying in cash.

Monthly passes are available only with a Connect Card electronic fare card. General public Connect Cards are available free of charge from any Connect Card sales outlet or at www.ConnectTransitCard.com. Discount photo I.D. Connect Cards for any available discount fares or passes for seniors, youth or persons with disabilities are only available with eligibility verification at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office in Marysville.

Up to three monthly passes can be loaded at any one time on a Connect Card along with up to \$360 in cash value if so desired. You can even set up your Connect Card account to auto-load your monthly pass each month or to add cash value when your balance reaches a certain level.

For more information on the discounted bus pass program or how to get your discount photo Connect Card identification card, please contact the Administrative Office by email at info@yubasuttertransit.com or phone at (530) 634-6880.

REPLACE YOUR CONNECT CARD BEFORE IT EXPIRES

Discount photo-identification Connect Cards are typically issued for five years, and many are now beginning to expire and need to be replaced **before they expire**. Discount card holders (youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities) should regularly check the expiration date on their card to see if it is approaching. If so, bring your card to our administrative office during normal business hours where we will confirm your current information and issue you a new card (with a new picture) at no cost.

For Connect Card questions, please contact the Administrative Office at (530) 634-6880 or by email at info@yubasuttertransit.com.

SUTTER COUNTY LIBRARY RESUMES CONNECT CARD SALES IN YUBA CITY

After being closed for more than two-years due to the pandemic and a complete remodel, the main branch of the Sutter County Library is open and again processing Connect Card transactions at 750 Forbes Avenue in Yuba City. The library is currently open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. **Please note that the Sutter County Library accepts only cash or checks.**

For more information on the programs and services offered at the newly remodeled Sutter County Library, call (530) 822-7137.



CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS

Connect Cards can 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**
Summer Hours: Monday – Thursday, 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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