



YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT PURCHASES LINDA PROPERTY FOR FUTURE ZERO-EMISSION BUS FACILITY

Yuba-Sutter Transit took a major step forward in the long-planned development of the Next Generation Maintenance, Operations and Administration Facility with the recent purchase of a 19.7-acre property at 6035 Avondale Avenue in Linda. A new facility is needed as the existing undersized and functionally obsolete facility in Marysville will not allow the agency to meet state requirements to purchase zero-emission buses. The site is pictured above with an overlay of a conceptual sketch that was developed to determine the spatial needs of the new facility.

Two major factors drive both the need and timing for the development of the new transit facility. First, California now requires that 25 percent of all new buses purchased after 2025 be zero-emission (battery electric or hydrogen fuel cell electric) and this requirement increases to 100 percent after 2028. An analysis of Yuba-Sutter Transit's current facility revealed that it had the space and power capacity for just 12 battery electric buses – less than a quarter of the 51-bus fleet now being operated.

Second, and even more near term, the State Route 70 Binney Junction Roadway and Complete Streets Project is expected to significantly impact Yuba-Sutter Transit's existing facility if not render it useless by 2025. This fully funded \$111 million Caltrans project will result in the widening of the highway (B Street) in front of the existing facility and the realignment and replacement of the railroad overpasses just north and south of the facility.

Addressing these factors through the development of an environmentally-forward purpose-built facility will allow Yuba-Sutter Transit to continue serving the community for decades to come. As envisioned, the new facility will be designed specifically for the maintenance and operation of zero-emission vehicles of all kinds to allow for the introduction of new technologies and service delivery options to maximize the community benefit of public transportation while minimizing any environmental impact. In addition, the new facility site has the space to include the necessary power generation, storage and charging capacity to be largely self-sufficient and the development of the abandoned and long-neglected Avondale site will by itself benefit the community.

Now that the site has been purchased, the next step is to begin accumulating the necessary funding to design and construct what is expected to be a \$40 million facility. This process is already well underway as a funding plan was prepared for the site analysis and initial discretionary federal and state grant applications valued at a combined \$28.5 million are now pending. Additional grant applications are expected to be submitted this fall. Design, engineering, and construction of the new facility will start when the necessary funds have been secured.

Updates and documents related to this project are available on the "Next Generation Transit Facility Plan" page on the agency website at www.yubasuttertransit.com. Interested parties are encouraged to sign up for email alerts via the "Stay Informed" page on that same website. For information, contact Adam Hansen, Planning Program Manager or Keith Martin, Executive Director at (530) 634-6880.

BOARD ADOPTS ZERO-EMISSION BUS FLEET CONVERSION POLICY

At their July 15th meeting, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors took the initiative to adopt a policy statement committing to the 100 percent conversion to zero-emission buses by 2035, well in advance of the statewide goal of 2040. This policy is contingent upon the availability of sufficient funding to construct the new zero-emission transit facility by 2025, as well as to finance the incremental cost of all replacement and expansion buses that may be purchased thereafter.

This agency focus on meeting or exceeding the state zero-emission bus purchase requirement will increase the positive environmental impact of the new transit facility much faster than simply following the state mandate. A copy of the adopted Zero-Emission Bus Fleet Conversion Policy Statement can be found on the "Next Generation Transit Facility Plan" page on the agency website at www.yubasuttertransit.com.



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2020, in observance of Labor Day. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, September 7th.



NEW OROVILLE SEASONAL EMPLOYEE SHUTTLE SERVICE STARTS JULY 12th

Yuba-Sutter Transit has been operating its first-ever, short-term employee shuttle service to Oroville in coordination with Pacific Coast Producers (PCP) since Monday, July 12th. This route was created with the support of PCP to provide a safe and reliable transportation option for plant employees during the busy food processing season as hundreds of these employees are residents of the Yuba-Sutter bi-county area.

The service is scheduled to end on Friday, September 3rd, but it may be extended up to two weeks depending on the length of the production season. The shuttle operates three roundtrips a day, seven days a week with service from stops in Yuba City, Live Oak and Gridley right to the employee entrance at the Oroville facility.

After three weeks of service, ridership on the new shuttle has been steadily growing as production ramps up at the Oroville plant and is now averaging around 70 passenger trips per day. The service is provided with a 57-passenger tour-style coach that is equipped with reclining, high-back seats, footrests, free Wi-Fi, and a three-position bike rack.

The schedule is designed to coordinate with the three main work shifts at the plant, but the shuttle is open to the general-public and anyone can board the bus at any of the following stops.

- Walton Avenue at Sam's Club in Yuba City
- Broadway and Fir Street in Live Oak
- East Gridley Road and Highway 99 in Gridley
- Gate #3 at the Pacific Coast Producers plant in Oroville
- B-Line Terminal on Spencer Ave. (behind Raley's) in Oroville

The shuttle fare is \$5 one way regardless of where passengers board and exact fare must be paid with cash or prepaid tickets. Up to two children ages 4 and under can ride free with a paying adult. Due to the short-term nature of this service, Connect Cards cannot be used for fare payment.

For route and schedule information, call (530) 742-2877; download a service brochure at www.yubasuttertransit.com/informational-brochure-for-shuttle-to-pacific-coast-producers-in-oroville; or send an email to info@yubasuttertransit.com.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST

The annual Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way's Community Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sam Brannan Park in Yuba City. The event showcases the United Way's Partner Agencies and the vital work these non-profits are doing in the local community. It is also open to other non-profit and governmental agencies that share the goal of reaching "at-risk" community members.

This year's event includes a free lunch, kids' fun run, hourly drawings, educational information about community resources and activities for all ages. Sponsors include Anthem Blue Cross, Sutter Health, Ridgeline Specialized Pediatric Day Health and Respite Services and the City of Yuba City.

Yuba-Sutter Transit will have an information table at this event along with one of our buses so be sure to stop by and say "Hi!"



CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS

Connect Cards can be loaded on-line or at any of the following local sales outlets or on the Connect Card website. Check with each location for current business hours as they may change without notice. **The Sutter County Library remains closed to the public for a remodel.**

- **Yuba County Library – Marysville – (530) 749-7380**
[Cash, Credit or Debit – Fee Applied for Credit/Debit]
- **Yuba College Bookstore – Linda – (530) 741-6998**
Currently Open Monday – Thursday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- **Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office – Marysville**
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- **Connect Card Website – www.ConnectTransitCard.com**
[Credit or Debit / Auto-Load]

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 office in Marysville. Cards can hold up to \$360 in cash value and/or passes for up to three months.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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