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DAY & EVENING COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS SET FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY STILL AVAILABLE

The first round of face-to-face meetings for anyone interested in improving mobility in the bi-county region and hearing more about the NextGen Transit Plan has been set for Thursday, October 20th. As shown below, Yuba-Sutter Transit will be holding two open houses (one in the afternoon and one in the evening) to share preliminary findings from the plan and get more public input.

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Times: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Yuba County Government Center
Board of Supervisors Chambers
915 Eighth Street, Marysville

These meetings will be held in an open house format with project team members and Yuba-Sutter Transit staff available to chat with those in attendance throughout both timeframes. Attendees can come and go as they please to review the available information, share their thoughts and sign-up for future updates.

In between the two meetings, the regular monthly meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors will be held at 4:00 pm in the same location at which time a more formal project update will be presented. All Board meetings are open to the public and an opportunity will be provided following the presentation for public comment.

In addition, please take a few minutes to complete the online survey which is available in English, Spanish, and Punjabi from a link on the project website at www.yubasutternextgen.com. Once you have taken the survey, please share this link within your personal and professional network as the resulting input will help shape local mobility improvements for years to come. The survey will be available through the end of October.

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



ANNUAL LOCAL UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN-PERSON HEARING SET FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

REGIONAL ONLINE HEARING SET FOR OCTOBER 25TH

A series of public hearings are held each year by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to determine if there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in the region. SACOG is the regional transportation planning agency for Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba, and Yolo Counties. The input that is received from these hearings is used to make decisions regarding the allocation of funding for public transportation purposes in each local jurisdiction.

The in-person hearing for all of Yuba and Sutter Counties will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24th in the Yuba County Government Center at 915 8th Street in Marysville. If you are unable to attend this hearing or prefer a virtual option, a combined online hearing for all four counties will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25th. Access the online hearing via computer or smartphone from www.zoom.us or with the Zoom app or by telephone by calling (888) 475-4499 or (877) 853-5257 (toll-free). The Meeting ID number is 876-7231-0817.

All comments received will be recorded and evaluated to determine if there are any unmet transit needs in Yuba or Sutter Counties that are reasonable to meet for the fiscal year that will begin July 1, 2023. You do not have to attend a hearing to comment, but to be considered, comments must be received by November 23, 2022. In addition to the hearings, comments can also be submitted as follows:

Email: transitneeds@sacog.org
Online Form: www.sacog.org/unmet
Phone/Text: (916) 287-1372
Mail: SACOG Unmet Transit Needs
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

COLUMBUS DAY NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will be in full operation on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10th. The administrative office will be open, and all services will operate as scheduled on this date.



WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT & PRIORITY SEATING AREAS

The wheelchair securement and priority seating areas on public transit buses are intended to accommodate passengers with disabilities as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related federal regulations. These regulations state that when a person with a disability who requires a priority seat or to occupy a wheelchair securement location enters a vehicle, the driver **must** ask certain passengers (see below for specifics) to move from the affected seats to allow the person with a disability to occupy that location.

Wheelchair securement and priority seating areas are typically two separate spaces on the bus. Priority seating under the regulations must be the first set of forward-facing seats while the wheelchair securement area is under a bank of side-facing flip-up seats or a combination of side- and/or forward-facing flip-up seats. Regulation requires that transit personnel ask certain people to move if they are sitting in priority seats or in the wheelchair securement area.

For priority seating, the driver must ask non-disabled and non-senior passengers to move if the seat is needed by a person with a disability. For the wheelchair securement area, if that space is needed by a person boarding with a wheelchair, the driver must ask all ambulatory persons to move including seniors and those with disabilities. There are no exceptions as all ambulatory people will be asked to move from the securement area because there are just two places where wheelchairs can be secured in the bus.

While federal regulations require drivers (or other transit personnel) to ask individuals to move, they do not empower them to force someone to move under the assumption that passengers would willingly comply out of compassion and basic human kindness. These regulations do, however, allow agencies to establish their own mandatory-move ordinance to lawfully require riders to vacate priority seats and wheelchair securement locations upon request if necessary.

In conclusion, all ambulatory passengers no matter their age or disabilities should be prepared to move from wheelchair securement areas as soon as the bus stops for someone who obviously needs to use that location. Please do not wait for the driver to ask (because they will) and, even more importantly, please do not refuse their request thereby forcing the person that needs that space to wait thirty or sixty minutes at the stop for the next bus.

Contact Adam Hansen at adam@yubasuttertransit.com or at (530) 634-6880 for more information.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER LIST

Never miss an issue of this newsletter by signing up on our website at www.yubasuttertransit.com using the "Stay Informed" tab in the "Quick Links" section of the homepage. If you didn't receive this issue by e-mail, you are not on that list.

REPLACE EXPIRING CONNECT CARDS

Discount photo-identification Connect Cards are typically issued for five years. Many are now beginning to expire and **need to be replaced before they expire because expired cards will not work**. 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.



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**
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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