



NEXT GENERATION TRANSIT FACILITY PROJECT TO BE PRESENTED AT THE OCTOBER 15TH BOARD MEETING

Since late last year, Yuba-Sutter Transit has been working with WSP, an internationally known planning and engineering firm, to develop a plan for the replacement of our current operating, maintenance, and administration facility in Marysville. This plan will be a guide to follow from project scope to property acquisition to facility construction which will include a detailed funding plan to complete the process.

The first pieces of the Next Generation Transit Facility Plan will be presented to the public during the October 15th meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors. This meeting is part of a month-long public comment period focusing on the site selection process. The comment period will begin October 9th when the facility design criteria, site selection report and an informational video will all be posted on the Yuba-Sutter Transit website.

Our existing facility is located on a 3.2-acre site at 2100 B Street in Marysville. Constructed in 1960 as a Seven-Up bottling plant, it was converted to a transit facility in 1996 and expanded in 2011. It now houses 51 buses and a staff of about 100 agency and contractor employees. A recent state mandate to purchase only zero-emission buses and a planned Highway 70 (B Street) expansion project will require its replacement by 2025 – maybe even earlier.

Based on the proposed design criteria, the ideal site for the new facility would be at least nine acres in size; be well located within the service area to maximize public access and minimize operating costs; have good access to power and utilities; offer increased environmental and operational resiliency; and, refrain from negatively impacting disadvantaged communities. A list of 16 candidate sites across both counties were reduced to 10 for more detailed comparison before arriving at three priority sites for further review and consideration.

The October 15th meeting will be on-line, but the public is welcome to attend and participate. For an agenda notice and log-in information, send a request to info@yubasuttertransit.com or contact the Project Manager Adam Hansen at (530) 634-6880.

ANNUAL LOCAL UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS HEARING TO BE HELD ON-LINE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

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 from these hearings is used to make decisions regarding the allocation of funding for public transportation purposes in each local jurisdiction.

The hearing this year which will cover all of Yuba and Sutter Counties will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27th. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this hearing will be held on-line whether by internet, telephone or both. For this purpose, please use the following link, telephone number, meeting ID and passcode.

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97665670483?pwd=YUdrVUhvVUIHcUNLUnoyNSswenlZz09>

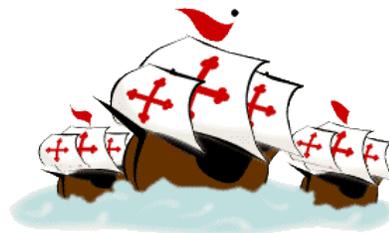
To join by telephone conference call: 1-877-853-5257 (toll-free)

Meeting ID: 976-6567-0483

Passcode: unmetneeds

You do not have to attend the hearing to comment, but written or verbal comments must be submitted by November 23rd to be considered. 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, 2021.

Comments can be received sent by mail to SACOG, 1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814; by phone to (916) 340-6275; by TDD to (916) 321-9550; by FAX to (916) 321-9551; by e-mail to transitneeds@sacog.org; or, through an on-line comment form at www.sacog.org/unmet.



COLUMBUS DAY NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will be in full operation on Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, 2020. The office will be open and all services will operate as scheduled on this date.



CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLET TO CLOSE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Due to a corporate decision that will impact the entire Sacramento region, the customer service counter in the Bel Air Market in Yuba City will no longer be a Connect Card sales outlet effective Saturday, November 7th. Yuba-Sutter Transit is working to establish another retail outlet location in Yuba City, but Connect Cards can still be loaded with monthly passes or cash value either on-line or at any of the remaining outlets.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both the Sutter County Library in Yuba City and the Yuba County Library in Marysville remain closed to the public so the only local Connect Card sales outlets are the Yuba College Bookstore in Linda and the Yuba-Sutter Transit administrative office in Marysville. Connect Cards can also be loaded online at www.ConnectTransitCard.com.

New full fare Connect Cards are available online or from any sales outlet free of charge when loading at least \$5 in fare media (pass or cash), but new discount fare photo ID Connect Cards for seniors, youth and persons with disabilities are only available at the Yuba-Sutter Transit office to verify discount fare eligibility and take a photo for identity purposes.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information including eligibility criteria for discount fares or email info@yubasuttertransit.com or go online at www.yubasuttertransit.com.



BASIC MONTHLY LOCAL & RURAL ROUTE BUS PASSES NOW JUST \$10 – DISCOUNT PASSES JUST \$5

Yuba-Sutter Transit's basic monthly bus pass has been reduced from the 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) as a three-year demonstration program.

Discount monthly passes for youth (ages 5 – 18), seniors (age 65 and up) and eligible persons with disabilities have long been reduced from the regular price of \$15 to just \$5 each month. The \$10 subsidy on this pass has been funded by grants from the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) at least through September 2021.

These monthly passes are valid on Yuba-Sutter Transit's six local and three rural fixed routes. Rather than paying a cash fare each time you board, most will find that the best value by far is to purchase a monthly pass which is only available on a Connect Card electronic fare card.

For more information, please call the Administration Office at (530) 634-6880 or email us at info@yubasuttertransit.com.

FREE TIRE DISPOSAL COUPONS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

Yuba-Sutter residents can now request a coupon for the free drop-off of up to 20 residentially-generated passenger car or light truck tires (for rims up to 17 inches in diameter) at either of the two transfer stations operated by Recology Yuba-Sutter.

Funded by a grant from CalRecycle, the tire coupons are issued on a first come, first served basis while supplies last through June 30, 2021. The coupons will expire 30 days from the date issued and a valid coupon must be presented when the waste tires are delivered to the drop-off location. Tires do not need to be removed from the rims.

For more information or to request a coupon, call the Regional Waste Management Authority at (530) 634-6890. Be prepared when you call to provide the number of tires that you have for disposal. This program is for residential use only – no businesses.



CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS

Connect Cards can be loaded on-line or at the following local sales outlets or on the Connect Card website. **Please note that the Sutter and Yuba County Libraries are currently closed to the public due to COVID-19 and that the Bel Air Market outlet will be closing November 7th.** Cards can hold up to \$360 in cash value and/or passes for up to three months. Check with each location for current business hours as they may change without notice.

- **Bel Air Market – Yuba City – (530) 755-3991**
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
NOTE: THIS SALES OUTLET IS CLOSING NOVEMBER 7TH
- **Yuba College Bookstore – Linda – (530) 741-6998**
[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.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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