



## DISCOUNT YOUTH, SENIOR & DISABLED MONTHLY PASS PROGRAM EXTENDED

The Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) recently approved a grant to extend Yuba-Sutter Transit’s popular discount monthly bus pass program for area youth, seniors and persons with disabilities. As a result, these deeply discounted passes will continue to be accepted as valid fare payment on all of Yuba-Sutter Transit’s six local and three rural routes at least through March 2019.

While this annual program has in the past expired at the end of each calendar year, the new grant is sufficient to extend the program through the first quarter of 2019 to coincide with the advance programming requirements of the new Connect Card electronic fare card system. The new grant will also allow the cost of each discount monthly pass (regularly priced at \$15 a month) to remain at \$5 a month for this same period.

This successful program has been in existence since 2005 when the monthly local fixed route youth pass (ages 5 – 18) was first offered for just \$5 using FRAQMD funding to pay the \$10 price difference. It has been expanded over time to add the monthly senior pass (age 65 and over) in 2013; the monthly disabled pass in 2014; and, the rural routes were added to the program for all discount fare categories in 2016. Yuba-Sutter Transit expects to sell 15,000 discount monthly passes and provide 375,000 passenger trips to discount monthly pass holders during this next program cycle.

For more information on the discount monthly bus pass program and how to get your discount photo Connect Card identification card which will soon be required for all discount monthly passes, contact the Administrative Office at (530) 634-6880 or at [info@yubasuttertransit.com](mailto:info@yubasuttertransit.com).



## YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT IS INCLUDED IN GOOGLE’S TRIP PLANNER APP

Do you know that Yuba-Sutter Transit’s local and Sacramento route and schedule information is included in Google Transit? In fact, a Google Trip Planner is available directly from our website for transit trips anywhere in the local urban area; to and from downtown Sacramento; and even beyond.

From our [www.yubasuttertransit.com](http://www.yubasuttertransit.com) home page, the Trip Planner can be accessed by either clicking on “Get Directions” in the top right corner or by selecting “Trip Planner” under the “Quick Links” tab. Simply enter your destination and travel time information by either street address, cross street or major landmarks for same day service or many weeks in advance, and Google does the rest!

You will be given several options from which to choose and each will include walking directions to and from the nearest bus stop along with applicable route numbers, transfer information, fare and total travel time. Give it a try and let us know what you think.



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All of us at Yuba-Sutter Transit wish you and yours a joyous Christmas and New Year’s holiday season.

Service will not be operated and the office will be closed on **Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** in observance of Christmas and New Year’s Day. Service will operate as scheduled on all other dates around the holidays.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

## CONTRACT AWARDED FOR SEVEN REPLACEMENT COMMUTER BUSES

At their November meeting, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors awarded a contract to Motor Coach Industries (MCI) for the purchase of seven buses to replace all of the white Blue Bird commuter buses. The new buses which are enhanced versions of the green MCI buses that are already in our fleet are expected to be delivered in mid-2018.

Funding for this nearly \$4.4 million purchase will come primarily from the State Proposition 1B bond program augmented with Federal small urban and rural transit funds. Watch this newsletter for more information on these exciting new buses that will greatly improve the comfort and reliability of our commuter service between Marysville/Yuba City and downtown Sacramento.

## CONNECT CARD UPDATES

**CONNECT CARDS WILL SOON BE REQUIRED FOR ALL MONTHLY PASSES** – When paper passes are phased out next year, monthly passes will only be available on a Connect Card. Because every discount fare passenger will need their picture taken for a discount photo ID Connect Card, area seniors (age 65 and over), disabled and youth (ages 5 – 18) should now be making plans to visit the Yuba-Sutter Transit office for their discount photo ID Connect Card while they are still free of charge during this transition period.

**YOUTH PHOTO ID CONNECT CARDS** – For a discount photo ID Connect Card, youth must come to the Yuba-Sutter Transit office with a parent or guardian along with some official proof of age and photo identification. In addition to loading monthly youth passes, a youth photo ID Connect Card or other suitable proof of age will ultimately be required for cash fares as well. The process takes less than 10 minutes and future monthly passes or cash value can be loaded online or at any sales outlet.

**ELECTRONIC DAILY PASS** – For cash fare passengers, only the Connect Card offers a no-risk electronic daily pass or daily cap equal to three cash fares in a service day on the local fixed route system – \$3 for full fare passengers and \$1.50 for discount passengers. Each cash fare transaction is tracked until the three fare limit is reached after which no additional fare is deducted for the rest of that day. Because of the daily pass feature, transfers are not issued to those boarding using a Connect Card.

**MORE INFORMATION** – For answers to frequently asked questions, visit [www.ConnectTransitCard.com](http://www.ConnectTransitCard.com) or call the Connect Card Customer Service line at (916) 321-2877, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For all local fare questions or more information on how to get a Yuba-Sutter Transit discount photo ID Connect Card, please call (530) 634-6880 or email [info@yubasuttertransit.com](mailto:info@yubasuttertransit.com).

## HUNDREDS OF PHOTO I.D. CARDS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>

Do you have a discount photo identification (I.D.) card with an expiration date of either December 31, 2016 or December 31, 2017? If so, it is time to replace it with a new Connect Card discount photo I.D. card before your old card expires.

Discount photo I.D. cards are issued to qualified seniors (age 65 and over), youth (ages 5 – 18) and persons with disabilities as proof of eligibility for discount fares and Dial-A-Ride service (if applicable). New cards are valid for up to five years and are now FREE when exchanged for an expiring card. After a one month grace period, expired cards will not be accepted as proof of eligibility after January 31, 2018.

Discount photo I.D. cards are available only at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office at 2100 B Street in Marysville from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each weekday. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

## CONNECT CARD OUTLETS

Connect Cards are now being loaded with monthly passes or cash value at all of the following Yuba-Sutter Transit sales outlets where \$10 ticket sheets will also be available while supplies last. This is the last month that paper monthly passes will be available in these outlets. Beginning Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, they will only be available in person or by mail from the Yuba-Sutter Transit office. Check with each location for current business hours as they may change without notice.

- **Sutter County Library – Yuba City – (530) 822-7137**  
[Cash or Check Only]
- **Yuba County Library – Marysville – (530) 749-7380**  
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit – fee applied for credit/debit]
- **Yuba College Bookstore – Linda – (530) 741-6998**  
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]

All electronic and paper fare media is available during normal business hours from the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office in Marysville. Paper passes and ticket sheets are also available by mail from the same office.

- **Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office – Marysville**  
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]

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