



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

Since July 2020, basic general-public monthly bus passes for use on Yuba-Sutter Transit's local and rural routes have been discounted 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. These monthly passes are also valid on Yuba-Sutter Transit's three rural routes.

Because of this program, full fare general-public monthly bus passes are now more equitably priced with the discount monthly pass for youth (ages 5 through 18), seniors (ages 65 and over) and eligible persons with disabilities. Under that program, the regularly priced \$15 discount passes are available for just \$5 for unlimited use each month on any of Yuba-Sutter Transit's local or rural fixed route service. The \$10 subsidy for the discount program has long been funded by the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) whose support will continue at least through March 2022.

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](http://www.ConnectTransitCard.com). Discount photo I.D. Connect Cards are required for any available discount fares or passes for seniors, youth or persons with disabilities, and they 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 cash value when your balance runs low.

For more information on the discounted bus pass program or on how to get your discount photo Connect Card identification card, which is required for all discount pass fare categories, please contact the Administrative Office by email at [info@yubasuttertransit.com](mailto:info@yubasuttertransit.com) or by phone at (530) 634-6880.



## IN-PERSON TRANSIT BOARD MEETINGS ARE BACK THIS MONTH WITH AN ON-LINE OPTION

Yuba-Sutter Transit's eight-member Board of Directors is composed of two council members or supervisors from each of the four member jurisdictions – Marysville, Yuba City, Sutter County and Yuba County. Unless otherwise noticed, Board meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Yuba County Government Center located at 915 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Marysville.

Due to the pandemic, Yuba-Sutter Transit's Board meetings have been held on-line since April 2020, but in-person meetings will resume for the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. An on-line option will still be available for those who prefer to attend virtually which will continue to be the case for the indefinite future. Whether in-person or on-line, all meetings are open to the public and public input is accepted on all agenda items.

If you are interested in attending a meeting in-person or virtually, agendas are posted on our website by the Friday before each meeting date. You can also register to have the agenda sent to you each month under the "Stay Informed" tab on the same website. Each agenda will include information on how to log-in and participate if so desired.

Call Janet Frye at (530) 634-6880 for more information.



## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the office will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular service except as modified for the COVID-19 pandemic will resume on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy the holiday, but please take time to remember and honor those who gave their all in service to our country.

Call (530) 742-2877 for more information.



## GET PEDALING FOR VIRTUAL BIKE MONTH

May is here and so is the Sacramento region's annual **May is Bike Month** campaign, but like 2020 it comes with a little twist as it will again be a completely **virtual** campaign! While it may be virtual, it will still celebrate the positive force that bicycling brings to our lives. Social distancing might keep you from in-person events, but it cannot stop you from getting out safely for solo rides.

Hopping on a bike is a great way to enjoy the spring weather, get some exercise, and feel mentally refreshed. Biking can be your daily dose of exercise, a way to get some sun and fresh air, or even your daily moment of me-time! Whether you bike occasionally for fun, need some activities to do with your kids, or are starting a new exercise routine, stay tuned to social media and [www.MayisBikeMonth.com](http://www.MayisBikeMonth.com) for ways to engage with the new online campaign.

Participants will be able to receive social media challenges, new virtual badges, and more prizes (that is right – more t-shirts and socks in the weekly drawings!). Try making a list of all the activities you can do on your bike while social distancing. Get creative, and challenge others to share their ideas or try yours – bonus points if you share photos on social media using **#MayisBikeMonth2021Kickoff!** All types of bike trips count – so join up and log your solo recreation rides, sunshine rides, fresh air rides, family rides, or essential rides to the store.

Biking benefits your health while promoting healthy communities as a whole! Pedaling helps riders avoid traffic congestion, saves money on gas and helps reduce air pollution. It is also excellent for your heart and soul! Even a few short trips per week add up over time to make a big difference for both you and the environment. Of course, Yuba-Sutter Transit makes “May is Bike Month” even easier with bike racks on every bus and bike lockers at four of our local park and ride locations. For more details, see the story below on our bike program.

May is Bike Month is coordinated by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and the region's transportation management organizations. Visit [www.MayisBikeMonth.com](http://www.MayisBikeMonth.com) or call (916) 321-9000 for more information.

## BIKE PROGRAM & BIKE POLICIES

All Yuba-Sutter Transit buses are equipped with two or three position bike racks for use on a first-come, first-served basis at no additional cost. No permit is required and there is no time or stop restrictions, but passengers are required to load, secure and unload their own bike. Mopeds, motorized bikes and bikes with non-standard wheel and frame sizes that do not fit securely on the rack are not permitted.

Bikes are not allowed inside local fixed route or commuter buses unless it is the last bus of the day or the bus has available underfloor storage space. This restriction does not apply to the rural route or Dial-A-Ride services where any extra bikes are allowed inside if space permits.

If you prefer to leave your bike behind, space is available in the Yuba-Sutter Transit bike lockers at three of our Park & Ride Lots though availability varies by location. Lockers are available with specific use limitations for \$5 per month (three months minimum) or \$50 a year plus a \$25 refundable key/security deposit.

For the occasional rider, an on-demand, two-position bicycle security and storage pod called a “BikeLid” is located at the Yuba County Government Center. It is available free of charge on a first come, first served basis using your own lock. It does not get much easier than that!

For more information, check out our new Bikes and Buses link at [www.yubasuttertransit.com/bikes-and-buses](http://www.yubasuttertransit.com/bikes-and-buses) or contact Amy White at either (530) 634-6880 or [amy@yubasuttertransit.com](mailto:amy@yubasuttertransit.com).



## CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS

Connect Cards can be loaded on-line on the Connect Card website or at the following local sales outlets. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, both the Sutter and Yuba County Libraries remain closed to the public.** Check with each location for current business hours as they may change without notice. Cards can hold up to \$360 in cash value and/or up to three months of passes.

- **Yuba College Bookstore – Linda (530) 741-6998**  
**CURRENTLY OPEN WEEKDAYS FROM 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- **Yuba-Sutter Transit Office – Marysville (530) 634-6880**  
[Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- **Connect Card Website – [www.ConnectTransitCard.com](http://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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