



MARIA PACHECO NAMED 2021 DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Storer Transit Systems is excited to announce that Maria Pacheco has been named the 2021 Driver of the Year for the Yuba-Sutter Division. She was chosen for this prestigious award by Storer's safety, supervision, and management team.

Among her many attributes, Maria was selected for her great customer service, positive attitude, flexibility, and ability to assist her peers. She also demonstrates a compassion for others and attention to detail while always following operational requirements and policies. These traits combine to result in the provision of a safe and enjoyable service for her passengers and enhance the work environment for her co-workers.

Maria started her career as a utility worker (bus washer) in 2005 and became a bus driver in 2013. She has since been selected for multiple safety awards and a Driver of the Month award in the years that she has been employed by Storer Transit Systems.

The Driver of the Year award recipient receives a \$500 cash award, a personalized jacket, and a personalized individual plaque. Her name will also be etched onto the perennial Driver of the Year plaque that is on display in the driver room.

The next time you see Maria behind the wheel of your bus, please join us in congratulating her for being selected as the 2021 Driver of the Year!



DO YOU HAVE AN EXPIRED OR DORMANT CONNECT CARD?

Many discount photo-identification Connect Cards are beginning to expire and need to be replaced. Discount Connect Card holders should regularly check the expiration date on their card (see example above) to see if it is approaching or has already passed. 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.

Also, any Connect Card that has not been used for two years will be dormant and must be re-activated for use. If this might apply to you, go on-line at www.connecttransitcard.com where you will find a yellow box on the home page entitled "Check Balance". Enter the nine-digit Connect Card number located on the bottom right corner of your card along with the three-digit security code next to it for the status of your card (Active or Dormant) along with any available balance. If your card is dormant, contact our office immediately to have it re-activated.

For Connect Card questions, please contact the Administrative Office at (530) 634-6880 or by email at info@yubasuttertransit.com.

TRANSIT STAFF CHANGES

If you have visited or called the Yuba-Sutter Transit office in the last month or so, you may have noticed a few staff changes. Lisa O'Leary joined us in March as our new Administrative Assistant and the first face (or voice) that you are likely to encounter in our administrative office. She replaces Janet Frye who was promoted to our Program Analyst position following the January departure of Amy White.

Originally from San Bruno in the Bay Area, Lisa and her husband moved to Yuba City in 2001. She worked for the University of California (UCSF and UCD) for 28 years. She has three sons, all with a love for baseball, and their passion inspired her to volunteer on the board of the Peach Bowl Little League for eight years. In her spare time, she loves to watch the Giants and 49'ers, but not as much as she loved watching her sons play baseball ("Go Honkers!").

Please join us in welcoming Lisa to our team and congratulating Janet on her new position.

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



Basic general-public monthly bus passes, good for unlimited use on any Yuba-Sutter Transit local or rural route have been discounted since July 2020 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.

As a result, the price of a general-public monthly bus pass is now more comparable to a discount monthly pass for youth (ages 5 through 18), seniors (ages 65 and over) and eligible persons with disabilities which has long been reduced from \$15 to just \$5 each month. The \$10 subsidy for that discount program is funded by the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD).

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. Discount photo I.D. Connect Cards for any available discount fares or passes for seniors, youth or persons with disabilities 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 to add cash value when your balance reaches a certain level.

For more information on the discounted bus pass program or how to get your discount photo Connect Card identification card, please contact the Administrative Office by email at info@yubasuttertransit.com or by phone at (530) 634-6880.

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 22 inches in diameter) at either of the two local 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. 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 to provide your residential address and 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 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 locations for current business hours as they may change without notice and the Sutter County Library remains closed to the public for remodeling until May 2nd.

- **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**
Weekdays, 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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