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### SPECIAL PARKING SHUTTLE AGAIN BEING OPERATED FOR THE SIKH PARADE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

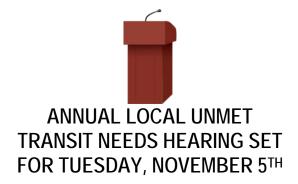
Yuba-Sutter Transit will again be operating a special off-site parking lot shuttle service for the 2019 Sikh Temple Gurdwara Parade on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This service is being operated as an extension of our regular fixed route service, but the parade sponsor has pre-purchased round trip tickets so the service will be available free of charge.

As many as 24 buses will be used to operate the shuttle service between River Valley High School at 801 El Margarita Road and the intersection of Hooper Road and True Road just west of the Temple. Buses will operate every few minutes in both directions throughout the day with the first bus leaving the high school at 8:00 a.m. and the last bus leaving from Hooper and True at 6:00 p.m.

At the high school, passengers will board in the visitor parking lot on Spirit Way mid-way between Harter Parkway and El Margarita Road just south of Colusa Highway. All-weather parking is available in both the west and east high school lots on Spirit Way. Overflow parking will also be available nearby on El Margarita Road southwest of the high school.

So ride the bus to the temple this year and avoid the worst of the parking and traffic hassles that are normal for this world-class event! Watch for changeable message signs on Highways 99 and 20 directing you to the parking and pick-up locations at the high school where attendants will be ready to assist.

Call (530) 742-2877 for more information.



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 all of 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 which will be for all of Yuba and Sutter Counties will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Yuba County Government Center at 915 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Marysville. While you do not have to attend the hearing to comment, written or verbal comments must be submitted by December 9<sup>th</sup> to be considered. All comments received will be evaluated to determine if there are any unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet for the fiscal year that will begin July 1, 2020.

Comments can be 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 14, 2019. The office will be open and all services will operate as scheduled on this date.



# NEW SERVICE CONTRACTOR NOW OPERATING THE YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT SYSTEM

On Sunday, September 29th, Storer Transit Systems assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Yuba-Sutter Transit system from Transdev Services, Inc. under a new service contract for a maximum of eight years. Transdev and its predecessor companies over several contracts have provided this service since December 1998.

Like many small public transit systems, Yuba-Sutter Transit contracts with private companies for the actual provision of service. While the nature of these public-private partnerships varies from system to system, our contractor provides all of the operating and maintenance personnel including drivers, dispatchers, mechanics and related supervisory staff while Yuba-Sutter Transit provides the vehicles, facilities and administrative oversight.

This approach typically results in a much lower overall cost of operation, especially for smaller systems, as these contracts are periodically opened for competition. After an exhaustive process, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors unanimously selected Storer Transit Systems of Modesto, California from among four proposing firms including the incumbent. This decision was based on a belief that Storer now offers the best overall value and fit for Yuba-Sutter Transit moving forward. Despite the change in contractors, about 90 percent of Transdev's local operating and maintenance staff are now Storer employees where they continue to serve and assist our passengers as before only with different uniforms.

As part of this transition, we offer our heartfelt thanks for 21 years of dedicated service to both departing Contract General Manager David Phillips, who now holds the same position at Transdev's Yolobus operation in Woodland, and retiring Contract Maintenance Manager David Brodek, who will soon be a full-time husband, father and grandfather in Arizona. Best wishes to you both!

## FREE WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL COUPONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Yuba-Sutter residents can request a coupon for the free drop-off of up to 20 residentially-generated passenger car or light truck tires per household at either of the two transfer stations operated by Recology Yuba-Sutter. Coupons are issued on a first come, first served basis while funding is available through June 30, 2020. 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 during normal weekday business hours. 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.



## YUBA-SUTTER AGING & DISABILITY CONFERENCE OCTOBER 30TH

Are you a person with a disability, an older adult or a related service provider, family member, caregiver or friend? If so, the free 2019 Aging & Disability Conference is designed for you! This year's conference will be held on Wednesday, October 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Boyd Hall at 1895 Lassen Boulevard in Yuba City. The conference will feature a resource fair, speakers and break-out workshops covering a variety of important topics.

Since lunch will be provided, please RSVP by October 23<sup>rd</sup> to (530) 742-4474 or (530) 742-2379 TTY or at www.FREED.com.

#### **CONNECT CARD OUTLETS**

Connect Cards can be loaded at the following local sales outlets and on the Connect Card website. 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]
- Sutter County Library Yuba City (530) 822-7137
   [Cash or Check Only]
- Yuba County Library Marysville (530) 749-7380
   [Cash, Credit or Debit Fee Applied for Credit/Debit]
- 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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