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COVID-19 UPDATE NEW BUS DISINFECTION SYSTEM AND OTHER PROTECTIVE STEPS

Yuba-Sutter Transit and our service contractor, Storer Transit Systems, have worked proactively from early in the pandemic to help safe-guard passengers and employees alike. These efforts are continually adjusted and expanded over time as conditions and best-practices change. While some of these efforts are obvious to the public, others such as those that follow are conducted behind the scenes or after hours.

- Frequent intense cleaning protocols have long been in place, but we recently acquired electrostatic fogging machines [pictured above] to uniformly apply a commercial disinfectant each night to the interior surfaces of buses that were used that day.
- We retrofitted the HVAC systems on our commuter buses with high efficiency air filter fabric and we are researching similar approaches on our smaller buses.
- The standard air filters in our office HVAC system have been replaced with high efficiency filters.
- In-person health screenings are being conducted with all operating personnel as they report for duty each day.

For more information regarding our COVID-19 related policies and procedures, please call our Administrative Office at (530) 634-6880 or email us at info@yubasuttertransit.com.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Yuba-Sutter Transit has long encouraged the use of face coverings while riding the bus, but California Department of Public Health guidance now states that "face coverings must be worn when waiting for or riding on public transportation". This guidance also applies to the drivers of public transit vehicles when passengers are on board.

While exemptions are available based on age and certain medical conditions and we are not currently refusing service for non-compliance, please wear a face covering every time you ride – for everyone's sake!



SUMMER MARKETPLACE TO CLOSE PLUMAS STREET TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

The first Plumas Street Summer Marketplace event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8th in downtown Yuba City where you can explore Plumas Street in an outdoor setting, eat at outdoor patios and enjoy live music. For this free community event, Plumas Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from Church Street to Bridge Street from early that morning to allow time to set-up.

As a result of this closure, Yuba-Sutter Transit's local fixed route service will be re-routed from Plumas Street all day on August 8th. Route 1 buses will operate on Olive Street between Colusa Avenue and Forbes Street and Route 2 will operate on Shasta Street between Colusa Avenue and Bridge Street. The Plumas Street bus stops at Church Street and Bridge Street will not be in service during this time nor will the Route 1 bus stops at Forbes and Almond.

For more transit detour information including alternate stop locations, please call our Dispatch Office at (530) 742-2877. For more information on the Plumas Street Summer Marketplace, please call the Yuba City Downtown Association at (530)755-1620.



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day. Regular service will resume on September 8^{th} .



SUTTER COUNTY CENTER STUDENT SHUTTLE SERVICE SUSPENDED FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be operating the Sutter County Center (SCC) Shuttle for the upcoming Fall 2020 semester because the Yuba Community College District has decided to move all classes at the SCC campus to on-line for this term. This free service has not been operated since on-campus classes were suspended in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is next scheduled to operate during the Spring 2021 semester, but only if in-person instruction resumes for most classes at the SCC campus.

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LIMITED STOP ROUTE 1 EXPRESS SERVICE STILL AVAILABLE

The limited stop Route 1 EXPRESS service that began in mid-June is still in operation to increase capacity and speed travel on this popular cross-town route. While all four regular Route 1 buses continue to operate as scheduled, two supplemental Route 1 EXPRESS buses also continue to operate during the peak boarding hours of approximately 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each weekday. The EXPRESS buses operate in opposite directions stopping only at the following five bus stops every half hour between Yuba City and Linda.

Walton Terminal (Sam's Club)
Alturas & Shasta Terminal
Yuba County Government Center Terminal
D & 2nd Street (Habitat for Humanity)
North Beale Transit Center (Walmart)

Crosstown passengers on the Route 1 Express experience quicker and more direct service to these five stops where they can transfer to one or more of five other local fixed routes. The buses are identified by the "EXPRESS" destination sign and a list of stops posted on the side of the bus. The five bus stops also have Route 1 EXPRESS information posted inside the passenger shelters.

The Route 1 EXPRESS is an experimental demonstration service that is being operated as drivers and buses are available and the route and schedule may be adjusted with minimal or no notice as conditions change. Passengers should check their Yuba-Sutter Transit DoubleMap app or call (530) 742-2877 to confirm availability.

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GENERAL PUBLIC BUS PASSES ARE NOW JUST \$10 A MONTH

Yuba-Sutter Transit's basic monthly bus pass is now being discounted 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. These monthly passes are valid on Yuba-Sutter Transit's six local and three rural fixed routes.

With this exciting new program, the basic full fare pass is now equitably priced with the \$5 monthly pass for youth, seniors and persons with disabilities that has long been subsidized with local air quality district funds. As a result, most passengers will find that the best value by far is to purchase a monthly pass.

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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 for Connect Card transactions due to COVID-19. 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]
- 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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