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SPECIAL PARKING SHUTTLE FOR THE 2018 SIKH PARADE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

Yuba-Sutter Transit will again be operating a special parking lot shuttle service for the 2018 Sikh Temple Gurdwara Parade on Sunday, November 4th. This service is being operated as an extension of our regular fixed route service though the parade sponsor has pre-purchased 7,000 round trip tickets that will be available free of charge at the morning boarding location.

As many as 25 buses will be used to operate the parking lot 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. The prepurchased round-trip tickets will be provided to each passenger while supplies last after which Yuba-Sutter Transit's regular local fixed route fares will apply.

So ride the bus to the temple this year and avoid the worst of the parking and traffic hassles that are normal for this worldclass event! Watch for changeable message signs on Highway 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.



ANNUAL LOCAL UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS HEARING SET FOR OCTOBER 30TH

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.

This year's hearing for all of Yuba and Sutter Counties will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30th in the Wheatland Room of the Yuba County Government Center at 915 8th Street in Marysville. The comments received will be evaluated to determine if there are any unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

You do not have to attend the hearing to comment, but written or verbal comments must be submitted by December 10th to be considered. 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 8, 2018. The office will be open and all services will operate as scheduled on this date.



CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PLAN ACCEPTED

At their September meeting, the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors accepted the Route 1 Corridor Enhancement Plan and directed staff to develop an action plan to help guide the implementation of key recommendations. The plan is now posted on our website at www.yubasuttertransit.com.

The plan includes in-depth analysis and the necessary preengineering to support potential capital improvements to the key facilities and bus stops along the approximately eight mile long Route 1 corridor. This is Yuba-Sutter Transit's primary route stretching from Harter Road in west Yuba City to Yuba College in Linda connecting with each of the five other local fixed routes along the way.

The plan contains an extensive review of the Route 1 corridor resulting in the development of bus stop design standards and specifications; a design concept and cost estimate to replace the Alturas & Shasta Transit Center with a new off-street facility; and, recommended improvements to other Route 1 transit centers and bus stops. An action plan will be developed to consider each project and begin implementation of the selected improvements in this corridor and, where applicable, throughout the local fixed route system.

In response to pending regulations that will require the purchase of zero emission buses starting as early as 2026, the plan also includes a battery electric bus feasibility analysis of the existing maintenance and operations facility. This chapter analyzed the space requirements, power needs, necessary operational modifications and risks associated with the introduction of these buses. The resulting recommendations for incremental implementation and future facility needs will also be addressed in the action plan.

Contact Adam Hansen at adam@yubasuttertransit.com or at (530) 634-6880 for more information.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED

The regular November meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors has been canceled due to a schedule conflict. Unless otherwise noticed, regular monthly Board meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the Yuba County Government Center at 815 Eighth Street in Marysville.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

HUNDREDS OF PHOTO I.D. CARDS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31st

Are you using an old Yuba-Sutter Transit photo identification (I.D.) card as proof of eligibility for any discount fares? Does it have an expiration date of December 31, 2018? If so, it is time to replace it with a new Connect Card discount photo I.D. card.

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 for Dial-A-Ride service as applicable. Issued on a Connect Card electronic fare card, the new cards are valid for up to five years and they are <u>FREE</u> when exchanged for an expiring card. Hundreds of these cards will expire on December 31^{st} and will not be accepted after a one month grace period.

Photo I.D. cards are available only at the Yuba-Sutter Transit office at 2100 B Street in Marysville. The office is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

CONNECT CARD FARE OUTLETS

Connect Cards can be loaded at the following local sales outlets and on the Connect Card website. They can hold up to \$360 in cash value and/or passes for up to three months. All sales outlets also sell sheets of twenty \$0.50 tickets for \$10 each. 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, 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 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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