

WHEATLAND UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS HEARING

Residents invited to give input on their desired service concepts

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SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento Area Council of Governments invites residents of Wheatland to a public hearing on Thursday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss concepts for service extensions as well as unmet transit needs. The meeting will be held at the Community Center, 101 C Street, in Wheatland.

Currently, Yuba-Sutter Transit provides one round trip weekly between Wheatland and the Yuba County Government Center in Marysville. The bus leaves Wheatland at 10:45 a.m. each Tuesday for Marysville and departs for service back to Wheatland at 3:45 p.m. The service is operated only by reservation which must be received by 6:00 p.m. each Monday for service to operate on Tuesday. Service is provided to any address within the city limits of Wheatland and any address within one-quarter mile of the route to Marysville which includes Lindhurst Avenue and North Beale Road. If there are no reservations for any segment of the Wheatland service, the bus will not operate on that segment.

Yuba-Sutter Transit is considering an expansion of this service in 2008 to include two round trips operating two or three days a week as a combined fixed route and reservation-based service between Wheatland and Marysville. This expanded service concept would include scheduled bus stops on both sides of Highway 65. During the same service periods, demand response service would still be available to qualifying seniors and persons with disabilities from any address within the city limits.

All segments of this conceptual service would operate as scheduled on all service days even without any reservations for demand response service. Service would still be provided to any address within one-quarter mile of the route to Marysville which would still include Lindhurst Avenue and North Beale Road.

SACOG, Yuba-Sutter Transit and the Wheatland City Council all want to hear from Wheatland residents about their specific public transportation needs. The proposed service expansion is still in the planning stages and they are looking for feedback from residents on whether this concept would meet their needs or if there are any other options that should be considered including different destinations, days of operation, frequency of service, etc.

For more information, please call Keith Martin, Yuba-Sutter Transit Manager at (530) 634-6880. Feedback can also be submitted in any of the following ways:

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SACOG coordinates transportation planning, funding and project delivery for Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and Yuba counties and the cities within them. SACOG also engages elected officials in land use and other regional issues.

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